

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY FISCAL NOTE FORM

**DATE:** May 31, 2012

Original Fiscal Note

Substitute Fiscal Note

**SUBJECT:** A resolution to authorize a suit on behalf of Milwaukee County related to real estate transfer fees and to authorize Corporation Counsel to enter into a contract for legal representation.

**FISCAL EFFECT:**

No Direct County Fiscal Impact

Increase Capital Expenditures

Existing Staff Time Required

Decrease Capital Expenditures

Increase Operating Expenditures  
(If checked, check one of two boxes below)

Increase Capital Revenues

Absorbed Within Agency's Budget

Decrease Capital Revenues

Not Absorbed Within Agency's Budget

Decrease Operating Expenditures

Use of contingent funds

Increase Operating Revenues

Decrease Operating Revenues

*Indicate below the dollar change from budget for any submission that is projected to result in increased/decreased expenditures or revenues in the current year.*

	<b>Expenditure or Revenue Category</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Subsequent Year</b>
<b>Operating Budget</b>	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	Approx.. \$100,000
	Net Cost	0	0
<b>Capital Improvement Budget</b>	Expenditure	0	0
	Revenue	0	0
	Net Cost	0	0

**DESCRIPTION OF FISCAL EFFECT**

**In the space below, you must provide the following information. Attach additional pages if necessary.**

- A. Briefly describe the nature of the action that is being requested or proposed, and the new or changed conditions that would occur if the request or proposal were adopted.
- B. State the direct costs, savings or anticipated revenues associated with the requested or proposed action in the current budget year and how those were calculated.<sup>1</sup> If annualized or subsequent year fiscal impacts are substantially different from current year impacts, then those shall be stated as well. In addition, cite any one-time costs associated with the action, the source of any new or additional revenues (e.g. State, Federal, user fee or private donation), the use of contingent funds, and/or the use of budgeted appropriations due to surpluses or change in purpose required to fund the requested action.
- C. Discuss the budgetary impacts associated with the proposed action in the current year. A statement that sufficient funds are budgeted should be justified with information regarding the amount of budgeted appropriations in the relevant account and whether that amount is sufficient to offset the cost of the requested action. If relevant, discussion of budgetary impacts in subsequent years also shall be discussed. Subsequent year fiscal impacts shall be noted for the entire period in which the requested or proposed action would be implemented when it is reasonable to do so (i.e. a five-year lease agreement shall specify the costs/savings for each of the five years in question). Otherwise, impacts associated with the existing and subsequent budget years should be cited.
- D. Describe any assumptions or interpretations that were utilized to provide the information on this form.

Approval of this Resolution will result in the Office of Corporatin Counsel being authorized to enter into a contract for legal representation to file suit on behalf of Milwaukee County and the Register of Deeds to recover unpaid real estate transfer fees. There will be attorneys fees or costs unless a recovery is made and then those fees and costs will be deducted from the recovery. The amount of any recovery is not known with certainty, but is estimated at this time by the Register of Deeds to be approximately \$100,000.00.

Department/Prepared By Corporation Counsel

Authorized Signature Mark A. Gody

Did DAS-Fiscal Staff Review? Yes X No

<sup>1</sup> If it is assumed that there is no fiscal impact associated with the requested action, then an explanatory statement that justifies that conclusion shall be provided. If precise impacts cannot be calculated, then an estimate or range should be provided.