

CITY OF MADISON, WISCONSIN

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**REPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

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TO THE MAYOR AND COMMON COUNCIL:

RE: EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT: Eric J. Hatchell, Foley & Lardner, LLP, attorney for 1000 Mifflin Street, LLC – Excessive Assessment - \$16,415.29

Claimant 1000 Mifflin Street, LLC, is claiming a refund for excessive real property tax pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37 for their 2023 taxes for their property located at 103 E. Mifflin Street. The claimant alleges that the assessed value should be no higher than \$4,014.943 for 2023, and the property taxes should be no higher than \$73,298.64. The Claimant seeks a refund of \$16,415.29 plus interest.

The City Assessor valued the property at \$4,913,000 for tax year 2023. The Claimant challenged the 2023 assessment before the Board of Assessors, who increased the assessment to \$5,534,000. Claimant then challenged this ruling to the Board of Review, who reduced the 2023 assessment back to its original value. The 2023 real property taxes were \$89,713.93. The Claimant also alleges that the assessed value of the property established by the Office of the Assessor and 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 2023.

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

**NOTE:** This claim was received on January 29, 2024, 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,

  
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