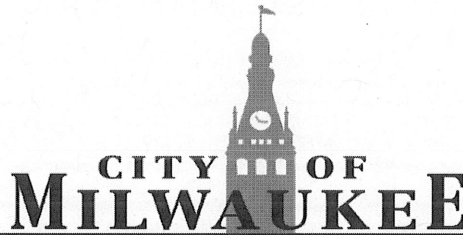


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To the Honorable Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Communication from Josephine Santiago
C.I. File No. 1053-2019-2029

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Ms. Josephine Santiago is the property owner of 1254 N. 24th Street. She was having a 3 car garage with a second level constructed at this location. According to Ms. Santiago and her contractor, Better Way Construction LLC, the City approved the blueprints for the construction of the garage, and provided a notice to proceed. According to Ms. Santiago, during the construction of the garage, a City inspector stated that the prints should not have been approved, resulting in the construction work done to that point receiving a FAIL inspection.

Ms. Santiago filed a claim against the City for reimbursement for the installation of the concrete slab and footing for the garage in the amount of \$9,900.00 due to alleged errors by City inspectors.

Our investigation of this matter revealed that the approved plans made no mention of any retaining walls. The plans did not provide any details indicating the type of concrete construction including a poured retaining wall found at the site. The reason the work received a FAIL is because the plans did not accurately reflect the work performed or the site conditions.

Our investigation concluded that had the contractor requested an inspection prior to pouring any concrete as required by Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the revisions to the plans, along with corrections to the layout and methods could have been accomplished, and the contractor would not have incurred any additional expense for



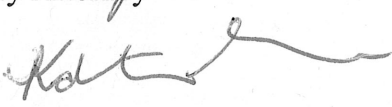
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which Ms. Santiago is making a claim for. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,



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