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Representative Steve Wieckert, Chair
Assembly Committee on Housing
Room 16 West, State Capitol Building
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Senator Fred Risser, Chair
Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations
Room 220 South, State Capitol Building
Madison, WI 53702

RE: Clearinghouse Rule 07-106 creating Chapter Adm 49

Dear Representative Wieckert and Senator Risser:

After receiving the March 11, 2008 letter from Representative Steve Wieckert, Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Housing, requesting a meeting to discuss proposed Adm 49, staff from the Department of Administration have met with the Representative's office several times to evaluate possible modifications to the proposed rule.

After these meetings and discussions with other interested parties, the Department is submitting a revised proposed Adm 49 for your consideration. This modified proposal contains a change in s. Adm 49.03(1)(c) reducing the proposed parcel fee to \$30 from the originally proposed \$40. The modification also reduces the minimum fee for a submitted final plat to \$120 from the original \$160.

These changes were made after extensive discussions with Chairman Wieckert's office and representatives from constituency groups who had raised concerns over the original proposal. The main concern that had been raised with the original proposal was the magnitude of the fee increase at a time when the overall real estate market was in a significant downturn. The modification addresses their concerns and will provide a needed increase in program revenue to allow the plat review program to continue to provide service to its customers throughout the state of Wisconsin.

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I ask for your prompt consideration of this modified Adm 49. Please do not hesitate to contact me or members of my staff if you have any additional questions or would like additional information about the Plat Review program.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Morgan
Secretary

Enclosure: Modified Chapter Adm 49

cc: Legislative Council Clearinghouse