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

Re: C.I. File No. 1048-2022-489
Communication from PAUL PREMETZ

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Paul Premetz is seeking reimbursement of \$12,078.49 for plumbing charges related to repairing the sewer lateral at 2231 East Morgan Avenue on March 22, 2022.


On February 24, 2022, and February 28, 2022, the Sewer Maintenance department responded to calls from Paul Premetz regarding backwaters at his property located at 2231 East Morgan Avenue. The crews checked the main sewer and found the backwaters to be an internal problem. Mr. Premetz was advised to hire a licensed plumber. On March 1, 2022, Sewer Maintenance CCTV televised the eight-inch main sanitary sewer that serves 2231 East Morgan Avenue, and found that it was functioning properly with no signs of structural damage.



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It is Sewer Maintenance's position on this matter that the damaged sewer lateral in this case was on the property owner's side of responsibility to maintain, and therefore, the City of Milwaukee is not liable for the related repair costs. In addition, there is no evidence that the sewer lateral was damaged as a result of the City's negligence. It is recommended that the claim submitted by Mr. Premetz in the amount of \$12,078.49 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

c: Jerrel Kruschke, P.E. (City Engineer)

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