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

Re: Communication from KURT JORGENSEN  
C.I. File No. 1029-2025-1167

Dear Council Members:

Mr. Jorgenson alleges that on March 19, 2025, he experienced sewer water back up in his basement located at 4518 W. Oklahoma Avenue, after which rainfall occurred. Mr. Jorgenson seeking \$12,000 - \$13,000, for water mitigation estimates.

We completed our investigation into this matter with Sewer Maintenance. Our investigation determined that on March 19, 2025, Sewer Maintenance responded to a sewer back up complaint, and relieved the backwater to the clogged eight-inch sanitary sewer. The following day, the sewer was televised examined, and found to be functioning properly. The clog was due to heavy grease in the main sewer line.

The City is not liable for damages and we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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