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January 2, 2020

Gwen Ruffin
6432 W. Hampton Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53218

*mailed
1/6/2020*

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2019-1554
Communication from Gwen Ruffin

Dear Ms. Ruffin:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$1,560.00, from a loss on July 18, 2019 to your property located at 4273 North Teutonia Avenue.

The Infrastructure Services Division records indicate that on July 18, 2019 Sewer Maintenance responded to a backwater call at this address. The City's sanitary main was checked and found to be in proper working condition. The property owner was advised to contact a licensed plumber.

The Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) records indicate that on June 21, 2019 their crew arrived to replace the public side of the lead service line at this address. They also indicate their crews did not make contact with the sewer lateral on the private side of the excavation and there is no evidence that the sewer lateral collapsed. On July 18, 2019 Badger Underground was hired by you to investigate a sewer lateral blockage at this address. Further investigation revealed that Badger went down with a video camera and discovered blockage in the sewer lateral which was caused by hardened sewer debris. The MWW indicates that this is unrelated to their work.

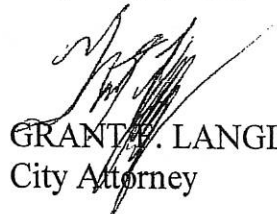
There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. The City would not be liable. Therefore, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

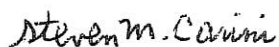


53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

Very truly yours,



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STEVEN M. CARINI
Investigator Adjuster

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c: Robert Brooks (Infrastructure)
Michelle Thompson-Gray (MWW)

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To Grant F. Langley

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Dear Mr. Langley

I received your letter about the Sewer Maintenance issue that happened on 07/18/2019 I would like to appeal this decision. So I am requesting a hearing on this matter.

Thanks

Gwen Ruffin

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