

December 12, 2003

To the Honorable Committee on
Judiciary and Legislation of the Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Patrick and Charlene Buckner
Claim File No. 05-14-03/1048-2003-1974

Dear Members of the Committee:

Attached hereto is an original resolution for your consideration, which would authorize settlement of the above-noted claim. We make the following recommendation relating to the proposed settlement:

The above-noted matter concerns a collapse of an 8 inch City sewer line on May 14, 2003 in front of 3412 South Ahmedi Avenue. Our investigation revealed that the Milwaukee Water Works repaired a water service leak at the same location on May 9, 2003. Our investigation revealed that the Milwaukee Water Works repair activity on May 9, 2003 was a direct contributory factor to the sewer collapse.

Patrick and Charlene Buckner sustained damages in the amount of \$19,890.37 to their basement due to the sewer collapse and subsequent back-flow. In an effort to compromise and settle their claim in an expeditious manner, they have agreed to accept the total amount of \$10,000.00.

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Because this settlement is favorable to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend payment of this proposed amount, and the enclosed original resolution reflects this recommendation and is provided for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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