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September 24, 2021

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

RE:

C.I. File No. 1053-2020-1597

Communication from: James Curtis Legal Services, LLC

P.O. Box 812

Brookfield, WI 53008-0812, on behalf of

Sheila Nguyen

13250 West North Avenue

Brookfield, WI 53005

## Dear Council Members:

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

James Curtis Legal Services, LLC alleges that the tax charges for the property located at 1320 West Locust Street were paid in 2017 to the Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) and this was not reported by them to the Treasurer's Office. The City acquired ownership of the property through an in-rem tax foreclosure on September 23, 2019. Subsequently, the Department of City Development (DCD) inspected the property. In December 2019 the claimant appeared in court and had the foreclosure judgment vacated. She claims various damages in the amount of \$63,477.44.

A compromise settlement of \$8,885.44 was accepted by Ms. Nguyen. Because settlement of this matter is deemed expeditious to the City of Milwaukee, we



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recommend settlement of this claim in the amount of \$8,885.44 and have enclosed an appropriate resolution for your convenience.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Tanz Rome (DNS) Jim Klajbor (Treasurer's Office)

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