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May 14, 2018

Richard and Dawn Nieth 2657 S. 63<sup>rd</sup> Street Milwaukee, WI 53219

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C.I. File No. 1029-2018-684

Communication from Richard and Dawn Nieth

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Nieth:

We are in receipt of your claim for damages in the amount of \$3,640.00 for damages to your personal property caused by rodents. You claim that the infestation is a direct result of sewer work done in your neighborhood.

The Sewer Maintenance Section and the Department of Neighborhood Services conducted and completed their investigation into this matter. On July 13, 2017, Sewer Maintenance Section replaced a catch basin in the alley next to your home, 2657 South 63rd Street.

Sewer Maintenance's investigation concluded that repairing and/or replacing catch basins would not lead to a rodent infestation. The Department of Neighborhood Services investigation was unable to identify where the rodents were coming from.

In that there is a lack of evidence in connecting the rodent infestation to the sewer work done in your neighborhood during July 2017, the City cannot accept liability for the damages to your property related to rodent infestation. Therefore, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

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