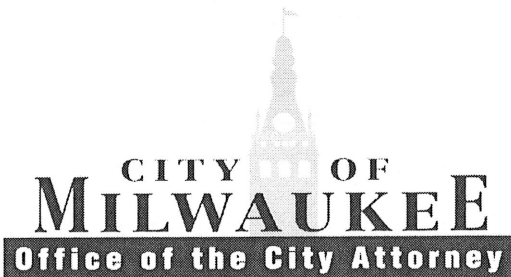


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August 9, 2018

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

Re: Communication from Karen Grade  
C.I. File No. 1029-2018-1676

Dear Council Members:


Karen Grade alleges that city sewer line blockage caused water back up in her home, resulting in \$16,078.65 in personal property damages.

An investigation by Milwaukee Water Works and Sewer Maintenance revealed that the City did not conduct any excavation work or repair activity at 4210 N 80<sup>th</sup> Street from January 1, 2008 to March 28, 2018. Furthermore, the investigation revealed the City's sanitary sewer was found to be clogged with heavy paper products. This sewer is on a normal three year cleaning schedule with the last cleaning occurring on August 4, 2016. Past cleaning records do not indicate any unusual problems.

There is nothing to support negligence on the City in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

  
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