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February 18, 2021

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

Re:

C.I. File No. 1029-2021-2

Communication from: Danielle E. Bradley

5008 North 87th Place Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Dear Council Members:

Danielle E. Bradley alleges that on August 2, 2020 she sustained damages when a sewer backed up into the basement of property located at 8001 West Norwich Street. Claimed damages total \$5,495.40.

The Assessor's Office information notes that she is not the owner of the property.

The Infrastructure Services Division records indicate that on August 4, 2020 Sewer Maintenance received a backwater complaint at this address. They responded that day and found that the City's sanitary sewer was working properly. The property owners reported that they had a backwater on August 2, 2020. The Division indicates that from August 2 through August 3, 2020, that area received an average of 3.4 inches of rain. Due to the heavy rainfall, some sewer systems within the City were overwhelmed.

The Division records also indicate that the sewer is on a regular 3 year cleaning schedule and was last cleaned, prior to these incidents, on February 27, 2020. Past cleaning records do not indicate any unusual problems.





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There is no evidence that the City was negligent. The City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Robert Brooks (Infrastructure)

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