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Mr. Ronnie Lockett
3712 West Center Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

RE: C.I. File no. 1048-2014-1878
Communication from RONNIE LOCKETT

Dear Mr. Lockett:

We have received your claim for the amount of \$4,707.00 in relation to the property damage you sustained on March 10, 2014 at 3712-14 West Center Street.

The Infrastructure Services Division reports on March 8, 2014 sewer maintenance responded to a call of a clogged storm inlet in the alley alongside 3714 West Street. The inlet was opened, and it was determined the clog was due to ice in the basin. At that time, sewer maintenance had no knowledge of water in the basement at this address. A second call was received on March 10, 2014 regarding the same issue, and a crew responded to open the inlet and remove the ice to allow for drainage.

The department received a call again on March 11, 2014 stating the water was entering the basement along the foundation. The sewer field inspector suspected that the storm inlet drain was broken and made a referral for repairs. When the crew returned on March 12, 2014, they began excavation of the site. The storm inlet was inspected and was not damaged. It was determined the down spout drain from the building at 3714 West Center Street was damaged. The crew then repaired the down spout drain at no expense to you.

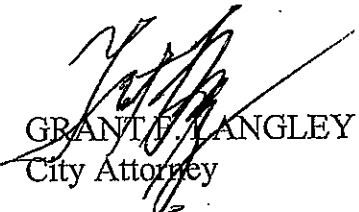


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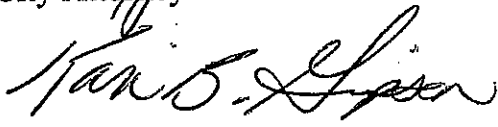
The damage to your property was not the result of any negligence of the City of Milwaukee and therefore the City is not legally liable for your damage. Property owners are responsible for maintaining the down spouts on their properties. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

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

Very truly yours,



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