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Mayor Mason's Statement on Final Passage of City Budget ***Mayor's first budget positions city to be community of choice in SE Wisconsin***

Racine – Tonight, the Racine Common Council approved Mayor Mason's first city budget.

"I want to thank the Alders for the time and effort they have put into creating this budget with me. Together, we have crafted a budget that invests in our neighborhoods, provides better services to our constituents, and creates more opportunities for the residents of Racine to enter the middle class and support their families," said Mayor Cory Mason. "The budget is a reflection of our City's values and priorities, and this budget positions the City of Racine as the community of choice for people to live, work, and play in Southeastern Wisconsin."

Mayor Mason proposed a \$211 million city budget on October 10, 2018, and includes the largest decrease in the tax mil rate in more than a decade.

The budget focused on restructuring city departments to provide better neighborhood services; creating programs to allow residents to reinvest in their homes; putting the city on a path to be more environmentally sustainable; investing in community partnerships and leveraging resources to expand opportunities; committing resources to develop Smart City technology; and invests in creating a federally qualified health clinic.

About the City of Racine

With a population of 78,000, **Racine, Wisconsin** is the fifth largest municipality in the state of Wisconsin. It is home to manufacturing businesses that enjoy world-wide reputations, SC Johnson, CNH Industrial, Twin Disc, Modine, and In-Sink-Erator among them. Racine is also home to diverse cultures, a thriving downtown, and world-class beaches along the shores of Lake Michigan.

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