

June 7, 2001

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

Re: Communication from Albert De Marinis
C.I. File No. 01-L-61

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, Albert De Marinis, 3658 South Alabama Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53207 alleges that on January 30, 2001 a City Water Main break caused water and sewage to back up in his home. He claims damages in the amount of \$9,583.71.

Our investigation reveals that the Milwaukee Water Works responded to a water main break at or near this address on January 30, 2001. The water works investigator completed an emergency shut-off of the water main upon arrival at the scene. Milwaukee Water Works crews subsequently completed repair and the main was put back in service.

The Infrastructure Services Division also responded to the site. They found the sewer main was also damaged. It was cleaned to remove debris and backfill materials. The sewer main was placed back in service after repairs and cleaning. The property owners in the area were advised to have their sewer laterals cleaned.

The Milwaukee Water Works was not negligent with respect to their response time, manner of repairs or attempts to minimize consequential damages and, therefore, the City is not liable for the events giving rise to this loss. In addition, prior to this complaint, the City had no notice of any defect with the sewer main. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney

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Assistant City Attorney

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Enclosure