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February 10, 2026

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

RE: C.I. File No. 2025-002362
Communication from LOGAN HEINRICH and THOMAS RAVERT

Dear Council Members:

Logan Heinrich and Thomas Ravert reported a sewer backup on October 24, 2025, alleging that the incident compromised their 6-inch clay sewer lateral at 3123 North Humboldt, beneath the 54-inch water main. On November 11, 2025, the claimants hired private contractors and an underground locator to clean the lateral, obtain camera footage, identify the compromised section, and excavate on both the east and west sides of the 54-inch water main to complete repairs. The claimants also presented a PowerPoint to illustrate their allegations and support their position.

As part of the investigation, the utility confirmed there was no construction work or road-surfacing activities performed that would have caused damage to the claimant's sewer lateral. The last known work performed in the area was contracted on January 18, 2022, involved a Lead Service Line Replacement and copper water service was installed to the north of the property entry walkway and not in the proximity of the claimant's lateral.



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It is our view there is no evidence that establishes a causal connection between any City activities to damage claimed. Because there is no work performed by the utility, the city is not liable for damages and we recommend that the claim for \$37,200 be denied.

Very truly yours,

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