

**CITY OF MADISON  
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Date: April 3, 2020

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Madison Common Council

FROM: Michael P. May  
City Attorney

RE: Resolution relaxing rules for acceptance of gifts for COVID-19 purposes,  
Legistar no. 60114

Current law (Sec. 4.29, MGO) requires prior approval of the Mayor and the Council to accept most donations over \$10,000 and requires that the donation must then be appropriated by the Council before it may be used. This sometimes takes weeks to accomplish.

This resolution relaxes those requirements for donations for COVID-19 purposes, allowing such gifts to the City to be received and immediately used for activities related to COVID-19. The City has been contacted by parties interested in making such donations, and others may be offered in the immediate future.

A resolution confirming acceptance and appropriation would be brought to the Council for affirmation.

CC: David Schmiedicke  
Mary Bottari