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September 26, 2005

Jennifer L. Reis 839 North Jefferson Street, # 601 Milwaukee, WI 53202

RE:

Jennifer L. Reis

C.I. File No: 05-S-166

Dear Ms. Reis:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$4,359.00, relating to the recycling of your vehicle, loss of personal property and cost you allegedly incurred when the vehicle was recycled.

Our investigation reveals that your vehicle was towed on May 3, 2005 for being Illegally Parked and having 29 unpaid citations. On May 3, 2005 a notice was sent to you at 2476 North Bartlett Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53211-3236, the address at which the Vehicle Identification Number was registered to with the Department of Transportation, advising you that your vehicle had been towed and indicating if it was not retrieved by May 18, 2005 it would be destroyed after that date. On May 17, 2005 you were at the Violations Payment Center on South Chase Street and paid the outstanding parking tickets and penalties. You claim that you were informed by staff that it was not "safe" to pick up your car, and that you should wait seven to ten days. Staff members at the Violations Bureau do not remember speaking with you. They state that they would not have given you this advice; they usually inform people to pick up their vehicles at the tow lot and to carry the ticket payment receipt with them, because it takes seven to ten business days for the vehicle registration suspension to clear. In addition, had you asked you would have been informed that, until the payment clears, your car could be towed if it were again parked illegally. You did not come to retrieve your vehicle until May 24; despite the notice you received. The car had been recycled. The City followed proper procedure and therefore, we are denying your claim.

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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY

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