

Reply to Common Council File No. 040859

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 040859 is a resolution approving a 2004 Common Council Contingent Fund appropriation of \$185,000 to fund the Department of Public Works (DPW) purchase of 5,000 new garbage and recycling carts. DPW reports that these carts are needed to meet the demand for new and replacement carts through the end of the 2004 Budget Year. DPW reports it disburses approximately 25,000 garbage and recycling carts annually. The 2004 budget included funding for 20,000 carts. The 2005 Proposed Budget includes funding for 25,000 carts.

As of October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 DPW realized an inventory of zero garbage carts and 3,600 recycling carts. Currently, requests for replacement garbage carts are being placed on a waiting list. The department reports it disburses an average of 77 garbage and recycling carts each day, of which 72.4 percent, or 56, are garbage carts. With 60 city business days existing between October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004 and January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2005, an estimated 3,360 garbage carts would be required before carts funded in the 2005 budget could be available. At a current price of \$37 per cart, approximately \$124,320 is needed to purchase 3,360 garbage carts.

**RECOMMENDATION: AMEND COMMON COUNCIL FILE 040859 TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF \$125,000 FROM THE 2004 COMMON COUNCIL CONTINGENT FUND TO THE DPW-OPERATIONS DIVISION 2004 EQUIPMENT EXPENDITURE (6800) ACCOUNT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 3,360 GARBAGE CARTS.**



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