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To The Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 - City Hall

Re: Communication from Law Offices of Alan D. Eisenberg
on behalf of Debra Thames
C.I. File No. 01-L-35

Dear Council Members:

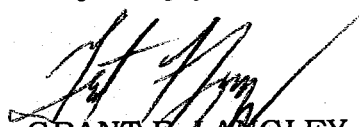
We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

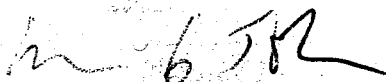
Claimant, Debra Thames, 516 North 32nd Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208, alleges through her attorneys Alan D. Eisenberg Law Offices, 3111 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208-3957 that on or about January 21, 2001, her Jeep Cherokee was illegally removed from her property and recycled by the Department of Neighborhood Services. Ms. Thames seeks \$10,000.00 as damages.

We are advised by the Department of Neighborhood Services that on December 13, 2000 the vehicle was placarded as being a nuisance vehicle. On December 14, 2000 an order was mailed to Ms. Thames as the owner of the property at 516 North 32nd. This order called for correcting the nuisance condition within 72 hours or moving the vehicle into a completely enclosed garage. On January 3, 2001 Ms. Thames contacted the Department of Neighborhood Services and was told the vehicle would be referred for towing.

The nuisance condition was not corrected and the vehicle was towed on January 21, 2001. The Department of Neighborhood Services followed appropriate procedures in this matter, therefore, the City would not be liable. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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Enclosure