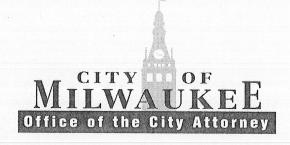
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December 5, 2022

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

RE: Communication from LAURA HABUSH

C.I. File No. 1029-2022-767

Dear Sir or Madam:

Ms. Habush alleges that on April 21, 2022, she sustained sewer back up at her property at 3056 N. 78<sup>th</sup> Street. Ms. Habush submitted a damage claim for repairs in the amount of \$25,875.00.

We have completed an investigation into this matter. Sewer Maintenance reported that on June of 2022, they responded to three calls regarding the property at 3056 N. 78<sup>th</sup> Street. Sewer Maintenance responded to each call in a timely matter. The first call was received on June 2, 2022, regarding grease on top of a manhole, followed by two subsequent calls on June 17, 2022, and June 20, 2022, when Ms. Habush inquired about a sewer inspection check.

On June 29, 2022, Sewer Maintenance CCTV televised the City's 8" sanitary main that services the property at 3056 N. 78th Street as a follow up to a video submitted by the claimant. Sewer Maintenance found that the main sewer was functioning properly and there was a good lateral connection seen from inside the main sewer at the subject property. Ms. Habush, was notified that repairs to the building lateral would be the homeowner's responsibility.

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It is our position that the City is not liable for damages in this case and we recommend the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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