

Reply to Common Council File No. 131380  
From DOA Budget and Management Division

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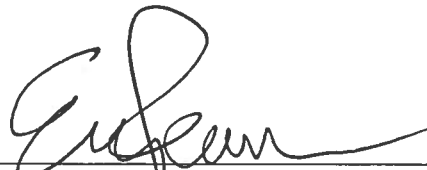
Common Council File 131380 contains a resolution sponsored by Alderman Wade to implement a provision of the 2014 budget regarding a deconstruction and asset recovery program.

The 2014 budget included an amendment directing the Department of Neighborhood Services to use \$300,000 of \$1,319,000 appropriated in the Razing and Vacant Building Protection Special Fund for a deconstruction and asset recovery program. This intent was established through a footnote added to the Razing and Vacant Building Protection Special Fund account. However, footnotes in the budget have no legal authority. The Common Council must adopt legislation to implement the intent of a footnote. This resolution effectuates this intent.

This file does not have a fiscal impact in terms of increasing costs or realizing savings in the budget. The \$300,000 to be used for deconstruction and asset recovery is already appropriated and absent this file will be spent on demolition activities. The effect of this file is allocating this \$300,000 specifically to deconstruction and asset recovery services, rather than using this funding for traditional demolition activities.

Deconstruction and asset recovery may be more appropriate for certain properties compared to traditional demolition. Some properties acquired by the city for demolition may have assets that retain value and that could be recycled, reused or sold rather than put into the waste stream. Deconstruction leverages the value of these assets. In addition, a deconstruction program can have a positive economic impact because it requires hiring contractors with the specific skills required by deconstruction activities.

**RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL FILE NUMBER  
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