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LRB RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Ald. James Bohl
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 RE: 2009 Property Taxes & City Charges

The table below compares the 2008 tax rates and charges for City of Milwaukee property owners the 2009 rates and charges and shows the impact of the taxes on a \$200,000 residence.

Tax	2008 Rate	2009 Rate	2008 \$200,000 Residence Impact	2009 \$200,000 Residence Impact	Difference	% Change
State Forestry	\$0.19	\$0.18	\$38.00	\$36.00	-\$2.00	-5.3%
MMSD	\$1.39	\$1.37	\$278.00	\$274.00	-\$4.00	-1.4%
MPS	\$8.84	\$9.82	\$1,768.00	\$1,964.00	\$196.00	11.1%
MATC	\$1.92	\$1.94	\$384.00	\$388.00	\$4.00	1.0%
County & SEWRPC	\$4.22	\$4.20	\$844.00	\$840.00	-\$4.00	-0.5%
City	\$8.01	\$8.09	\$1,602.00	\$1,618.00	\$16.00	1.0%
State School Credit	-\$1.43	-\$1.57	-\$286.00	-\$314.00	-\$28.00	9.8%
Lottery Credit	-	-	-\$86.51	-\$87.28	-\$0.77	0.9%
First Dollar Credit (1)	-	-	\$0.00	-\$37.82	-\$37.82	-
Total	\$23.14	\$24.03	\$4,541.49	\$4,680.90	\$139.41	3.1%

(1) The 2008 real estate tax bills will list a new credit line called "First Dollar Credit" right above the Lottery and Gaming Credit line. The amount is expected to be around \$30 per parcel and will be applied to all tax parcels with improvements (i.e. not vacant lots). The First Dollar Credit is a pass-back to the public of revenues from the State general fund collected through personal income tax, corporate tax, and sales tax.

The table below compares the 2008 rates for municipal charges with the 2009 rates and shows the impact of the charges on a typical single family residence.

Charge	2008 Rate	2009 Rate	2008 Single Family Residence Impact	2009 Single Family Residence Impact	Difference	% Change
Solid Waste	\$33/quarterly	\$37.62/quarterly	\$132.00	\$150.48	\$18.48	14.0%
Snow & Ice (1)	\$0.6522/per ft. (1)	\$0.5283/per ft (2)	\$28.70	\$23.25	-\$5.45	-23.4%
Storm Water Management	\$8.00/quarterly	\$11.82/quarterly	\$32.00	\$47.28	\$15.28	47.8%
Sewer Maintenance (3)	\$1.036/per 100 CCF of Water	\$1.12/per 100 CCF of Water	\$72.93	\$78.85	\$5.92	8.1%
Total			\$265.63	\$299.86	\$34.23	12.9%

(1) initially set at \$0.4788 per of street frontage; subsequently increased prior to imposition on the city service bill to \$0.6522 per foot of street frontage per code.

(2) per code, the Common Council may adjust once in 2009 to reflect actual costs.

(3) Source: Budget Office