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November 13, 2002

Gary & Jill Kuenzle 3470 South 39th Street Milwaukee, WI 53215

RE: C.I. File No: 02-S-316

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Kuenzle:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$1,836.00, relating to damage sustained to your property on August 13, 2002 when water backed-up in your basement at 3470 South 39<sup>th</sup> Street.

Our investigation reveals that the Infrastructure Services Division records indicate that this matter was reported to and investigated by them on August 12-13, 2002. At that time the City main sewer was operating properly, indicating that your lateral was not functioning properly. Laterals are the property owner's responsibility by Charter Ordinance. You were advised to have your lateral cleaned, the deep tunnel has no bearing on this matter. Since the problem was with your lateral, the City cannot accept liability. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours

City Attorney

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