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February 10, 2004

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

Re:

Communication from Attorney Laurie A. Eggert, Eggert & Cermele, S.C.

for legal fees for Police Officer Mary Smolen

C.I. File No. 02-S-391; EC No. 1836

### Dear Council Members:

Returned herewith is a document filed by Attorney Laurie Eggert for attorney's fees for representing Police Officer Mary Smolen. The claim is in the amount of \$472.75 including \$10.75 in disbursements for 4.20 hours of service billed at the rate of \$110.00 per hour. We ask that this matter be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation.

We have reviewed this claim and advise that in our opinion, the time spent was reasonable. Legal representation was occasioned by a criminal investigation. No criminal charges were brought against the police officer on whose behalf this claim was filed.

As we have advised you under similar circumstances in the past, the Common Council has discretion to reject this claim or to pay it in whole or in part. Wis. Stat. § 895.35, Bablitch and Bablitch v. Lincoln County, 82 Wis. 2d 574 (1978).

Very truly yours,

GRANT/F/LANGLEY

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JAN A. SMOKOWICZ Assistant City Attorney

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November 14, 2002

Mr. Ronald D. Leonhardt Milwaukee City Clerk 800 City Hall 200 East Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE: MPD Criminal Investigation of PO Mary Smolen

Allegations Regarding Mr. Alejandro Delgado

Date of Incident: April 19, 2002 Location of Incident: District #6

EC No.: 1836

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

2/10/04

The above-named police officer has retained us to represent her in connection with the above-referenced matter.

Consistent with its policy, the City Attorney's Office has refused to represent her, and as she was performing the duties of her office at the time of the events giving rise to the incident, the claim is hereby made on her behalf for the indicated legal fees. This incident involved a traffic stop.

The MPD initiated a criminal investigation in which the officer initially declined to give a statement without counsel. When she requested counsel, IAD compelled PO Smolen to give a statement concerning the incident after issuing a PI-21. Later, the DA decided not to issue criminal charges against the officer. Attached is a copy of the clearance report and an itemization of the time and services rendered.

Sincerely,

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EGGERT & CERMELE, S.C.

Laurie A. Eggert

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Regarding: PO Mary Smolen
Date of Incident: April 19, 2002
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Professional services

|          |   | <u>Hours</u>                                     |          |
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| 04/25/02 | Telephone call from PO Smolen regarding new criminal investigation; open file; memo to file; telephone call to and from IAD; telephone call to witness; memo to file. | 0.90   |          |
| 04/29/02 | Telephone call to and from witness; memo to file; review of file; meeting with PO Smolen at IAD; attend PO Smolen's PI-21 statement to IAD; travel; memo to file.     | eeting with PO Smolen at IAD; attend PO Smolen's |          |
| 07/10/02 | 07/10/02 Telephone call to IAD; correspondence to client; correspondence to MPD Open Records.   |  |          |
| 11/06/02 | Review of correspondence from MPD Open Records; correspondence to client; close file.   | 0.50   |          |
|          |   | -  | Amount   |
|          | For professional services rendered  | 4.20   | \$462.00 |
|          | Additional charges:   |  |          |
| 11/06/02 | MPD Open Records request  |  | 10.75    |

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|---------------------------|----------|
|                           | _ Amount |
| Total costs               | \$10.75  |
| Total amount of this bill | \$472.75 |
| Balance due               | \$472.75 |

(Rate; \$110.00 per hour)

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On Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 3:00pm, I, Det. Joe Groce, along with Lieutenant Raynard Richards, appeared in the District Attorney's Office for a charging conference pertaining to this incident. Reviewing this case was Deputy District Attorney John Reddin. After reviewing all of the circumstances surrounding this incident, Deputy AD Reddin decided not to issue any criminal charges because there were not sufficient evidence to substantiate the victim's injuries.

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#### MILWAUKEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM

DECEMBER 10, 2002

TO: P.O. MARY SMOLEN DISTRICT SIX

RE: Receipt of Legal Services from Law Firm of Attorney

Attorney Laurie Eggert has made a claim with the City, indicating the attached was provided with legal services arising out of one of the following situations:

- 1) An incident occurring on APRIL 19, 2002
- 2) A citizen's complaint made by ALEJANDRO DELGADO

3) A police shooting incident occurring on N\A

Is this information correct?

YES\_\_\_\_NO\_\_\_

Did you receive legal representation in this matter?

YES

NO.

Your signature:\_

Print your name:

Upon completion, please return this memorandum to the Internal Affairs Division at the Police Academy (Room 325) as soon as possible.

Steven M. Settingsgaard

Police Commander

Internal Affairs Division

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