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**Title:** Requesting that the Madison Police Department cease the use and rescind the authorization to purchase Tasers until such time as their safety can be confirmed or alternative devices of proven safety and effectiveness can be utilized.

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**Attachments:** 1. Taser Report from City Attorney.pdf, 2. Taser Report from Madison Police Dept.pdf

Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
6/7/2005	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Place On File	Pass
4/12/2005	1	PUBLIC SAFETY REVIEW COMMITTEE	RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO PLACE ON FILE - REPORT OF OFFICER	Pass
4/11/2005	1	Attorney's Office	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	
4/8/2005	1	Police Department	Return to Lead with the Following Recommendation(s)	
2/22/2005	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Refer	Pass
2/22/2005	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Refer	
2/22/2005	1	COMMON COUNCIL	Refer	
2/16/2005	1	Council Office	Fiscal Note Required / Approval	
2/16/2005	1	Finance Dept/Approval Group	Approved Fiscal Note By The Comptroller's Office	
2/16/2005	1	Council Office	Referred for Introduction	

**Fiscal Note**

The Police Department currently has no budget authorization or funding to purchase additional Tasers. Supplies would be purchased from grant funds or available operating budget funds.

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Requesting that the Madison Police Department cease the use and rescind the authorization to purchase Tasers until such time as their safety can be confirmed or alternative devices of proven safety and effectiveness can be utilized.

**Body**

Whereas, the City of Madison has one of the finest police forces in the nation, and;

Whereas, our police department has led the nation on a variety of community oriented policing initiatives, and;

Whereas, our police department is dedicated to a process of continual improvement, and;

Whereas, the use of Tasers and their role in 86 deaths, one-third related to some kind of heart failure, could potentially have liability impact for the City of Madison, and;

Whereas, Madison Police Department officers use Tasers on patrol, and;

Whereas, Tasers have begun to be available for civilian purchase and use,

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Madison request that the Madison Police Department cease the use and rescind the authorization to purchase Tasers until such time as their safety can be confirmed or alternative devices of proven safety and effectiveness can be utilized.