

October 22, 2004

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

Re: Communication from E.J. Hokanson
C.I. File No. 04-L-122

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, E.J. Hokanson, 2935 North Prospect Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53211, alleges that in June 2004 he sustained damages when the City removed items from his property. He claims damages in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

Our investigation reveals that the Department of Neighborhood Services records indicate that on June 11, 2004 an order was issued to the claimant for removal of debris consisting of a small refrigerator, air conditioner, cushions, vacuum cleaner, chairs, boxes and all other debris on the property. The order was posted on the property and subsequently mailed to the claimant on June 15, 2004. There was no contact from the claimant. A re-inspection on June 22, 2004 revealed

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that the conditions were unchanged. A contractor was at the property on June 29, 2004 and removed the items on the list. The City acted appropriately in this matter and as such would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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City Attorney

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Assistant City Attorney

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