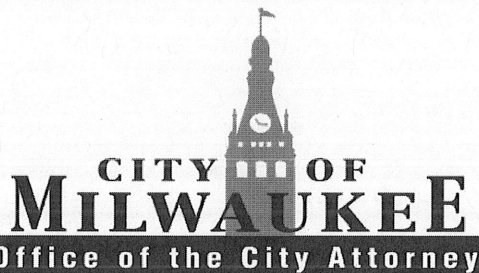


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January 2, 2020

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

Re: Communication from Dawn Bruss
C.I. File No. 1029-2019-2147

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.


On July 20, 2019 Milwaukee Water Works received a call regarding backwater at 3720 S. 88th Street. As a result of the damages incurred from this incident, Ms. Dawn Bruss has filed a claim against the City for \$5,542.00.

Sewer Maintenance responded to the call regarding backwater at 3720 S. 88th Street. They found the City's sanitary sewer was clogged. A Sewer Jet Vac was called and the sewer was restored to its proper working condition. Inspection reports do not indicate any information about disturbing or damaging the sanitary sewer of the sanitary lateral line which connects to 3720 S. 88th Street. There were no water main breaks reported on S. 88th Street, and there was no contractor working in the area on the day of occurrence.

The property damages incurred on July 20, 2019 was not due to any negligence on the City's part. As such, the City is not liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,


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