

Reply to Common Council File No. 020945
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File No. 020945 is a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$150,000 from the 2002 Common Council Contingent Fund to the Department of Neighborhood Services' (DNS) Razing and Vacant Building Protection Fund for the demolition of condemned or tax-deed City-owned properties.

The 2002 adopted budget reduced the funding of the Razing and Vacant Building Protection Fund by \$400,000. A backlog in demolition of properties has occurred in 2002. The cost to demolish all currently condemned buildings (excluding city owned properties) is approximately \$500,000. A transfer of \$150,000 from the Contingent Fund would enable DNS to demolish some fire-damaged and severely vandalized properties that are awaiting demolition. This would help remove blighted conditions in Milwaukee's neighborhoods more quickly than would otherwise occur. The Department plans to focus demolition in the City Homes and Lindsey Heights neighborhoods.

The fiscal impact of this file is an additional \$150,000 in expenditures from the Razing and Vacant Building Protection Fund. This would reduce the amount of funds in the Contingent Fund available to address other needs, such as the projected salary shortfall in the Police Department as a result of overspending on overtime. As of October 25, there was \$3.8 million in funding remaining in the 2002 Contingent Fund.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FILE 020945.


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