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Common Council approves legislation to develop a reserve workforce for snow and ice control

The Common Council approved legislation today that directs the Department of Public Works (DPW) to develop a reserve force of drivers and supervisors recruited from the ranks of retired city employees to add resources during snow and ice removal operations.

Sponsored by **Alderman Robert J. Bauman** and co-sponsored by **Alderman Terry L. Witkowski**, Council File #181747 addresses many of the issues DPW faces during snow and ice control operations. A reserve force of drivers and supervisors consisting of retired city employees would add staff and experience to crews, reduce removal times, and combat high turnover rates.

“I am pleased that this legislation received unanimous support from my fellow Common Council members,” Ald. Bauman said. “This past winter demonstrated the need for experienced snow plow drivers and additional resources. Our DPW employees do outstanding work and our city could not properly function without them; this legislation gives them more resources to help them better perform their job.”

“We must take steps to make any and all resources available to ensure the safety of Milwaukee residents,” said Ald. Witkowski. “This new reserve force will make ice and snow removal more effective and efficient as well.”