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Ms. Janice Johnson-Martin, City Clerk
Racine City Hall
730 Washington Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53403

RE: Claim for Excessive Assessment Filed by Giraffe Properties, LLC for 2010 Real Estate Taxes

Dear Ms. Johnson-Martin:

As the legal counsel for the City of Racine Board of Review, you have forwarded to our office for further processing the enclosed claim for excessive assessment, dated January 21, 2011, that has been filed with the City of Racine regarding the real estate taxes payable by Giraffe Properties, LLC, for its parcel of real property located at 2433 South Green Bay Road, Racine, Wisconsin.

Based on information that we received from the City Assessor, Mr. Ray Anderson, the assessed valuation of the property in question is correct and accurate. Additionally, such assessed valuation was upheld by the City of Racine Board of Review in its 2010 proceedings held in this matter.

We accordingly recommend that the City of Racine Common Council take steps to formally deny this claim. When and if the Common Council does take those steps, your office should then send a written notice (by certified mail) to the property owner advising it of the denial, pursuant to the provisions of Section 74.37(3)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Should any representative of the City have any questions regarding this request, please feel free to contact our office.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

HANKEL, BJELAJAC & KALLENBACH



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JMB/bj

cc: Atty. Robert K. Weber
Mr. Ray Anderson