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RE: C.I. File No: 03-S-137  
Your Clients: George Vomberg

Dear Mr. Fenger:

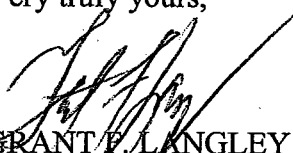
This office is in receipt of your clients' claim in the amount of \$3,820.00, relating to inspection fees charged on your tax bill for the Tax Year 2002 for the property at 224 East Washington Street.

Our investigation reveals that the Department of Neighborhood Services records indicate that they received a complaint on June 24, 1998 that a garage was built without permits at your clients' property. The garage was actually a large storage building. An order was issued to your client to obtain a permit for the building. It is believed that this was litigated in Municipal Court. A second order was issued on January 25, 2000. In March 2002 this was litigated in Municipal Court and your client was fined \$320.00. On March 28, 2002 a third order was issued. Since that time the department has been issuing monthly re-inspection fees in an effort to get your client to obtain a permit. They spoke with him on September 23, 2002, and he indicated that he would be hiring an engineer to help him prepare the plans needed for the permit. There has been no further contact. The department has no knowledge of Stack Design being hired to prepare a variance request. They would consider placing the fees on hold only if your client can document that a variance application has been filed with the Department of City Development, all variance fees have been paid and the application is being processed. The Department of Neighborhood Services acted appropriately and as such, the City would not be liable for your client's loss. Accordingly, we are denying your clients' claim from the prior re-inspections which totaled \$3,820.00 and were on the 2002 tax bill. The inspection of the property in 2003 and the charges for 2003 which at present total \$1,255.00 are not on the 2002 tax bill. As such, if you want to challenge those charges you must contact the Administrative Review-Appeals Board.

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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

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