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Mr. Jim Owczarski
City Clerk
City Hall, Room 205

RE: City Attorney's Office Review of 2015 Common Council File No. 150648 relating to the use of warning lights by school buses within the City of Milwaukee.

Dear Mr. Owczarski:


The City Attorney was recently requested to opine as to the legality and enforceability of various ordinance proposals in Common Council File No. 150648 relative to the use of warning lights by school buses within the City of Milwaukee. At this time, the City Attorney's Office will be returning the file unsigned because of concerns regarding the legality and enforceability of the ordinance proposals as written.

Please note that an opinion analyzing the legality and enforceability of the ordinance proposals will be forthcoming. The opinion should provide guidance on what powers the City of Milwaukee has in regulating the use of warning lights by school buses and how the ordinance proposals may be rewritten to ensure the legality and enforceability of such regulation by the City of Milwaukee, should the Common Council choose to continue with such regulation under the proper authority.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Assistant City Attorney Calvin Fermin via email at cfermi@milwaukee.gov or via telephone at (414) 286-2655.

Very truly yours,


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