

**City of Racine, Wisconsin
Office of the Mayor**



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November 15, 2019

Dear City Clerk Coolidge,

I am writing to inform you of my decision to veto amendment 1 to the City budget, which would restore \$65,000 in funding for the zoo.

The funding source proposed in that amendment is the contingency fund.

With all the uncertainty that the City may face in the next year coupled with the expenditure constraints placed on the City by the State of Wisconsin, I am concerned that reducing the contingency fund by \$65,000 from the \$150,000 originally allocated could diminish our ability to respond to emergency situations as they arise throughout the year.

After speaking with the Alder Levie, who authored of Amendment 1, and subsequent to a vote sustaining the veto, I will be joined by Alder Levie in jointly proposing to fund the zoo with \$65,000 from the hotel tax revenue.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cory Mason". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Cory Mason
Mayor
City of Racine

2020 Proposed Budget Amendment #1

By 5th District Alderman Levie:

Submitted: Wed 11/6/2019 7:47 PM

"\$65,000 be allocated to the zoo from the contingency fund, thus restoring the zoo's allocation to last year's amount."

General Fund (pages 65 and 118):

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| Decrease | Expense | 11202-56200 | Misc.-Contingency | by | 65,000 | from | 150,000 | to | 85,000 |
| Increase | Expense | 15099-52100 | Zoo-Professional Services | by | 65,000 | from | 500,000 | to | 565,000 |

