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Mr. Ronald Leonhardt, City Clerk City Hall, Room 205

Re:

Richard Will

Pension No. 41281

Dear Mr. Leonhardt:

Returned herewith is the claim of Richard Will in the amount of \$946.68. We are recommending that the claim be denied for the reasons set forth below. Mr. Will asked that we transmit a formal denial to the City Clerk so the matter may be scheduled for his appearance before the Judiciary & Legislation Committee.

Mr. Will separated from the Milwaukee Police Department on a deferred retirement in January of 2000. At the time the global settlement was approved in January of 2001, Mr. Will was administratively converted to a service retirement retroactive to January, 2000, based on the fact that Mr. Will separated with 25 years of service and therefore was eligible for early retirement under the global pension settlement. Mr. Will's claim is based on the fact that retiree health benefits were not made retroactive from the date of his separation.

We have reviewed the Global Pension Settlement Agreement for the Milwaukee Police Association. The Agreement provides for early retirement commencing January 1, 1998. "Health insurance to be based upon contractual unused/accumulated sick leave formula." The

Agreement is silent on retroactivity in situations where individuals are administratively converted to service retirement on a retroactive basis.

Very truly yours,

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