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May 11, 2018

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

Re:

C. I. File No. 1048-2016-1012

Communication from: Edith Guerrero

2658 South 14<sup>th</sup> Street Milwaukee, WI 53215

Dear Council Members:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Edith Guerrero alleges that on January 28, 2016 there was a water main break and subsequent sewer backup into her basement. Claimed damages total \$8,692.47.

Milwaukee Water Works (MWW) records indicate that on January 28, 2016 they received a report of a leak in the street at 1316 West Cleveland Avenue. MWW dispatched a utility investigator who confirmed a break on a 12-inch water main and shut off the water. During this process, their investigator inadvertently operated the wrong gate valve, which caused additional water main breaks in this area. On January 29, 2016, MWW found a break on a six-inch water main and possible sewer damage at the claimant's address. Their distribution crews responded and repaired the main. MWW hired a contractor to repair the claimant's sewer. MWW concluded that the force of the water main break caused the damage to the claimant's sewer creating the backup at her property.

A compromise settlement of \$7,500.00 was accepted by Ms. Guerrero. Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we recommend settlement of this claim in the amount of \$7,500.00 and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your convenience.





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Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Bernice Flemming (MWW – w/o enc.)

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