# CITY OF MADISON OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Room 401, CCB 266-4511

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## MEMORANDUM

TO:

**Common Council Organizational Committee** 

FROM:

Michael P. May, City Attorney

SUBJECT: Proposed Revisions to Chapter 3 - MGO

One of the obligations imposed on the Office of the City Attorney is to make recommendations regarding revisions to the Madison General Ordinances, including removal of obsolete or outdated ordinances. Our office does this in two ways. First, we annually propose an attorney's reviser's ordinance that removes outdated provisions. Second, from time to time, we review certain provisions and initiate changes.

When we discussed this with the CCOC last year, I mentioned that we intended to take a look at Chapter 3 of the ordinances. From the view of a relative newcomer looking at this chapter, I found it very difficult to follow. In some ways, it appeared to be a place of last resort where ordinances which did not have another home were placed.

Attached to this memorandum are two documents. The first is an outline I have prepared of a proposed revision to Chapter 3. This revision would replace the current Chapter 3 with five separate chapters, numbered as follows:

Chapter 3A Organization, Offices and Departments

Chapter 3B Qualifications of Officials and Employees

Chapter 3C Compensation and Civil Service

Chapter 3D Elections

Chapter 3E Open Meetings and Public Records

The existing ordinances that would fall within each of those five chapters is set forth. A number of the provisions in Chapter 3 would be moved elsewhere.

The second item attached to the memo is a list of the current provisions in Chapter 3. with my handwritten notes as to which portion of the revised Chapter 3 those provisions would be moved. Also note that in that list there are several sections of the ordinances which appear appropriate subjects of repeal. In addition, note that a number of the ordinances would be moved, in this revision, to a revised and expanded Chapter 33

which would be entitled "Boards and Commissions." Several provisions have already been suggested to be moved into a new Chapter 39 on Civil Rights.

This is my initial attempt at reorganizing the provisions in an unwieldy chapter. This proposal has not been reviewed by any other of City staff, such as the Mayor's Office, Human Resources, or the Comptroller's Office. I believe it would be very important to move slowly and carefully in any reorganization of Chapter 3.

Another important, and likely time-consuming, task will be to be certain that all cross-references in other provisions in the ordinances are changed when this reorganization is eventually adopted.

I have prepared this primarily for initial discussion purposes at the CCOC. I suspect our initial task will be to determine what process should be followed as we go forward with this.

Michael P. May City Attorney

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# MPM DRAFT 1/30/06—OUTLINE OF REVISED CHAPTER 3—Government Organization, Officials and Employees (To be renumbered).

# Chapter 3A: Organization, Offices and Departments

- 3.01 Organization Under Mayor Plan
- 3.02 Continuity of Government
- 3.025 Emergency Proclamation
- 3.03 Mayor.
- 3.04 Mayor's Staff.

## (Missing)

- 3 11 Department of Public Works (still exist?)
- 3.12 City Treasurer. (Cr. by Ord. 9146, 3-30-87)
- 3.13 City Clerk (Soon to be Clerk/Treasurer)
- 3.14 City Assessor.
- 3.15 City Attorney
- 3 16 City Engineer
- 3 17 Purchasing Division (or move to chapter 4, Finance)
- 3.18 Office of Community Services
- NEW City Comptroller (reference chapter 4).

#### (Missing)

- 3.21 Emergency Management
- 3.22 Overture Center Director.

## (Missing)

3 48 Human Resources Department

# (Missing)

3.51 Department of Transportation

# (Missing)

3.59 Establishment of a Municipal Court for the City of Madison (Amend this).

## (Missing)

- 3.77 Department of Revenue (soon to be repealed)
- 3.78 Department of Data Processing
- NEW Department of Civil Rights (reference new chapter 39)
- NEW Other Departments, Boards and Commissions (Reference expanded chapter 33, Boards and Commissions)

## Chapter 3B: Qualifications of Officials and Employees

- 3.27 Qualifications--City Officers, Members of Commissions, and Employees.
- 3.28 Bonds to be Filed by City Officers.

## (Missing)

- 3 36 Absence of Employees From Duty.
- 3.37 Trainee Program

## (Missing)

3.41 Judgments Against Employees.

#### (Missing)

3.47 Code of Ethics.

# (Missing)

- 3.49 Bargaining Agreements.
- 3 50 Post Entry Training Program.

# (Missing)

- 3.52 Nonrepresented Transit Division Employees (Am. by Ord 9917, 12-29-89)
- 3 53 Overtime Control.

# (Missing)

- 3.63 Use of Polygraph Tests Prohibited. (Cr. by Ord. 4694, 8-30-74)
- 3.64 Privilege (Cr. by Ord 6772, 10-5-79)

# Chapter 3C: Compensation and Civil Service

3.29 Salaries of Mayor and Officials.

# (Missing)

- 3.33 Pension System.
- 3.34 Travel Expense Accounts
- 3.35 Civil Service System.

# (Missing)

3.38 Compensation Plan.

# **Chapter 3D: Elections**

- 3 30 Primary for City Elections.
- 3.31 Appointment of Election Officials and Their Compensation.
- 3.32 Opening and Closing of Polls.

# **Chapter 3E: Open Meetings and Public Records**

3.42 Open Meetings

(Missing)

3.44 Public Records

#### **CHAPTER 3**

## OFFICIALS, BOARDS, EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC RECORDS



