BEVERLY A. TEMPLE THOMAS O. GARTNER BRUCE D. SCHRIMPF

ROXANE L. CRAWFORD SUSAN D . BICKERT

SUSAN D. BICKERT
HAZEL MOSLEY
HARRY A. STEIN
STUART S. MUKAMAL
THOMAS J. BEAMISH
MAURITA F. HOUREN
JOHN J. HEINEN
MICHAEL G. TOBIN
DAVID J. STANOSZ
SUSAN E. LAPPEN
DAVID R. HALBROOKS
JAN A. SMOKOWICZ
PATRICIA A. FRICKER
HEIDI WICK SPOERL
KURT A. BEHLING
GREGG C. HAGOPIAN
ELLEN H. TANGEN
MELANIE R. SWANK
JAY A. UNORA

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

GRANT F. LANGLEY City Attorney

RUDOLPH M. KONRAD Deputy City Attorney

THOMAS E. HAYES PATRICK B. McDONNELL LINDA ULISS BURKE special Deputy City Attorneys



OFFICE OF CITY ATTORNEY

800 CITY HALL 200 EAST WELLS STREET MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202-3551 TELEPHONE (414) 286-2601 TDD 286-2025 FAX (414) 286-8550

November 25, 2002

Assistant City Attorneys

MELANIE K. SWANK
JAY A. UNORA
DONALD L. SCHRIEFER
EDWARD M. EHRLICH
LEONARD A. TOKUS
MIRIAM R. HORWITZ
MARDYNEL I BEGAN

MARYNELL REGAN G. O'SULLIVAN-CROWLEY

Jeffrey and Dotty Miller 1924 West Clayton Crest Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53221

RE: C.I. File No: 02-S-338

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Miller:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$2,638.26, relating to damage sustained to your property on September 29, 2002 when sewage backed-up in your basement at 1924 West Clayton Crest Avenue.

The Infrastructure Services Division records indicate they investigated this incident. The sewer was found to be clogged, normal attempts to clear the clog were began as soon as possible. The clog was partially cleared on September 29, 2002, thus allowing the backed-up sewerage to drain from the affected basements. The sewer line was viewed with a television camera on September 30, 2002. The obstruction was found to be a rock. The obstruction was removed by the division. It is believed the rock was in the system due to either a contractor's operation or vandals. The division followed normal procedures, but the operation was complicated due to the type of obstruction discovered. The division advised with regard to your first incident on or about July 4, 2000. They have no reports or history for your address or the entire block. Since the City followed normal procedure, and was not negligent in either event, the City cannot accept liability. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

Jeffrey & Dotty Miller November 25, 2002 Page 2

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY

City Attorney

ROBERT M. OVERHOLT

Investigator Adjuster

RMO:beg

1029-2002-3178:60701