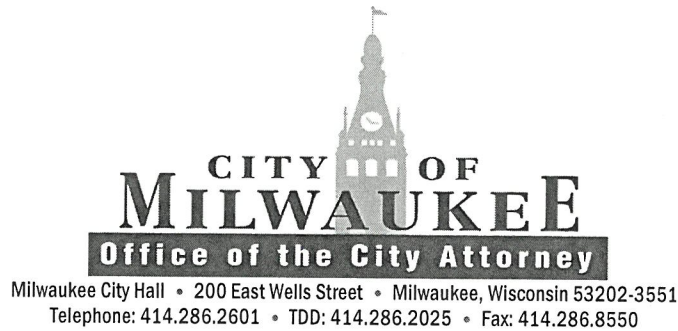


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To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 - City Hall

RE: Communication from MARIO AND CHANTEL DANTZLER
C.I. File No. 2025-001675

Dear Council Members:

Mr. and Mrs. Dantzler submitted a damage estimate totaling \$10,386.75 for repairs to their vinyl fence following the historic flood event that occurred between August 9–10, 2025.

A collapsed sewer drain located beneath the claimants' fence and within the City's easement contributed to the re-formation of a sinkhole during the storm. Based on our review, the damage to the portion of the fence immediately adjacent to the sinkhole is consistent with impacts caused by the renewed sinkhole activity during the storm event.

The remaining fence damage, however, appears to result from widespread flooding and rainfall that exceeded the capacity of the municipal sewer system. These conditions were part of a historic weather event and not attributable to City negligence or infrastructure failure.

Accordingly, we have reached an impasse, after an extended offer of \$1,500 was declined, for the portion of fence damage directly related to the previously failed storm sewer culvert. The remainder of the claimed damage is associated with the unprecedented weather event and therefore falls outside the scope of City liability, and recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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