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

RE: Communications from KISHONE PERKINS
C.I. File No. 1048-2022-1088

Dear Sir or Madam:

Kishone Perkins alleges that on June 8, 2022, upon her return home from an out of town trip, she found water had flooded her basement at 5376 N. 34th Street. Ms. Perkins submitted a damage claim for her personal items.

Our investigation revealed that on June 13, 2022, Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) reported they received a call in request that water be turned off at 5376 N. 34th Street, due to water accumulation in the basement. MWW crews responded and discovered a leak in the internal plumbing on the privately owned portion of the water service lateral. MWW reported that the claimant cleared the basement floor drain and trap debris which allowed the water to drain.

The property was placed into the Lead Service Line Replacement program under City of Milwaukee Code Ordinances s. 225-22.5-3-a, which indicates that a service line must be replaced when "a leak or failure has been discovered on either the privately-owned or utility owned portion of the service line." MWW reported that the lead service line was replaced on June 28, 2022. On September 9, 2022, our appraisers inspected the property and assessed damages to be \$7,917.63.

It is our view that the City is not liable for damages that occur on the privately owned portion of the service line. As such, we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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