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The Honorable Common Council
of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 - City Hall

RE: Communications from DEBORAH and DAVID DYE
C.I. File No. 1029-2025-195

Dear Sir or Madam:

Claimants allege that property damage resulted when the City sewer main became clogged and backed into their home at 3907 West Hampton Avenue on December 14, 2024. They are seeking \$15,000.00 in damages.

We have completed an investigation into this matter with the Department of Public Works Sewer Maintenance. On December 14, 2024, Sewer Maintenance received a complaint of backwater 3907 West Hampton Avenue. At that time, a clogged eight-inch sanitary sewer was discovered and immediately opened by a Jet Vac cleaning crew. This relieved the backwater at the above address.

On December 16, 2024, Sewer Maintenance examined the sewer and found it to be functioning properly. The clog was due to heavy grease in the main sewer line. Sewers had no other work at this address.

It is our view the City was not negligent in this case, and therefore not liable for damages. As such, we recommend this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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