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City Attorney Scott Post,

This letter is written for the purpose of filing a claim with the City of West Allis for Street Assessments and interest totalling \$2963.42. In October of 2010, the completion of roadwork on W. Rogers from 76th St. east to 67th St. occurred. By March of 2011, (5 months later) just after the snow melted, it was obvious that there was a problem with the concrete work. The entire roadway from 76th to 67th Streets had thousands of feet of cracks. I measured one of the cracks right outside of my house that was in excess of 80 feet long. I live in a corner house on 75th and Rogers and paid for this roadway with a special assessment and interest over 4 years.

I contacted the West Allis City Engineering Dept. who was also aware of the problem but stated they had no idea why this was occurring. I had numerous conversations with Chris St.Clair who assured me that the road was guaranteed by the construction company that did the work and when they came to a solution for the problem, he would let me know. I spoke with Mr. St.Clair a couple times after that but had received no new information as to what would happen.

In 2012 I finally contacted my alderman, Matin Weigel, regarding the problem which appeared to be getting worse. At that time I was becoming very upset that there had been no determination as to the cause of the breaking up of the roadway. The city was also not even putting any tar in the cracks over the winters which would have stopped water from getting into the roadway and breaking it up even more. Alderman Weigel advised me at that time that there would be nothing done to fix the road nor would I receive any reimbursement for the damaged product.

On May 12, 2014 I again contacted alderman Weigel as I believed that I had come to my own conclusion why the roadway was breaking up. At least 10 times a day I observe West Allis Fire

engines and Med units traveling east on Rogers from 76th St. to 67th St. as they return back to their station in a non-emergency fashion. This roadway is deemed "no trucking" and some of this equipment weighs in excess of 60,000 pounds. (You can actually hear the roadway heaving as they go by) Alderman Weigel stated that he would look into this further. He responded back to me on May 30, 2014 by e-mail stating that he had spoken to Chief Bane who told him there is no policy regarding their equipment using no trucking roads in a non-emergency mode. Chief Bane was going to look into creating such a policy and Alderman Weigel stated he would support it.

As to this date I still see at least 10 Fire engines and Med units returning to their station in a non-emergency mode on any given day. I want to make clear that I have no animosity toward the fire department, but believe that trucks like these should only be traveling on a no trucking roadway while responding in an emergency mode. Either way, I made my last assessment installment several months ago and have now paid in full for a product that the city sold me that is and has been damaged from almost the beginning. I'm hopeful that I will receive reimbursement for this without filing a small claims suit.

Please contact me at your earliest convenience with your response.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randal R. Holmes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Randal R. Holmes