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

Re: Communication from BILLY SIGGERS  
C.I. File No. 1029-2014-2115

Dear Council Members:

Claimant, Billy Siggers, 8551 West Grantosa Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53225, alleges that on June 18, 2014 he sustained damages when a City sewer backed up into the basement of his residence. He claims damages in the amount of \$53,200.00.

The Infrastructure Services Division (ISD) records indicate that on June 18, 2014 they responded to a call of a backwater at 8551 West Grantosa Drive. They found the City main sewer to be clogged with heavy grease. A Sewer Jet was used to open the sewer and restore it to proper working order. Subsequently, the ISD televised the sewer and found structural deficiencies in a section of the downstream sewer. They scheduled a replacement of this section. The ISD records also indicate that the sewer is on a regular cleaning schedule and was last cleaned, prior to this incident,



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on October 7, 2013. Because the sewer is on a regular cleaning schedule and the City did not have notice of problems with the sewer, the City cannot be held liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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