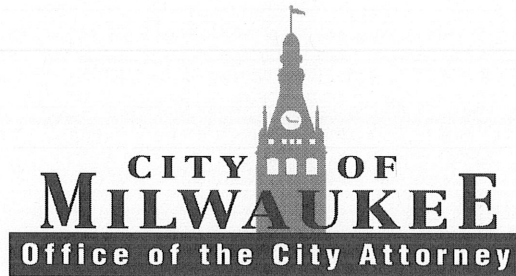


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To the Honorable Common Council  
Of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

RE: Resolution authorizing settlement of claims in the lawsuit entitled  
*Columbia St. Mary's Inc. v. City of Milwaukee*

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a resolution recommending settlement of the above-referenced case, which we ask be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the below recommendation.

In the above-referenced lawsuit, Columbia St. Mary's claimed the City excessively assessed its medical office building (Prospect Medical Commons) for tax years 2019-2021. In the pending lawsuit, Columbia St. Mary's seeks a tax refund of approximately \$631,142 plus interest and costs. Columbia St. Mary's has also objected to its 2022 assessment of Prospect Medical Commons. This objection is pending before the City's Board of Review and future litigation is imminent.

After participating in court-ordered mediation and reviewing information submitted during the pendency of litigation, Columbia St. Mary's and the City Assessor have agreed to settle Columbia St. Mary's claims relative to their 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 assessments for \$71,010.51. Although the City must initially pay the \$71,010.51 in full, following chargebacks from other taxation districts, the City's final outstanding liability will be approximately \$23,700.

In consultation with the City Assessor, the City Attorney now recommends settlement of this matter for the proposed refund, inclusive of all interest and costs.



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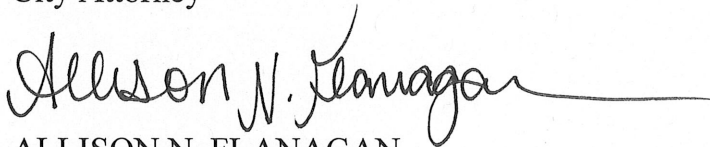
In exchange for this settlement and payment, Columbia St. Mary's will stipulate to dismiss the case involving its 2019-2021 assessments and to resolve its pending 2022 objection.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure