

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

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TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

RE: Eric J Hatchell, Foley & Lardner LLP for Paragon Place at Bear Claw Way II LLC (Tax Parcels 0708-213-0502-0 & 0708-213-1301-5) - excessive assessment-\$66,624.44.

Claimant, Paragon Place at Bear Claw Way II LLC, claims a refund for excessive real property tax pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37 for their 2025 taxes for their two properties located at 215 Lakota Way and 220 Lakota Way. The claimant alleges that the combined assessed value of the two properties should be no higher than \$19,310,000 for 2025. The Claimant seeks a refund of \$66,624.44 plus interest.

The City Assessor valued the properties at a combined \$25,506,100 for tax year 2025. The Claimant challenged the 2025 assessments before both the Boards of Assessors and Review, and the Board of Assessors reduced the amounts to a combined \$23,200,000. The 2025 real property taxes were a combined \$398,348.86.

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 23, 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:
Jason Donker***

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