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July 25, 2006

Ruth & Laverne Ward
3375 North 22nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53206

RE: Ruth & Laverne Ward
C.I. File No: 06-S-164

Dear Ms. Ward:


We have received your claim in the amount of \$1,285.00, relating to damage sustained to your fence when the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) was in the process of fighting a fire at 3376 North 23rd Street on or about January, 2006.

Our investigation reveals the MFD reviewed their records and found they responded to an incident at the above-referenced location on March 17, 2006. This appeared to be the only incident they responded to for the time frame and location in question. Our further investigation reflected that standard fire fighting procedures were followed in the combating of this fire. While it is regrettable that damage will sometimes occur in this process, the fact is that fire fighters cannot be held legally accountable for those damages resulting from the necessary performance of their duties and therefore the City of Milwaukee is not liable for your loss, as such, and 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 date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,


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