

Reply to Common Council File No. 080790
From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 080790 contains a resolution appropriating up to \$3 million from the 2008 Common Council Contingent Fund for expenditures by the Department of Public Works relating to snow and ice control.

DPW has exceeded their funding for snow and ice removal by over \$5 million. More than 68 inches of snowfall fell between January and April of 2008, greater than the average snowfall for the typical entire winter season, resulting in 42 snow and ice control operations year-to-date. Due to these unexpected costs, the DPW has no available funds in the DPW Operations Division for operating expenditures.

The \$3 million provided is not expected to cover all of their remaining DPW Operation Division operating expenses. Initial estimates indicate that they will have funding available through mid-November. We will work with DPW and the Comptroller's Office to extend the availability of funds or provide appropriation through greater than anticipated revenue as previously planned.

RECOMMENDATION: ADOPT COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION 080790 THAT APPROPRIATES \$3 MILLION FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL CONTINGENT FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.


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