

2007-09 State Budget

City of Milwaukee Priorities for Conference Committee

- Shared Revenue - maintain 1.75% increase in Shared Revenue Payment per Doyle and JCF provisions.
- Provide School Choice Property Tax Relief.
- Summer Youth Jobs Program - provide \$500,000 per year support per Doyle, JCF and Senate.
- Community Policing Grants - provide at least \$250,000 per year to support targeted neighborhood policing per JCF, Senate.
- Tipping Fees – if the fee is increased, redirect the revenue into the local recycling grant program to offset local government recycling program costs.
- Levy Limits – maintain Doyle/Senate proposal to allow 4% plus net new construction growth. Redefine the valuation factor to include the value of any property that was tax exempt in the previous year (utility property, ATM's etc...), in addition to the value of net new construction. Also, provide a one-time exclusion from the limit for the value of TID's that are closing out.
- General Transportation Aid - increase program funding by 3% as proposed by the Senate.
- Lift Bridge Aids – provide additional funding to offset 100% of operating and maintaining lift bridges as proposed by the Senate.
- Mass Transit Aid – support increase to MCTS and other systems as proposed by the Senate
- KRM Commuter Rail – provide a dedicated source of funding for mass transit before approving a rental car fee.
- Library Aids - maintain the increased Library System Aid and Library Service Contract funding.
- School of Public Health – provide \$200,000 to study the UWM School of Public Health.
- MPS Math Initiative – maintain \$15 million program to address educational disparities as proposed by Doyle.
- School Safety – maintain the school safety revenue limit waiver as proposed by the Senate.
- Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Program – restore funding as proposed by Doyle.
- Civil Legal Services for the Indigent – maintain the \$1,000,000 as proposed by Doyle.
- Support funding for other Milwaukee Initiatives, including funding for Milwaukee County and Milwaukee Public Schools.

Property Tax Exemptions:

- Newark Waste Treatment Exemption Loophole – maintain the fix as proposed by Senate and Assembly (same as SB 122).
- Low Income Housing Tax Exemption – JCF provision was removed by Senate and Assembly and should not be in the budget.
- Restaurant Kitchen Equipment Exemption – delete Assembly provision to exempt restaurant equipment from the personal property tax.

Fiscal Policy Initiatives:

- Police Officer Pay after Discharge – maintain Senate proposal to end the requirement to pay Police officers after their discharge.
- Wireless 911 Cell Phone Surcharge – extend the sunset on this provision by 2 years as proposed by the Senate.
- Housing Trust Fund – restore the TIF funding proposal from Doyle’s budget (was removed by JCF as policy).
- Income Assignment – maintain the Assembly provision that allows a municipal court to issue an order assigning income for payment of municipal debts.
- Car Booting – maintain the Assembly provision that would allow cities to adopt an ordinance that provides for the immobilization and impoundment of vehicles owned by habitual parking violators.
- Ballot Printing – delete the Assembly restriction on the number of ballots printed for Milwaukee.
- SE WI Freeway Reconstruction – maintain the Senate provisions that prohibit new lanes through the Wood National Cemetery and remove the enumeration of additional lanes in the Zoo Interchange project.