

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

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**REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

AUTHOR: Jason Donker

DATED: March 9, 2026

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TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

RE: Scott Matthews (Property Address 5324 Loruth Terrace) - excessive assessment  
- \$1,561.53.

Claimant, Scott Matthews, claims a refund for excessive real property tax pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37 for their 2025 taxes for their property located at 5324 Loruth Terrace. The claimant alleges that the assessed value should be no higher than \$1,019,000 for 2025, and the property taxes should be no higher than \$18,645.68. The Claimant seeks a refund of \$1561.53.

The City Assessor valued the property at \$1,183,500 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 value to \$1,102,700 which the Board of Review sustained. The 2025 real property taxes were \$20,207.21.

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 30, 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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