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July 1, 2025

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

Re: Communication from SAL HOMES LLC
C.I. File No. 1048-2025-464

Dear Council Members:

Sal Homes LLC, alleges on December 22, 2024, the basement of the property experienced sewage back up shortly after repairs were conducted by the City from a water main break located at 5262 N. 38th Street. Sal Homes LLC submitted a damage claim for costs incurred as a property owner, including but not limited to; tenant accommodation expenses, basement cleaning, plumbing expenses and repairs in the amount of \$7,663.95.

We have completed our investigation into this matter with Milwaukee Water Works (MWW). Our investigation reveals that on December 22, 2024, MWW responded to and repaired a water main break at 5262 N. 38th Street. MWW reported it hired a contractor to repair damage found in the claimant's clay sewer lateral located directly under the water main. While damage reported is consistent with high pressure water that exited a water main blow hole, MWW confirmed staff did not damage or see the claimant's sewer lateral during repairs to the water main.



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It is our position that the cause of this water main break was not related to any negligent acts or omissions of the City of Milwaukee. The City is not liable for damages and we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,



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