Request for City Council Committee Action

Date: May 5, 2006

To: Council Member Paul Ostrow
Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Referral: none

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Approved by _____ _____

Burt T. Osborne
Regulatory Services

Steven Bosacker
City Coordinator

Subject: M.C.O. Ch. 38 Living Wage and Responsible Public Spending Regulations - Waiver Criteria & Process

Presenters in Committee: Burt T. Osborne, Regulatory Services

Recommendation: Receive and file the recommended Waiver Criteria as required by M.C.O. Ch. 38 Living Wage and Responsible Public Spending - Waiver Criteria & Process

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

_X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
___ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
___ Other financial impact (Explain):

Background/Supporting Information: In November of 2005, the City Council passed M.C.O. Ch. 38 entitled the Living Wage and Responsible Public Spending Regulations. Among other things, the Living Wage ordinance will prospectively require certain recipients of city business subsidies and city contractors to create jobs and pay a specifically defined "living wage." There are exemptions specifically set forth in the Living Wage ordinance, but there are some unanticipated situations that may require the City Council to waive the terms of the ordinance under certain circumstances.

M.C.O. §38.50 directed city staff and the living wage work group to recommend waiver criteria to the City Council. Attached are the joint staff and living wage work group recommendations regarding unanticipated waivers of the Living Wage and Responsible Public Spending Regulations ordinance.