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May 13. 2010

Ms. Janice Johnson-Martin  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
730 Washington Avenue – Room 103  
Racine, WI 53403

**Subj: Communication Requesting An Ordinance Regarding the Building Department**

Dear Ms. Johnson-Martin:

Please accept this communication requesting an ordinance allowing building inspectors and members of UNIT to assess inspection fees to property owners not in compliance with Municipal Code sections regarding snow and ice removal and solid waste disposal.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Marcus", is written below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

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cc: Alderman Jeff Coe, President, Racine Common Council

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Honorable John Dickert, Mayor  
Members of the Common Council of the City of Racine  
730 Washington Avenue  
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Dear Mayor Dickert and Members of the Common Council:

I am writing to request an ordinance allowing building inspectors and members of UNIT to assess inspection fees to property owners not in compliance with Municipal Code sections regarding snow and ice removal and solid waste disposal . I request that this ordinance also provide for a waiver of the fee for prompt compliance by property owners who have not violated the ordinance during the last year.

I have received several concerns from property owners in my district about inspection fees being assessed without being given an opportunity to promptly comply with the Code.

Snow clearance is an example. Our Municipal Code (sec. 82-109) lets the building department issue a citation for failing to clear snow within 24 hours of a snowfall. However, there is no ordinance that provides for the \$50 inspection fee that can be assessed by the Building Department. The practice of the Building Department is to assess an inspection fee rather than a citation.

I respectfully request that an ordinance be drafted to:

- 1) Authorize inspection fees for violations of snow and ice removal and solid waste disposal ordinances in the amounts currently being assessed;
- 2) Waive the inspection fee provided the property owner has not violated the ordinance during the previous year and complies with the ordinance within 24 hours of receiving notice; and
- 3) Provide for an appeal of any fee assessed, first to the Chief Building Inspector, second to the Commissioner of Public Works, and third to the Common Council.

Please note that this would not affect the right to issue a citation if the property owner has violated the ordinance more than once during the previous year.

Please refer the above matter to the appropriate committee.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eric Marcus".

Eric Marcus  
Alderman of the Second District