

INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION COUNCIL
OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY

Resolution in support of increased state aid for lead lateral and water main replacement

WHEREAS, lead in drinking water is harmful to children and adults; and

WHEREAS, local governments in Milwaukee County have aging water mains in need of replacement in order to maintain water service; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin governments have been replacing lead laterals to protect public health and replacing water mains to maintain essential water service for many years; and

WHEREAS, this year the Environmental Protection Agency finalized a new Lead and Copper Rule requiring municipalities to identify and replace lead laterals within ten years; and

WHEREAS, the new Lead and Copper Rule will remain in effect unless and until Congress votes to rescind the rule; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources estimates that the total cost of replacing lead laterals in Wisconsin could be nearly \$1 billion; and

WHEREAS, each of the municipal members of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County (ICC) has significant taxpayer costs for replacing lead laterals and aging water mains; and

WHEREAS, existing state and federal grant programs are insufficient to cover the costs that ICC member communities are facing for replacing lead laterals and water mains; and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a projected budget surplus of \$4.6 billion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the ICC does hereby request significant funding from the State of Wisconsin in the 2025-2027 budget to assist with the costs of replacing lead laterals and water mains.

Executed this 9th day of December, 2024, on behalf of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council of Milwaukee County.

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