

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: Monica A. Wedgewood, Stroud, Willink & Howard, LLC, attorney for Hy-Vee, Inc. – Excessive Assessment - \$200,553.13

Claimant Hy-Vee, Inc., is claiming a refund for excessive real property tax pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37 for their 2023 taxes for their property located at 675 S. Whitney Way. The claimant alleges that the assessed value should be no higher than \$7,037,900 for 2023, and the property taxes should be no higher than \$128,641.99. The Claimant seeks a refund of \$200,553.13 plus interest.

The City Assessor valued the property at \$18,010,000 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 \$329,195.12.

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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