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Council approves City employee three percent raise legislation

The Common Council this week (Wednesday, May 29) unanimously approved an ordinance providing increased rates of pay for City of Milwaukee employees who choose to live in the city while employed or move into the city when hired.

Common Council File #190233 is an ordinance co-authored by **Alderman Chantia Lewis, Alderman Milele A. Coggs** and **Common Council President Ashanti Hamilton**, which gives a three percent raise to city employees who live within Milwaukee's city limits. This incentive pay raise is a result of an amendment in the City's 2019 budget directing the Department of Employee Relations (DER) to explore policies and programs encouraging employees to choose Milwaukee for their homes.

"I thank my fellow Council members for their positive support for this ordinance," said Ald. Lewis. "I especially wish to acknowledge and thank Council President Ashanti Hamilton for facilitating negotiations with the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Council 32 concerning these pay raises."

"When our City workers decide to live, work and play in Milwaukee while they serve their fellow residents, I fully support providing them with pay raises," said President Hamilton. "I appreciate our union brothers and sisters at AFSCME for working in good faith with the Council to help make this new ordinance a reality."

"Milwaukee, especially our neighborhoods, is strengthened by the presence of city employees who live and own their homes in our city," said Ald. Coggs. "By authorizing pay increases for our employees who choose Milwaukee, we encourage them to increase their stake in their city and their neighbors to make our community the best it can be."