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

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2019-1238
Communication from Yolanda Holmes

Dear Common 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.

Ms. Yolanda Holmes exited her residence at approximately 5:30 A.M. on April 15, experiencing snow and ice accumulation on the adjoining sidewalk of her residence. As she crossed the street to get to the bus stop, she slipped and fell in the street, breaking her left ankle. The previous day, April 14, the City experienced 4.9 inches of accumulated snowfall. The City instituted on the same day at noon the General Ice Control Operation, ending that evening at 10:30 pm.

Ms. Holmes has filed a claim against the City for \$10,000.00 for medical expenses, and pain and suffering. We have conducted and concluded our investigation of this matter. Our investigation revealed that there was no record of icy conditions at the aforementioned location prior to or after the April 15 incident. Also, Wisconsin municipalities have discretionary immunity from liability for any damages that are due to a defect in a sidewalk or street. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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