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September 30, 2020

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

Re: C.I. File No. 1029-2020-976
Communication from: Travelers by its representative
Etta Andersen on behalf of
Melinda Currie
P.O. Box 5076
Hartford, CT 06102-5076

Dear Council Members:

Travelers Insurance alleges that on May 17, 2020 their insured sustained damages when a sewer backed up into the basement of her residence located at 5930 North 35th Street. The claimed damages, including the insured's out of pocket costs, total \$25,175.14.

The Infrastructure Services Division records indicate that on May 20, 2020 Sewer Maintenance responded to a backwater call at this address. They checked and found that the City's sanitary sewer was working properly. The property owner stated that she had a backwater on May 17, 2020. The Division records also indicate that the sewer is on a regular 3 year cleaning schedule and were last cleaned, prior to this incident, on March 29, 2018. Past cleaning records do not indicate any unusual problems.

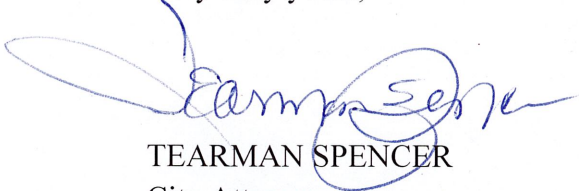
The Division also indicates that from May 17 through May 19, 2020, the City received an average of 4.70 inches of rain. Due to the heavy rainfall, some sewer systems within the City were surcharged because of hydraulic capacity. There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. The City would not be liable.



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Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Robert Brooks (Infrastructure)

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