

COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

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TO: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairperson, County Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact – 2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council

Under Wisconsin State Statutes, non-public safety bargaining units are only allowed to negotiate for base wage increases on an annual basis. The start of the bargaining year for the Milwaukee Building & Construction Trades Council (MBCTC), AFL-CIO, was January 1, 2025. The last day of their previously negotiated contract was December 31, 2024. The bargaining unit was recertified in 2025.

2025 Base Wage Limit

The maximum base wage increase allowable for 2025 is calculated by multiplying the total base wages for authorized positions in the proposed collective bargaining agreement 180 days prior to December 31, 2025 multiplied by the CPI applicable to bargaining year beginning on January 1, 2025, or 3.30%. The resulting maximum base wage increase allowable for purposes of bargaining was \$248,303.

Base Wage Compliance and Fiscal Impact of 2025 Wage Increase on 2025 Budget and 2026 Budget

Based upon the proposed agreement with the bargaining unit, the base wage rates will increase by 2.0 percent which results in an annual salary cost of \$170,339 for all budgeted positions. Based on a January 5, 2025, effective date, the projected financial cost in 2025 is projected to be \$164,420.

The 2025 Adopted Budget included appropriations for a 2.0 percent wage increase effective January 5, 2025 (pay period 2) for all positions in the bargaining unit, or \$164,420 in salary and \$12,578 in social security. Therefore, there is no net cost or savings based on the proposed agreement for the 2025 fiscal year.

2025 Budgeted Salary Increase	\$	164,420
FICA	\$	12,578
Total Budgeted Amount	\$	176,998
Projected 2025 Salary Cost	\$	164,420
Projected 2025 FICA Cost	\$	12,578
Total Projected Amount	\$	176,998
Savings / (Cost)		-

The fiscal impact on each subsequent year budget (2026 and beyond) would be as follows:

2026 Salary Increase	\$	170,339
2026 FICA	\$	13,031
Total Cost	\$	183,370