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July 8, 2005

1225 Properties, LLC

Attn: David Ohrmundt, Managing Member

P. O. Box 04313 Milwaukee, WI 53204

RE:

1225 Properties, LLC

C.I. File No: 05-S-120

Dear Mr. Ohumundt:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$917.46, relating to damage you sustained on December 27, 2004 when the City of Milwaukee Fire Department made forced entry into your property at 1919 South 6th Street.

Our investigation reveals the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) was sent to the subject residence as a result of a phone call regarding leaking water from this vacant home. The MFD records indicate the screen door was open but they had to force the door to check on the source of the leaking water. The MFD initially tried to gain entry through the rear door but were unable to gain entry. The supervisor on scene also made the decision to gain entry through a rear window, but it had window stops on it. The MFD followed standard procedures with regard to the entry to the dwelling in situations such as this. Due to the emergency situation at hand, it was not a standard procedure for the MFD to shut the water off at the street. The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) records reflected they attempted to contact the property owner via the preferred contact information that is on file with the Department of Neighborhood Services. Since the MPD was unable to contact the property owner the decision was made to secure the property with a Department of Public Works (DPW) Board-up. The City departments followed proper procedures, as such, it cannot accept liability and we are denying your claim. The Administrative Review-Appeals Board will hear your appeal request relative to the DPW Board-up charges. You will be contacted by them regarding the hearing information.

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If you wish to appeal any of the other items that were denied, 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,

GRANT F. LANGLEY

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ROBERT M. OVERHOLT

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