



# City of Milwaukee

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## Legislation Text

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041601  
THE CHAIR

Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of Public Works to update the City's Prevailing Wage Schedule upon notification from the State of Wisconsin or from the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council of changes in prevailing wage rates and benefits.

The City of Milwaukee is subject to State of Wisconsin rules and regulations regarding the application of prevailing wage rates to City public improvements' contracts. Prior to 2005, whenever the Department of Public Works would be notified of changes to prevailing wage and benefit schedules, it would present a resolution to the Common Council asking for authorization to amend the City's Prevailing Wage schedule. This seemed to be a waste of time and effort because the City really had no choice. It was legally obligated to use the most recent Prevailing Wage information available to it on its public improvements contracts. Therefore, in early 2005, the Common Council approved Resolution Number 041601 which authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to make changes in the City's official Prevailing Wage Schedule as he was notified of such changes and without presenting those changes to the Common Council. This resolution stipulated that the Commissioner's authority to make such changes was good only for one year at which time the issue would be brought back to the Common Council to see if the Council wished to make the Commissioner's authority to amend the Prevailing Wage Schedule permanent. The current resolution provides such permanent authorization to the Commissioner.

Whereas, In April of 2005, the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee adopted File Number 041601; and

Whereas, This file authorized the Commissioner of Public Works to amend the City's Prevailing Wage Schedule whenever the Commissioner received notification from the State of Wisconsin or from construction trade unions of changes to prevailing wage and benefit rates; and

Whereas, Allowing the Commissioner to make changes without further Council action expedited the needed changes and made administration of the City's prevailing wage enforcement program more efficient; and

Whereas, Per File Number 041601, the Commissioner's authorization to make such changes expired at the end of 2005; and

Whereas, It would be in the public interest to extend indefinitely the Commissioner's authorization to make changes in the City's Prevailing Wage Schedule as needed; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that the Commissioner of Public Works is hereby authorized and directed to modify the City's Prevailing Wage and Benefit Schedule upon notification from the State of Wisconsin or the Milwaukee Building and Construction Trades Council that changes in wage and benefit levels have occurred.

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