

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

RE: Shawn E. Lovell, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. for Northland Preserve LLC
(Tax Parcels 0709-303-0115-9) - excessive assessment- \$11,485.

Claimant, Northland Preserve LLC, claims a refund for excessive real property tax pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37 for their 2025 taxes for their property located at 84 Kessel Court. The claimant alleges that the assessed value should be no higher than \$7,535,410 for 2025, and the property taxes should be no higher than \$140,583. The Claimant seeks a refund of \$11,485.

The City Assessor valued the property at \$8,879,000 for tax year 2025. The Claimant challenged the 2025 assessment before both the Boards of Assessors and Review, and the Board of Assessors reduced the assessment to \$8,151,000 which the Board of Review sustained. The 2025 real property taxes were \$152,067.60. The Claimant also alleges that the assessed value of the property as sustained by the Board of Review violates Article VIII, Section 1 (“Uniformity Clause”) of the Wisconsin Constitution.

I have consulted with the Office of the Assessor, and we are of the opinion that the Board of Review determined the appropriate assessed value for 2025.

For the foregoing reasons, I recommend denial of the subject claim.

NOTE: This claim was received on January 29, 2026, and pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37(3)(a) if no action is taken on this claim by the Common Council within ninety (90) days of filing the claim, it is considered disallowed.

Respectfully submitted,

Electronically Signed By:
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