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April 1, 2015

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

Re: Communication from PETER HAVERLOCK C.I. File No. 1048-2014-2816

Dear Council Members:

Claimant, Peter Haverlock, 7901 South Scepter, Unit 7, Franklin, WI 53132, alleges through his attorney, Groth Law Firm, S.C., 13035 West Bluemound Road, Suite 205, Brookfield, WI 53005, that on July 4, 2014 he sustained injuries when he tripped and fell on an uneven sidewalk at 5680 South 108th Street in Hales Corners, WI. They also allege that the City of Milwaukee has a water main in the area and that failure to maintain it may have caused the pavement to move. They claim damages in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) records indicate that they do not maintain pavement on any sidewalks located in Hales Corners. In addition, Hales Corners took out a permit for a private contractor to install the water main in West Janesville Road from South 108th Place to West Forest Home Avenue in 1983. MWW reviewed their records from January 1, 2004 to July 4, 2014 and found that they did not receive any calls, reports or complaints regarding this area. They also did not do any repair work. After receipt of this claim, the MWW inspected the area and found that no repairs were needed to the water main.



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There is no evidence that the MWW was negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

GRANT F. LANGLEY City Attorney

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