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

RE: Communication from Gendlin, Liverman & Rymer, S.C.
on behalf of MICHAEL RODGERS
C.I. File No. 1030-2024-2041

Dear Council Members:

Michael Rodgers through his Attorney Louis Baureis, of Gendlin, Liverman & Rymer, S.C., submitted a claim for personal injuries allegedly sustained on September 11, 2024, when Mr. Rodgers was found asleep on a couch that was lifted to be disposed of. The claim seeks damages in the amount of \$314,898.28 for medical expenses arising from the incident.

The Fleet report investigation revealed that on September 11, 2024, a skid steer loader was in operations to clear illegally dumped furniture and debris from a vacant city owned lot at 4385 N. 26th street. During that process, Mr. Rodgers was found asleep on a couch with blankets. The Milwaukee Fire Department was called immediately to assist Mr. Rodgers and transported him to Froedtert Hospital. However, medical records submitted indicate that on 10/02/2024 Mr. Rodgers reported to the emergency room at Aurora Health Car Saini location stating he was attacked by a bobcat on September 11, 2024. These conflicting accounts raise significant questions regarding the cause and nature of the alleged injuries.



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Based on the findings of our investigation, there is insufficient evidence that the skid steer loader's operations caused the injuries claimed. It is our position that the City of Milwaukee is not liable for the damages. Therefore, we recommend that the claim submitted by Mr. Rodgers in the amount of \$ 314,898.28 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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