



Office of the City Clerk

To: Mayor Welch, City of Milton Common Council
From: Leanne Schroeder, City Clerk
Date: May 19, 2020
Subject: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Ordinance #475 – An Ordinance Amending Section 14-364 Concerning the Issuance of Operator’s Licenses

Summary

On March 5, 2020, Governor Evers signed Wisconsin Act 166 into law. Act 166 allows municipal governing bodies to delegate to the clerk the authority to issue operator’s licenses. Act 166 was based on bill SB 203 that was suggested as a way to expedite license processing and remove the action from governing bodies’ agendas, allowing more meeting time for policy actions.

Considering Act 166, staff is proposing Ordinance #475 – Amending Section 14-364 Concerning the Issuance of Operator’s Licenses. This ordinance would allow the city clerk to approve operator’s licenses immediately, without common council approval. The clerk’s office would continue to follow the current procedure of performing the required background checks and obtaining approval by the police chief before approving and issuing an operator license. Any operator licenses recommended for denial would still be brought forward to the common council for a determination.

Recommendation

Staff recommends common council approval of Ordinance #475 – An Ordinance Amending Section 14-364 Concerning the Issuance of Operator’s Licenses.