

# CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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Annie Beckum  
4030 North 44th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53216-1502

RE: Annie Beckum  
C.I. File No: 04-S-277

Dear Ms. Beckum:

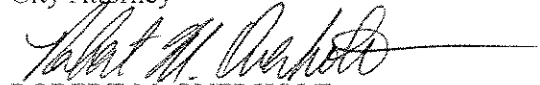
This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$410.00, relating to damage sustained to your property on or about July 29, 2004 due to backwater in your basement at 3402 north 9<sup>th</sup> Street.

Our investigation reveals Underground Operations investigated a backwater incident on July 27, 2004 at the location in question. They found the City main sanitary sewer to be in proper working condition. The building sewer lateral was determined to be clogged, thus causing the back-up. It was recommended to the owner that a plumber should be hired to clean the building's sewer lateral. According to Charter Ordinance 12.15, Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, the building sewer lateral is the responsibility of the building owner. Since the City was not negligent in this matter, it cannot accept liability. 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 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  
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ROBERT M. OVERHOLT  
Investigator Adjuster

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