

Title:

To increase the Child Care Assistance budget by **\$57,000** in order to adjust and keep Child Care Assistance Guidelines in line with the poverty guidelines published by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and adopted by the State to reflect inflationary increases.

Body:

WHEREAS, Section 3.12(9)(g)g. of Madison General Ordinance provides that applications for child care tuition assistance under the program administered by the Office of Services must meet income criteria established by the Common Council; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council established such criteria by Resolution No. 36,213, adopted October 7, 1980 and updated such criteria by Resolution No. 38,801, adopted February 15, 1983, by Resolution No. 40,336, adopted July 10, 1984, by Resolution No. 47,219, adopted October 2, 1990, by Resolution No. 49,841, adopted March 16, 1993, and by Resolution No. 54,617, adopted September 16, 1997, and by Resolution No. 56,429, adopted August 3, 1999; and by Resolution No. 57,403, adopted March 7, 2000; and by Resolution No. 58,521, adopted July 17, 2001; and by Resolution No. 59,563, adopted July 2, 2002; and by Resolution No. 61, 417, adopted April 20, 2004; and by Resolution No. RES-07-00321, adopted March 21, 2007; and by Resolution No. RES-08-00413 adopted April 22, 2008; and,

WHEREAS, income criteria established on April 22, 2008 needs to be adjusted to allow for inflation and to keep them at previously adopted guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, the following guidelines will provide assistance for families with income starting at 185% of the Federal Poverty Level; and,

WHEREAS, in 2008 \$53,514 was unexpended in the Child Care Assistance Budget, where it remained in General Fund to cover 2008 City budget shortfalls; and,

WHEREAS, a projected \$980,000 is needed to eliminate the current Child Care Assistance waitlist of 196 children from 119 families;

WHEREAS, \$57,000 would provide sufficient funding to 45 families currently enrolled at the 2009 Federal Poverty Level resulting in cost savings of approximately \$172 per family per month; and,

WHEREAS, the state of the economy has resulted in increased needs of families struggling to afford high quality child care in order to obtain employment, maintain employment, and/or complete their education/training; and,

WHEREAS, affordable quality child care is critical, not just for families so that parents can work but also for children, particularly at a time where they need more continuity and stability in their lives; and,

WHEREAS, proposed cost containment measures for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Program will likely result in an increase in the number of Madison residents turning to the City for child care assistance; and,

WHEREAS, the Early Childhood Care and Education Board has reviewed this resolution and recommends that it be adopted by the Common Council.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes Resolution Enactment No. RES-08-00413 adopted April 22, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the child care assistance budget be increased \$57,000 and that the income criteria for child care assistance under the City's child care program shall provide as follows:

Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
2	\$ 26,955	\$ 2,246	\$ 518
3	\$ 33,874	\$ 2,823	\$ 651
4	\$ 40,793	\$ 3,399	\$ 784
5	\$ 47,712	\$ 3,976	\$ 918
6	\$ 54,631	\$ 4,553	\$ 1,051
7	\$ 61,550	\$ 5,129	\$ 1,184
8	\$ 68,469	\$ 5,706	\$ 1,317
9	\$ 75,388	\$ 6,282	\$ 1,450
10&up	\$ 82,307	\$ 6,859	\$ 1,583

Fiscal Note

Provide an additional **\$57,000** in child care assistance budget to serve 45 families currently enrolled at the 2009 Federal Poverty Level.

Total **\$57,000.**