



MEMORANDUM

TO: Common Council

FROM: Debbie Galeazzi, City Clerk

SUBJECT: Petition for Direct Legislation
Increase in Minimum Wage

DATE: Thursday, July 31, 2014

On the Common Council agenda are Resolutions R-20-14 and R-21-14.

On June 25, 2014 a petition for direct legislation to increase the minimum wage was filed with the Clerk's office by the Raise WI group. The petition was reviewed and 1,074 valid signatures were confirmed which meets the requirement of 15% of the persons who voted at the last governor's election in the City of Menasha.

In accordance with Wisconsin State Statute §9.20 no alteration to the wording can be made, so Resolution R-20-14 is how the petition reads. Given the sparsity of the language for the Resolution on the petition for direct legislation, Resolution R-21-14 was prepared and is being introduced by Mayor Merkes.

Adopting Resolution R-20-14 does not put the referendum question on the November 4, 2014 ballot. Adopting Resolution R-21-14 will put the referendum question on the ballot.

