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Mr. Willie L. Hines, Jr., Common Council President
200 East Wells Street
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Re: Recommended amendment to chronic nuisance premises ordinance

Dear Alderman Hines:

This office is recommending an amendment to the City's chronic nuisance premises ordinance, MCO § 80-10. A proposed draft is attached. We ask that a file be introduced and referred to the appropriate committee.

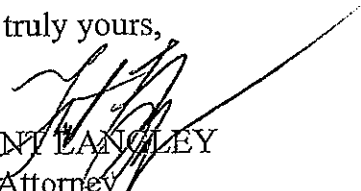
The reason for this amendment is to increase clarity, and to ensure compliance with state law, which prohibits ordinances that impose fees for the costs of responding to a call for assistance from an owner or occupant related to domestic abuse, stalking, or sexual assault. Wisconsin Statutes § 66.0627(7).

The current ordinance does not specifically impose fees for these types of calls, and our office has trained and advised appropriate police officers on this issue. However, we believe it is preferable that the exclusion for domestic abuse, stalking, and sexual assault calls for service be clearly stated in the ordinance.


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We are sending a copy of the proposed amendment to the Legislative Reference Bureau for proper formatting.

Very truly yours,



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