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Ref: Street Lighting/ARPA

MEMORANDUM

To: Common Council Members

From: Dennis Yaccarino, Budget and Management Director

Subject: Reducing the Street Lighting Fee for 2021

Common Council file 201644 contains a resolution that waives the Street Lighting fee for the first two quarters of 2021. Waiving this fee is one small way we can provide relief to Milwaukee families, many of whom are still suffering from the economic consequences of the pandemic.

Waiving the fee for the first two quarters will reduce anticipated revenue for 2021 by \$4.85 million. We anticipate being able to use ARPA funding to cover the revenue impact. ARPA comes in various forms including a direct payment of \$406 million. Funding is also available to assist with utility payments.

Current guidelines allow these funds to be used to: “(A) to respond to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality” as taken directly from the Federal Government ARPA bill. This resolution would be providing relief to households and businesses thus meeting the requirement in the bill.

If you have any questions, you can reach me at 414-708-3715 or contact me by email at dyacca@milwaukee.gov

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