

# City of Detroit

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TO: The Honorable City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director   
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DATE: October 27, 2009

RE: Resolution Authorizing Members of the Detroit City Council to Donate  
10% of their Salary to the City of Detroit

Pursuant to Council President Cockrel's request, the Research & Analysis Division (RAD) has researched the issue of a resolution authorizing members of the Detroit City Council to donate 10% of their salary to the City of Detroit. The following is RAD's report.

First, RAD would like to point out that when the Detroit City Council passed a resolution to donate ten percent of their salaries back in 2005. It was due to the recommendation of the City Treasurer and Budget Director, at that time, that the City was legally obligated to pay its elected officials the salary established by the Elected Officials Compensation Commission. Thereby precluding a voluntary reduction in pay through the payroll system. At which point, Your Honorable Body took it upon yourselves to return a portion of your salaries to department's based upon your individual choices.<sup>1</sup>

On September 8, 2009, Your Honorable Body passed a resolution authorizing a reduction in hours for non-union legislative branch employees in order to partially address the City of Detroit's revenue shortfall and fiscal challenge.

Within that resolution, Your Honorable Body individually and collectively announced your intention, through the process of donating ten percent of your salaries back to the General Fund starting on the same effective dates, and through the same furlough

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process, that you intend to impose on yourselves the same sacrifice that you are asking of the non-union, contractual and appointed staff employees.

To that end, the Council President has directed RAD to determine whether one resolution is sufficient for all City Council Members, or whether each member requires a separate resolution that should include account numbers for the Finance Department to accept and expend the monies. The answer to that question is that individual resolutions that include account numbers are required in order for individual Council Members to donate their salaries into the individual cost center and appropriation that the donations are intended for. That is what City Council has done in the past when donating your salaries. Past resolutions have indicated the department, along with its cost center and appropriation numbers that Council Members donated their salaries to as individuals. However, if Your Honorable Body were to all donate to the same cost center, then one resolution, with account numbers, would be sufficient.

Additionally, Council President Cockrel has directed RAD to prepare and circulate the appropriately formatted resolutions to Your Honorable Body. RAD has attached the individual resolutions tailored to each Council Member to this memo. After Council Members have determined what departments and programs ten percent of the net of their salaries will be donated to and provided that information to RAD. RAD will coordinate with the Fiscal Analyst, in order to identify the appropriate cost center and appropriation numbers before Your Honorable Body grants final approval.

Please do not hesitate to contact RAD if there are any questions or concerns.

**RESOLUTION**

By COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_:

**WHEREAS, The City of Detroit is currently facing a fiscal crisis with a budget deficit of \$ 307 million for FY 2008-2009; and**

**WHEREAS, The Administration has implemented or is requesting a ten percent (10%) reduction in salaries for its employees and appointees; and**

**WHEREAS, The City is legally obligated to pay its elected officials the salary established by the Elected Officials Compensation Commission thereby precluding a voluntary reduction in pay through the payroll system for elected officials; and**

**WHEREAS, An elected official may return a portion of his or her salary to the department of their choice; and**

**WHEREAS, Councilmember Sheila M. Cockrel desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of her salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and**

**WHEREAS, Section 2-1-12 of the 1984 Detroit City Code, provides that the Mayor, with the approval of City Council, is authorized on behalf of the City to accept any gift, grant, devise or bequest of personal property to be used for any public purpose;**

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby approves the \_\_\_\_\_ Department, on behalf of the City and with the approval of the Mayor, to receive gifts of money from Councilmember Sheila M. Cockrel of ten percent (10%) of the net of her salary beginning with the pay date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 through December 31, 2009 to be given on a bi-weekly basis, AND BE IT FINALLY**

**RESOLVED, That the Finance Director is authorized to establish appropriate revolving accounts to receive all monetary gifts from Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ and appropriate for expenditure the same to Appropriation NO. \_\_\_\_\_, Cost Center \_\_\_\_\_, Object Code \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**WHEREAS, Councilmember Martha Reeves desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of her salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and**

**WHEREAS, Section 2-1-12 of the 1984 Detroit City Code, provides that the Mayor, with the approval of City Council, is authorized on behalf of the City to accept any gift, grant, devise or bequest of personal property to be used for any public purpose;**

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby approves the \_\_\_\_\_ Department, on behalf of the City and with the approval of the Mayor, to receive gifts of money from Councilmember Martha Reeves of ten percent (10%) of the net of her salary beginning with the pay date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 through December 31, 2009 to be given on a bi-weekly basis, AND BE IT FINALLY**

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**WHEREAS, Council President Kenneth V. Cockrel, Jr. desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of his salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and**

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WHEREAS, Councilmember Kwame Kenyatta desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of his salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and

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**WHEREAS, Council President Pro-Tempore JoAnn Watson desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of her salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and**

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**WHEREAS, Councilmember Barbara Rose Collins desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of her salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and**

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**WHEREAS, Councilmember Brenda Jones desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of her salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and**

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**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Council hereby approves the \_\_\_\_\_ Department, on behalf of the City and with the approval of the Mayor, to receive gifts of money from Councilmember Brenda Jones of ten percent (10%) of the net of her salary beginning with the pay date of \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 through December 31, 2009 to be given on a bi-weekly basis, AND BE IT FINALLY**

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**WHEREAS, Councilmember Alberta Tinsley-Talabi desires to make a gift of ten percent (10%) of her salary specifically to the \_\_\_\_\_ Department; and**

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