



Milwaukee County
Department of Human Resources
INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION

File 22-416

Date: February 18, 2022
To: Marcelia Nicholson, Chairwoman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
From: Dean Legler, Director of Compensation/HRIS, Department of Human Resources
Subject: From the Director of Compensation/Human Resources Information Systems, Department of Human Resources, Requesting an Increase in Constitutional Office of Clerk of Circuit Court Salary, in Accordance with Milwaukee County Ordinance Section 17.98 for Next Eligible Term
File Type: Action Report

REQUEST

The Department of Human Resources requests the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors to adopt the attached resolution which seeks to adjust the compensation for the County elected constitutional office position of Clerk of Circuit Court in Accordance with Milwaukee County Ordinance Section 17.98 for the next eligible term.

Consistent with s. 59.22(l)(a), Wis. Stats., salaries for the constitutional officers shall be established before the earliest time for filing nomination papers for the office, namely, before April 15 of the year in which the general election for these positions is to be held.

POLICY

Milwaukee County Code of General Ordinances:	17.98. - Salaries of constitutional and statutory officers.
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BACKGROUND

The Department of Human Resources is responsible for assessing the duties associated with a position and reviewing those duties with respect to the external market and internal roles for comparison. This reallocation is being requested to address better alignment with the market as well as with internal equity for the role of Clerk of Circuit Court.

Given a review of this role, an increase is warranted, and the salary for the Clerk of Circuit Court has not been increased in some time. Most recent elected officer role increases that were approved by the Board were consistently approved at a 4% Level.

Comptroller
Register of Deeds
Treasurer
County Clerk
Sheriff

Given the 4% level of increase that the Board has consistently approved in recent elected officer adjustments, it is recommended that the Board adapt a similar 4% increase for the role of Clerk of Circuit Court.

The current Clerk of Circuit Court salary is \$125,000. A 4% increase would equate to \$5,000. The resulting salary would be \$130,000.

Related File No's:	N/A
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ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Describe how the item aligns to the objectives in the [strategic plan](#):

- 1A: Reflect the full diversity of the County at every level of County government
- 1B: Create and nurture an inclusive culture across County government
- 1C: Increase the number of County contracts awarded to minority and women-owned businesses
- 2A: Determine what, where, and how we deliver services to advance health equity
- 2B: Break down silos across County government to maximize access to and quality of services offered
- 2C: Apply a racial equity lens to all decisions
- 3A: Invest “upstream” to address root causes of health disparities
- 3B: Enhance the County’s fiscal health and sustainability
Moving the pay for the Sheriff to this level will align more appropriately with market and provide consistency with most recent actions for other elected office salary increases.
- 3C: Dismantle barriers to diverse and inclusive communities

FISCAL EFFECT

The cost associated with this increase will be absorbed in the budget of the office if approved.

TERMS

[Include specific term start and end dates, renewal options, automatic renewals, and termination clauses]

New salary rate would be effective for the Sheriff term beginning after the Fall 2022 election.

VIRTUAL MEETING INVITES

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Resolution

Fiscal Note

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