

Reply to Common Council File No. 031158

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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File 031158 encourages the Municipal Court of the City of Milwaukee to resolve certain unpaid forfeitures and assessments in support of the efforts of the Drivers License Workforce Development Program and the Drivers License Task Force and reserves \$50,000 from the Common Council Contingent Fund for the payment of expenditures related to this program.

There are currently over 61,000 individuals that have their motor vehicle operating privileges suspended for non-payment of forfeitures and assessments, relating to nearly 158,000 cases. As a result, the employment opportunities available to many of these individuals are limited.

File #031158 allows eligible individuals to request that the Municipal Court temporarily reinstate his or her driver's license for 120 days, appear in court within the 120 day reinstatement period, present a valid driver's license, pay 50% of the total outstanding amount owed in forfeitures/assessments, and obtain a municipal court ordered permanent stay for the remaining amount. The Municipal Court Judges will still have the option of assigning community service in lieu of paying fines and forfeitures.

The fiscal impact of file #31158 is \$50,000.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE COMMON COUNCIL FILE #031158 WHICH ENCOURAGES THE MUNICIPAL COURT TO RESOLVE CERTAIN UNPAID FORFEITURES IN SUPPORT OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND THE DRIVER'S LICENSE TASK FORCE AND RESERVES \$50,000 FROM THE 2004 COMMON COUNCIL CONTINGENCY FUND FOR PAYMENT OF EXPENSES RELATED TO THIS PROGRAM.**



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