

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: Scott Matthews, Property Owner - \$2,579.09

Claimant Scott Matthews is claiming a refund for excessive real property tax pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37 for his 2023 taxes for his property located at 5324 Loruth Terrace. The claimant alleges that the assessed value should be no higher than \$940,000 for 2023, and the property taxes should be no higher than \$16,765.47. The Claimant seeks a refund of \$2,579.09 plus interest.

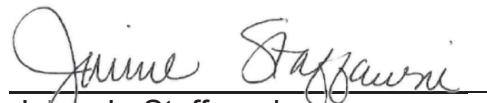
The City Assessor valued the property at \$1,081,100 for tax year 2023. The Claimant challenged the 2023 assessment before the Board of Review, and they sustained the assessment. The 2023 real property taxes were \$19,344.56.

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 30, 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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