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

Re: Resolution relating to the claim of Lisa Bullocks
C.I. File No. 07-L-84

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 & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant, Lisa Bullocks, 3303 West Walnut Street, Milwaukee, WI 53208 alleges that items were stolen when the City did not properly secure her residence on May 26, 2007 after the driver of a stolen vehicle being pursued by the Milwaukee Police Department crashed into the building. She claims damages in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Our investigation reveals that the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) records indicate that on May 26, 2007 they did respond to a request from the police to evaluate the structural integrity of the building and determined that it was not in danger of collapse. However, due to the damage to the front wall, it was not fit for occupancy. The Department of Public Works DPW boarded-up all first floor doors, windows and the hole made by the vehicle so that a person could not enter the building. The front door also had a hasp and padlock on it. The occupant could get inside only by contacting the DNS for a supervised unlocking of the door. On May 27, 2007 the police found that a second floor window was open. They requested that the DPW also board it. This was done the next day at 12:10 a.m. On June 30, 2007 the police found that a boarded door had been broken into. They requested that the DPW again board it. This was done that day. There

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were no theft reports filed with the police at that time regarding these incidents. There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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