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

RE: Communications from CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE
C.I. File No. 1044-2022-799

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are in receipt of a claim from Church Mutual Insurance on behalf of their insured Hephatha Lutheran Church, for damages sustained to a 2009 Ford E-350 Passenger Van that was towed to the City of Milwaukee Tow lot. Church Mutual Insurance has submitted a damage claim in the amount of \$9,558.06.

Our investigation reveals that on March 13, 2022, the subject vehicle was involved in a motor vehicle accident and towed from 2901 N. 18th Street to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot. On March 14, 2022, a notification was mailed to the owner indicating that the vehicle must be retrieved within 15 days from the notice date or the vehicle would be sold or destroyed by the City of Milwaukee.

The Milwaukee Tow Lot reported that on March 17, 2022, the insurance company viewed the vehicle. Since the vehicle was never retrieved, it was deemed abandoned and recycled in accordance with the State Statute.

It is our view that the City has no negligence and recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tearman Spencer".

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Williams".

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