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

RE: Communication from J. Richard Law Offices, LLC on behalf of
COOPER HORN
C.I. File No. 1061-2024-1718

Dear Council Members:

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

Cooper Horn through his attorney Jason Richard of J. Richard Law Offices, LLC., alleges that on May 21, 2024, Mr. Horn suffered first and second degree burn injuries while attempting to clean out a hopper of a dust collection system for his employer, followed by a fire that was responded to by Milwaukee Fire Department that occurred on May 20, 2024, at 7676 N. 76th Street. A demand was submitted for \$53,168.00. As of initial notice dated February 25, 2025, Travelers Insurance is seeking reimbursement in the amount of \$5,795.09, for workers compensation.

This notice of claim was filed on September 24, 2024, followed by receipt of notice given by the Milwaukee Fire Department on September 19, 2024. Wis. Stat. § 893.80(1d)(a) requires that a notice of circumstances of the claim be served within 120 days after the happening of the event given rise to the claim. The notice was filed untimely.

Our investigation reveals on May 20, 2024, Milwaukee Fire Department was dispatched to 7676 N. 76th Street, extinguished a small fire on an outside air handling hopper unit, and returned to the subject location on May 21, 2024, and filled it with water until it was no longer smoldering.



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It is our view that the city is not liable for damages. The cause and origin are from air that was introduced to hot material and caused it to flare. Accordingly, we recommend the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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