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

Re: Resolution relating to the claim of Midnight Haulers, Inc.

By Great West Casualty Co.

C.I. File No. 06-L-60

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, Midnight Haulers, Inc., 829-19<sup>th</sup> Avenue, St. Joseph, MN 56301 by Great West Casualty Co., Vickie Stolen, Subrogation Specialist, Post Office Box 277, South Sioux City, NE 68776-0277 allege damages to their semi-trailer truck arising from the truck hitting an allegedly mis-marked excavation site on June 5, 2006 at North 96<sup>th</sup> Street and West Brown Deer Road. They claim damages in the amount of \$30,295.38.

Our investigation reveals the Infrastructure Services Division-Street Maintenance (ISD) was performing concrete repairs along the 9700 block of West Brown Deer Road at the time of the incident. The location was properly cordoned off using barricades and warning signs. As traffic travels west toward the excavation site there is a down slope that provides an unobstructed sight line to the barricaded area. The division has no record

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of any other accidents in this area during this project.

It was noted on the police accident report completed for this incident that the claimant's driver was traveling at a speed too fast for conditions and was driving inattentively. The ISD properly barricaded and posted this excavation site, and as such, the City cannot accept liability. We recommend denial of this claim.

Very truly yours,

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