Reply to Common Council File No. 001660 From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council file 001660 contains an ordinance amending several fees and fines in relation to departmental 2001 reduction plans.

Parking Citations – Included is a \$2 increase to all parking citations that will be effective July 1, 2001. The estimated increase in revenue is \$500,000 from this proposal. The annual impact will be an increase of \$1 million in citation revenue.

Parking Permits – Parking permits will be increased from \$10 per quarter to \$12 per quarter and from \$40 annually to \$44 annually. Revenues will increase by \$94,000 in 2001 from this change. The annual impact will be \$188,000.

Building Permits – This proposal increases the inspection fee for new construction and additions for commercial and residential property. The adjustment to the fee schedule will place the city rates for inspection in line with the regional rates. The estimated revenue change for 2001 is \$138,650. The annual impact is estimated to be close to \$260,000.

Purchasing Appeals – Instead of charging a flat fee for vendor purchasing appeals, this proposal would create a fee equivalent to 1% of the amount of the bid. Expected revenue from this change is \$3,245.

Swimming and Other Water Use Facility Operating Licenses – This proposal will create a flat fee for operating licenses for swimming and other water use facilities. It is intended to simplify this license. Revenue changes for this proposal are relatively minor and are not expected to increase.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT ORDINANCE 001660 SUBSTITUTE 1 RELATING TO ADJUSTMENT OF VARIOUS FEES AND FORFEITURES DURING THE 2001 BUDGET YEAR.

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