

-COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE-
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : November 21, 2014

TO : Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors

FROM : Josh Fudge, Director, Office of Performance, Strategy & Budget; Department of Administrative Services

SUBJECT : Ordinance Change Related to Emergency Management – 2015 Adopted Budget

REQUEST

The 2015 Adopted Budget includes the creation of a Department of Emergency Management, which would assume duties required by Wisconsin State Statutes. The attached amendment updates section 99 of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances to conform with these statutes and reflect the creation of the new department.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

As noted above, the 2015 Adopted Budget includes the creation of a new Department of Emergency Management. This new department will perform emergency management services mandated by Section 323 of Wisconsin State Statutes.

Section 323.14(1)(a)2 of the State Statutes requires the County to “designate the county executive or confirm his or her appointee as county head of emergency management”. Because these duties were previously managed by the Office of the Sheriff, chapter 99 of the ordinances currently designates the Sheriff as the Emergency Management Director. This section needs to be updated to reflect the transition of these services from the Office of the Sheriff to the executive branch, and therefore designates the County Executive as the County’s Director of Emergency Management.

In addition, since chapter 99 of the Ordinances was last updated, the Wisconsin State Statutes related to emergency management have changed from chapter 166 to chapter 323. The attached ordinance amendment updates the numbering to reflect current State Statutes.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to ensure the County Ordinances conform to the 2015 Adopted Budget, it is requested that this amendment to the Ordinances be adopted.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to this change. The new Department of Emergency Management has been included in the 2015 Adopted Budget.



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