

June 4, 2003

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

Re: Communication from April Billingslea  
C.I. File No. 03-L-64

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, April Billingslea, 3367 North 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee, WI 53216, on her own behalf, alleges that on March 24, 2003 she sustained damage to her property due to a clogged sewer that caused water to back-up in her basement at 3367 North 37<sup>th</sup> Street. She claims damages in the amount of \$9,000.00.

Our investigation reveals that the sewer in question was on a three year cleaning schedule. The last time the sewer was cleaned was on November 6, 2001. Because the sewer was on a regular cleaning schedule and the City of Milwaukee did not have any

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notice of any problems with the sewer, the City cannot be held liable. Accordingly, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

MICHAEL G. TOBIN  
Assistant City Attorney

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Enclosure  
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