

# Memorandum

TO: Gary Barczak, Chair, Board of Public Works  
Michael Czaplewski, First District  
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FROM: Michael Lewis, City Engineer

DATE: June 9, 2009

RE: **Communication from City Engineer Regarding Drainage Problem at  
1041 South 96<sup>th</sup> Street**

Alderman Gary Barczak forwarded to us a drainage problem at 1041 South 96<sup>th</sup> Street and we have talked with the property owner to get a little history. We feel the problem meets past policy on dealing with these kinds of issues and have proposed the attached solution.

My staff was told and we believe it, that stormwater runoff is collecting along side the garage structure. In the last year or two, homes were built just to the west. The stormwater probably “sheet” drained to the vacant properties, but now can’t.

The garage is lower than the sidewalk. Reviewing the roadway plan dated 1970, it’s apparent they didn’t take the garage into account. There are no garage slab grades shown on the plan. If the vacant lots to the west were built upon at the time of the street paving, there would have been a problem starting in 1970. Therefore, the City caused the problem and we propose that the City pay for the total cost of the storm sewer installation with no assessment to the property owner. If the Board approves, we will plan to install the sewer sometime this year.