



**Tom Barrett**  
Mayor, City of Milwaukee

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City of Milwaukee Common Council  
200 E. Wells Street  
City Hall, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Honorable Members of the Common Council:

On October 11, 2011, the Common Council unanimously passed CCFN 100876, a substitute charter ordinance changing the computation for the annual service retirement allowance for elected officials whose terms commence on or after April 17, 2012, who are not members of the employees' retirement system at the time of their initial election, and who elect to become members of the employees' retirement system.

Absent a written City Attorney's opinion addressing the issue, I did not support the legislation at that time. Subsequently, I vetoed the file on October 21, 2011. The Common Council upheld my veto with a vote of 13:2 on November 2, 2011.

City Attorney Langley rendered an opinion on December 8, 2011, regarding the legality and permissibility of the substitute charter ordinance change. Consequently, I respectfully ask the Common Council to take the appropriate action to pass the legislation at this time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter, and your mutual support of fiscal responsibility for the future of the City of Milwaukee.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrett  
Mayor