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

Re:

Communication from Josephine Morris

C.I. File No. 05-L-102

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, Josephine Morris, 3319 North 20th Street, #1, Milwaukee, WI 53206, alleges that on or about February 3, 2005 her 1975 Mercedes automobile was illegally removed from her property and destroyed by the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS). Ms. Morris seeks \$72,231.23 as damages.

Our investigation reveals that the DNS conducted an inspection on January 10, 2005 at this location. The inspection revealed a 1975 Mercedes Benz that was deemed a nuisance vehicle at the property. The vehicle was placarded and an order was issued to the claimant to either fully correct the nuisance conditions within 72 hours or move the vehicle into a completely enclosed garage. A re-inspection of the property was completed on January 19, 2005 and it revealed the

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vehicle was present and in the same condition. The vehicle was referred for towing and it was removed by a contractor on February 2, 2005. The DNS followed appropriate procedures in this matter, therefore, the city would not be liable and we recommend denial of this claim.

Very truly yours,

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MGT:beg Enclosure

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