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To the Honorable Common Council Of the City of Milwaukee Room 205 – City Hall

Re:

Communication from Crystal Hurd C.I. File No. 1029-2023-1875

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant alleges that the City sewer backed up at her property located at 6217 West Kinnickinnic River Parkway on October 17, 2023. She is claiming damages in the amount of \$6,513.50.

Our investigation revealed that on October 17, 2023, Sewer Maintenance responded to a backwater call at 6217 West Kinnickinnic River Parkway. They discovered that the eight-inch sanitary sewer was clogged and a Jet Vac cleaning crew immediately opened the clog, relieving the backwater at the subject location. The clog was due to heavy grease in the main sewer line.

It is our view that the City of Milwaukee was not negligent regarding the clog in this case, and acted responsibly by immediately clearing the clog when notified of the problem. Therefore, we recommend that the claim submitted by Crystal Hurd in the amount of \$6,513.50 be denied.

Very truly yours,

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