

Milwaukee Alderman Zielinski: Council committee passes city field worker safety measure

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The Common Council's Finance and Personnel Committee today voted to recommend approval of an ordinance establishing a new policy requiring all city employees who work at sites other than municipal buildings to carry city-issued cell phones while engaged in city work.

Alderman Tony Zielinski, primary sponsor of the legislation, said the safety measure would for the first time require city-issued cell phones for city workers who are working in the field. "It is vital for the city to be proactive in protecting city workers while they're out working in the field, whether they feel endangered or need to report an emergency," he said.

"We need to do everything possible to help prevent the type of tragedy we experienced last year," Alderman Zielinski said, referring to the death of city inspector Greg "Ziggy" Zyskiewicz who was shot and killed in March 2017 while working on the city's north side.

The city worker cell phone requirement file - co-sponsored by Alderman Russell W. Stamper, II - will be taken up by the full Common Council when it meets at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, January 17 in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St.