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June 21, 2006

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

Re: Communication from American Family Insurance
On behalf of Cassandra M. Gomez
C.I. File No. 06-S-31

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Cassandra M. Gomez, 9009 West Waterford Square North, Greenfield, WI 53228, alleges through American Family Insurance, by its representative Brian Dooley, Post Office Box 2927, Milwaukee, WI 53201-2927 as subrogee that on November 19, 2005 at 1:15 a.m. a stop sign for southbound traffic at the intersection of North 29th Street and West Locust Street was missing causing their insured's vehicle to collide with another vehicle. They claim damages in the amount of \$8,517.90.

Our investigation reveals that the Infrastructure Services Division (ISD) records indicate that the City of Milwaukee Traffic Sign Shop received a call from the Milwaukee Police Department regarding a missing stop sign on the northwest corner of the intersection of North 29th Street and West Locust Street at 1:55 a.m. on November 19, 2005. The ISD responded, shortly after receiving the call and found the sign to be hanging loose upside down. They raised and tightened it. On November 21, 2005 the ISD checked the intersection and found that the sign was now missing. They replaced it. When the division is notified of any hazard in the roadway, sidewalk or alley they will send a crew

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to investigate and/or make the necessary repairs. Prior to this, the City had no notice of a stop sign missing at this location and because of this lack of notice; the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied

Very truly yours,

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