

February 4, 2005

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

Re: Communication from E. Hokanson
C.I. File No. 05-L-4

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, E. Hokanson, 2935 North Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53211, alleges that in June 2003 he sustained damages when the City removed the house numerals from his property. He claims damages in the amount of \$939,000.00.

Our investigation reveals that the Department of Neighborhood Services has no record of or reason to remove the front house numbers from the property. In addition, there is no evidence that the alleged removal was caused by the negligence of any City employee. It is the owner's responsibility to replace the house numbers if they are damaged or stolen. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY
City Attorney

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