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January 3, 2023

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

RE: Communications from SHEQUIDA MILLER
C.I. File No. 1029-2022-1386

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ms. Miller alleges she sustained damages to her 2004 Infinity G35, on September 9, 2022, when she struck a loose manhole lid at or near 2300 block of W. Cornell Street. Ms. Miller submitted a damage claim for repairs to her vehicle in the amount of \$8,811.59.

We completed an investigation into this matter. Our investigation reveals that on August 2, 2022, Sewer Maintenance received a call regarding a loose manhole lid located at 2300 block of W. Cornell Street. Sewer Maintenance responded and placed barricades at the subject location. Due to a high volume of calls during this summer's peak season, the manhole lid was scheduled for replacement at a later date.

On September 9, 2022, Sewer Maintenance responded to a report of an accident that caused a manhole cover to break at 2300 W. Cornell Street. Sewers Maintenance reported upon arrival, witnesses reported that the city barricade and manhole cover were struck by a vehicle during a hit and run incident, which may have caused damage to the claimant's vehicle. At that time, Sewer Maintenance replaced the damaged lid.




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Our appraisers completed inspection of the claimant's vehicle and reported that the vehicle's mileage was 223,491, and declared damages were beyond repairs. The estimated market value is between \$4,200 - \$4,750.

It is our position that the City is not liable for damages and we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,



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