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October 14, 2003

Karen Puhl 212 North 70th Street Milwaukee, WI 53213

RE: C.I. File No: 03-S-343

Dear Ms. Puhl:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$2,607.35, relating to injuries you sustained on July 31, 2003 when you tripped and fell near 77th and Bluemound.

Our investigation reveals that the Infrastructure Services Division records indicate that from July 31, 2002 to September 15, 2003 asphalt patching was conducted in this area on August 8, August 22 and September 17, 2003. Their records also indicate that they did not receive any complaints for this area. On August 8, 2003 a Sewer Maintenance crew notified them that someone had fallen at either the southwest corner of West Bluemound Road and North 76th Street. A Street Maintenance crew was sent to these locations on the same day. On August 22, 2003 the crew patched with asphalt the sidewalk along the south side of West Bluemound Road west of North 76th Street. They also conducted patching in this area up to North 78th Street on September 17, 2003. Upon notification of a hazard the division will send a repair crew to correct it usually within 24 hours. Prior to this complaint, the City had no notice of this hazard and because of this lack of notice, the City would not be liable. 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.

GRANT F. LANGLEY

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