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August 6, 2009

Kambi Washington
2221 West Keefe Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53206

RE: Kambi Washington
C.I. File No: 09-S-251

Dear Ms. Washington:

We have received your claim in the amount of $2,812.30, relating to damage allegedly sustained to your vehicle on June 19, 2009 at approximately 1:00 a.m. when it became submerged in water while you were traveling eastbound on Capitol Drive at 35th Street.

Our investigation reveals that the Infrastructure Services Division (ISD) records indicate that because of the large amount and strong intensity of the rain during this time, the City experienced flows that exceeded the capacity of the sewer system. On June 19, 2009 at 1:45 a.m. the ISD received a call of clogged catch basins on West Capitol Drive from North 32nd to North 35th Streets. They dispatched a Sewer Jet and it opened six basins that had debris on their grates. After this claim was filed, the ISD checked all the basins in the area and found them to be in proper working order. The City was not negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we are denying your claim.

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

Very truly yours,

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