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

Re: Communication from Grace Johnson
C.I. File No. 1032-2018-1670

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the following recommendation.

This claim was filed August 3, 2018, seeking the return of a 2013 Ford Focus, which was held as evidence by the Milwaukee Police Department. It was authorized for release on September 1, 2017, with all towing and storage fees waived.

Ms. Johnson was notified by certified mail that her vehicle was eligible to be retrieved. Certified mail to Ms. Johnson was delivered on September 29 and October 2, 2017. Tow records indicated that representatives at City Tow spoke with Ms. Johnson regarding the retrieval of her vehicle on September 22, September 29, November 3, and November 10, 2017. In accordance with the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, section 105.65.4.b., Ms. Johnson's vehicle was deemed abandoned on November 16, 2017.

There is no evidence that the City was negligent in the handling of this matter. City Tow did its due diligence in notifying Ms. Johnson to retrieve her vehicle. The City is not liable in this matter. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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