March 16th, 2022

Milwaukee County City Clerk 200 East Wells St. Room 205 Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear City Clerk:

As per the instructions in the enclosed letter from the Milwaukee City Attorney, I am hereby requesting a hearing addressing my claim as referred to in the refusal letter issued by Tearman Spencer.

I'm enclosing that letter along with the envelope that letter arrived in.

Thank you for your attention in this matter, as I will await your reply.

Respectfully,

Christine M. Zuba

3836 South Pine Avenue

Milwaukee, WI 53207

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October 11, 2022

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Ms. Christine Zuba 3836 S. Pine Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53207

RE: Communication from CHRISTINE ZUBA

C.I. File No. 1048-2022-1177

Dear Ms. Zuba:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$1,800.00, on July 25, 2022, regarding damage sustained to your property located at 3836 S. Pine Avenue.

Our investigation reveals that on July 25, 2022, Milwaukee Water Works reported receiving a call regarding damage to a water lateral caused by construction work performed by City employees at or near your location.

Further investigation revealed that on July 15, 2022, Sewer Maintenance inadvertently damaged a water sewer lateral while excavating during a storm inlet repair at 3836 S. Pine Avenue, because of an unmarked water service. Sewer Maintenance completed the storm inlet repair and had no other work at this location.

The repair to the water lateral required the property be placed in the Lead Service Line Replacement Program subject to the City of Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, s. 225-25.5-3-a, which states, "a service line must be replaced when a leak or failure has been discovered on either the privately owned or utility owned portion of the service line." Sewer Maintenance hired a licensed plumber to replace the lead water service lateral with copper piping from the water main to the water shut off valve.

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There is no clause in the ordinance, which allows for costs associated with the private side of the Lead Service Line Replacement Program to be waived.

It is our position that the City is not liable for damages. As such, 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,

TEARMAN SPENCER

City Attorney

MICHELLE THOMPSON-GRA

Investigator Adjuster

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