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

Re: Communication from Mattie Roberts
C.I. File No. 06-L-42

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 recommendations.

Claimant, Mattie Roberts, 5267 North 51st Boulevard, Milwaukee, WI 53218 alleges that she suffered property loss of various items on April 30, 2006 when water backed up into the basement of her home. She claims damages in the amount of \$9, 224.00.

Our investigation reveals that the Infrastructure Services Division-Underground Operations (ISD) responded to a service call on April 30, 2006 regarding a backwater in the basement. The ISD investigators found the sewer was clogged with grease and paper towels. The sewer was cleaned and restored to working order. The sewer in question was on a regular cleaning schedule. The ISD followed normal procedures in this matter.

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Because the sewer was on a regular cleaning schedule and the City had no prior notice of this problem with the sewer, the City cannot accept liability. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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