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CLAIM FOR EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT

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Maribeth Witzel-Behl, City Clerk
City of Madison
City County Building
210 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard
Madison, WI 53703



Dear Clerk:

Re: Tax Parcel No. 0709-134-3601-4

Now comes Claimant, 800 South, LLC, owner of parcel 0709-134-3601-4 (the "Property") in Madison, Wisconsin, by Claimant's attorneys Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., and files this Claim for Excessive Assessment against the City of Madison (the "City"), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37. You hereby are directed to serve any notice of disallowance on the undersigned agent of the Claimants.

1. This Claim is brought under Wis. Stat. § 74.37(3)(d), for a refund of excessive real estate taxes imposed on Claimant by the City for the year 2020, plus statutory interest, with respect to the Property.
2. Claimant is the owner of the Property, is responsible for the payment of property taxes and the prosecution of property tax disputes involving the Property and is authorized to bring this claim in its own name.
3. The City is a body corporate and politic, duly organized as a municipal corporation under Wisconsin law, with its principal office located at 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. in the City.
4. The Property is located at 803 East Washington Avenue, within the City and is identified in the City's records as Tax Parcel No. 0709-134-3601-4.
5. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue determined that the aggregate ratio of property assessed in the City was 93.6032735% as of January 1, 2020.

6. For 2020, property tax was imposed on property in the City at the rate of \$22.4674 per \$1,000 for of the assessed value for Property.
7. For 2020, the City's assessor set the assessment of the Property at \$9,880,000.
8. Claimant appealed the 2020 assessment of the Property by filing a timely objection with the City's Board of Review pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.47 and otherwise complying with all of the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 70.47, except Wis. Stat. § 70.47(13).
9. The City's Board of Review without justification unlawfully denied Claimant a hearing and dismissed its objection.
10. The City imposed tax on the Property in the amount of \$221,978.29.
11. Claimant timely paid the property taxes imposed by the City on the Property for 2020, or the required installment thereof.
12. The fair market value of the Property as of January 1, 2020 was no higher than \$7,500,000.
13. Based on the aggregate ratio 93.6032735%, the correct assessment of the Property for 2020 is no higher than \$7,020,246.
14. Based on the tax rate of \$22.4674 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the correct amount of property tax on the Property for 2020 should be no higher than \$157,727.
15. The 2020 assessment of the Property, as set by the City's Board of Review and compared with other properties in the City was excessive and, upon information and belief, violated Article VIII, Section 1 (i.e., the Uniformity Clause) of the Wisconsin Constitution. As a result, the property tax imposed on the Property for 2020 was excessive in at least the amount of \$64,252.
16. Upon information and belief the City will take the position that the assessment of property in the City is at market value and, if true, then an over assessment of the Property constitutes a Uniformity Clause violation. As a result of the assessment of the Property, the Property bears an unreasonably disproportionate share of taxes on an ad valorem basis.
17. Claimant is entitled to a refund of 2020 tax in the amount of \$64,252, or such greater amount as may be determined to be due to Claimant, plus statutory interest.

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18. The amount of this claim is \$64,252, plus interest thereon.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 25th day of January, 2021.

Sincerely yours,



Don M. Millis
Agent for Claimant

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