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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

City of Milwaukee
Department of Public/Water Works
841 N Broadway 4th floor
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 43202

Subject: Claim for Damages Due to Negligence of City of Milwaukee/Basement Flooding

Dear City Representative/ WaterDepartment, _____

I am writing to formally submit a claim for damages resulting from the flooding of my basement on January 20, 2025. The flood caused significant damage to my property, and I believe the incident was due to negligence on the part of the city's infrastructure and drainage system.

On January 20, 2025, the street sewer drain man cover was blown off its foundation which caused water to flood in front of my home including two city blocks (37th-38th Street). This apparent failure of the municipal drainage system led to severe water accumulation, which subsequently caused flooding in my basement; in depths of 3-4 ft high. Immediately upon inspection by myself and a department water public worker who was called to come insect and turn off the flowing water, it appears that sewer backup, or insufficient drainage maintenance contributed to the damage to my basement.

As a result of the flooding, my property sustained extensive damage, including but not limited to:

- Structural damage to the basement walls and flooring
- Damage to personal belongings and furniture
- Malfunction or destruction of electrical appliances, furnace, hot water heater
- Mold and mildew can/will develop, and will lead to health concerns

I have attached photographs of the damage, repair estimates, and any other relevant documentation to support my claim. I kindly request that the city reimburse me for the full cost of repairs and damages, which currently amounts to \$ 16450.00.

Please advise on the next steps for processing my claim. I am available for any further discussion and can provide additional documentation if needed. I appreciate your prompt attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Carl J Holmes Sr.

Proposal Estimate

Hope Home Improvement and Insulation

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2025

4691 North Green Bay Avenue | Milwaukee, WI 53209
Phone 414-364-2736

TO Edward Holmes

Clients Information:

Name: Edward T. Holmes & Carl Holmes

Address: 3723 W. Stark St.

City, State, and Zip Code: Milwaukee, WI 53209

WORK PERFORMED	DESCRIPTION
Furnace Replacement / debris & mud removal	Proposal

DESCRIPTION	TOTAL
Remove all furniture from basement. To clean 2 inches of mud which is on the basement floor due to water main burst. Three furnaces and water heaters were ruined, excessive water and mud damage cannot be repaired.	
Replace three High efficiency furnaces. Two with 60,000 input and one 100,000 input. Detach cold air return drops, plenums gas pipe electrical & pvc on all three furnaces. Replace with the same input as existing high efficiency furnaces reconnect cold air plenums electrical & pvc.	
Remove three natural draft 40 gallon water heaters and replace them with the same.	\$16450.00
Furnace warranty	
10-year warranty	
3year labor warranty	
2year installation guarantee	
Total cost for all materials & labor\$16450.00	
Half down \$8225.00 and remainder upon project completion	

TOTAL ORDER AMOUNT

Balance due
\$16450.00

Regards,



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OF MILWAUKEE

To file a claim against the City a claimant must comply with Section 893.80(1), Wis. Stats., a copy of which is printed at the bottom of this instruction sheet. Generally the statute requires the claimant to submit to the City Clerk:

1. A document stating the circumstances of the claim which must be signed by the claimant, or his/her agent or attorney. This document should be filed within 120 days of the event.
2. A document stating the address of the claimant and a statement of the relief sought. If money damages are sought, a specific sum must be stated.

(The above information may be combined in a single document.)

The following information should also be submitted to allow the City to promptly act on your claim:

1. Proof of the amount of the claim by means of either itemized receipts or two itemized estimates.
2. A phone number where the claimant can be reached during business hours as well as the claimant's e-mail address, if any.
3. As detailed a description of the incident as possible, including the date, time and place.

All information should be submitted to:

City Clerk
ATTN: CLAIMS
200 E. Wells St., Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202-3567

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Before you can file a lawsuit against the City of Milwaukee for reimbursement, State law requires that you first follow the claim procedures established by the City Clerk.

Filing a claim against the City does not automatically guarantee reimbursement from the City. However, the City examines each claim on an individual basis in determining if reimbursement is legally required.

In order to obtain reimbursement for a claim against the City, you must prove that the City or its employees acted unlawfully or negligently.

Only the City Attorney or the Common Council and the Mayor can authorize payment of a claim against the City. Any other representations made by City employees are not legally binding on the City.

893.80 Claims against governmental bodies or officers, agents or employees; notice of injury; limitation of damages and suits. (1) Except as provided in subs. (1g), (1m), (1p) and (8), no action may be brought or maintained against any volunteer fire company organized under ch. 213, political corporation, governmental subdivision or agency thereof nor against any officer, official, agent or employee of the corporation, subdivision or agency for acts done in their official capacity or in the course of their agency or employment upon a claim or cause of action unless:

(a) Within 120 days after the happening of the event giving rise to the claim, written notice of the circumstances of the claim signed by the party, agent or attorney is served on the volunteer fire company, political corporation, governmental subdivision or agency and on the officer, official, agent or employee under s. 801.11. Failure to give the requisite notice shall not bar action on the claim if the fire company, corporation, subdivision or agency had actual notice of the claim and the claimant shows to the satisfaction of the court that the delay or failure to give the requisite notice has not been prejudicial to the defendant fire company, corporation, subdivision or agency or to the defendant officer, official, agent or employee; and

(b) A claim containing the address of the claimant and an itemized statement of the relief sought is presented to the appropriate clerk or person who performs the duties of a clerk or secretary for the defendant fire company, corporation, subdivision or agency and the claim is disallowed.



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Taxkey	Building type	Lot size	thru	Total value
Street name stark	Year built	Fin size	thru	Sale price

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Click on the Column Headings to sort accordingly.
Click on the Parcel ID to view the parcel detail.

Taxkey	Location	Owner	Built Type	Total Value	Beds Baths	Lot size Fin area	LUC Description	Sale date Sale price
2080568000	3723 W STARK ST	EDWARD T HOLMES	1958 Duplex N/S	\$180,400	6 4.5	7,200 3,197	1 Residential	5/10/2019 \$94,000

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