

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES

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Alderman Michael J. Murphy Chair, Finance and Personnel Committee Common Council City of Milwaukee 200 E Wells Street Milwaukee WI 53202-3570

## Dear Alderman Murphy:

We respectfully request your assistance to advance our request for approval of a change to Chapter 36 of the Milwaukee City Charter to extend creditable service for active military service to employees represented by Local 1053 – District Council 48 as outlined below. This was included in our (employer's) final offer that was awarded by the arbitrator on June 13, 2009 (Case 455 No. 67169 Int/Arb-10978 Decision No. 32429-A).

Creditable service for active military service, as provided in Ch. 36-04-1-c of the Milwaukee City Charter, shall be extended to employees represented by Local 1053 – District Council 48 who participate in the combined fund and who retire on a service retirement between January 1, 2004 and June 30, 2007.

Please note that our Board granted the Superintendent and his designee the authority to bargain this extension of military service credit, subject to approval of the Common Council. Attached you will find a copy of the cost estimated performed by Buck Consultants, actuary for the City of Milwaukee Employes' Retirement System.

If you need any additional information, please contact Chris Toth at 414-475-8557. We thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Ford

**Executive Director** 

Department of Human Resources

## Attachment

Copy to:

William G. Andrekopoulos, Superintendent

Michelle Nate, Chief Financial & Operations Officer

Lynne Sobczak, Director/Board Clerk

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