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

RE: Communication from CHARLIE MIKEL
C.I. File No. 2025-002295

Dear Council Members:

Charlie Mikel is seeking \$31,220.00 for property damages sustained to the exterior left-side brick wall of his property located at 2422 South Austin Street that occurred on October 31, 2025, as a result of a collision involving a City of Milwaukee sanitation truck.

Fleet Operations conducted an investigation at 2422 South Austin Street in response to a report of damage to the exterior brick wall involving a City Sanitation truck. The Fleet investigator documented the condition of the wall through photographs, which revealed significant deterioration of the bricks, including extensive cracking and missing mortar joints. The observed damage was localized, and no additional scratches, impact marks, or damage were noted along the remainder of the wall. Overall, the damage did not display characteristics typically associated with an impact from a vehicle, including a City Sanitation truck.

Additionally, Mr. Mikel did not provide any video evidence, photographs, or other corroborating documentation to substantiate his claim that the damage was caused by a City sanitation truck.



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Based on the findings of our investigation and the absence of evidence establishing that the damage was done by a City sanitation truck, it is our position that the City of Milwaukee is not liable for the damages. Therefore, we recommend that the claim submitted by Mr. Mikel in the amount of \$31,220.00 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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