



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of City Clerk

Date: January 7, 2008

To: Ways and Means/Budget Committee

Subject: 2008 Council Budget Guidelines

Recommendation: Adopt the 2008 Council Budget Guidelines

Previous Directives: The Council adopts Budget Guidelines on an annual basis.

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Approved by: Steve Ristuben

Presenters in Committee: Steve Ristuben

Financial Impact

- X No financial impact

Supporting Information: For 2008, the major changes in the Guidelines include:

1. The individual ward budgets are \$11,077 each.
2. The purposes for which food and beverages are a reimbursable expense according to previously established City policy
3. Allowing Council Members the option to be reimbursed for actual mileage driven in lieu of claiming up to \$400 per month as an auto allowance. This would become effective upon passage by the City Council
4. Purchasing bus passes or renting bike lockers rather than using the provided space in the in the Federal Courthouse.
5. Allowing free parking for Associates in the Gateway Ramp or bus passes if the position becomes appointed.
6. Wireless charges for laptops and network cards and network cards for Windows mobile devices such as PDAs are included in ward budgets. The IMAC charges for those devices are also charged to ward budgets.