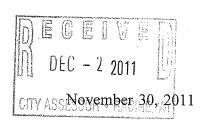
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Ms. Janice Johnson-Martin, City Clerk Racine City Hall 730 Washington Avenue Racine, Wisconsin 53403

RE: Claim for Excessive Assessment Filed by Park Vista Apartments for 2011 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 November 18, 2011, that has been filed with the City of Racine regarding the real estate taxes payable by Park Vista Apartments, LLC for its parcel of real property located at 4215 Durand Avenue, 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 2011 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

John M. Bjelajac

JMB/bj

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



November 21, 2011

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Ms. Janice Johnson-Martin Clerk, City of Racine	A			
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Re:

Claim for Excessive Assessment for

Park Vista Apartments Parcel number: 24802001

Dear Ms. Johnson-Martin:

7830 Washington Avenue

Racine, WI 53403

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37, enclosed is a Claim for Excessive Assessment for the above parcel, which we are hereby serving upon you. I am also enclosing an Agent Authorization.

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Please indicate your receipt of the Claim by file-stamping the enclosed extra copy and return it to our process server.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Maureen A. McGinnity

Enclosures

## CLAIM FOR EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. § 74.37

To: Clerk, City of Racine

730 Washington Avenue, Room 207

Racine, WI 53403

Claimant: Park Vista Apartments LLC

Parcel number: 24802001 (the "Property")

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Owner address: 2375 State Road 44 Suite A, Oshkosh, WI 53904

- 1. Claimant is the owner of the Property.
- 2. For the year 2011, the Property was assessed at \$1,392,000.
- 3. Based upon a valuation prepared by Ed Atwood of Contemporary Real Estate Research, the actual fair market value of the Property as of January 1, 2011 was \$208,794.
- 4. Claimant timely filed an Objection with the Board of Review contesting the 2011 assessment of the Property and appeared at a hearing on such Objection beginning June 21, 2011. On July 27, 2011, the Board of Review issued its determination upholding the 2011 assessment.
- 5. The Racine assessor failed to comply with the Wisconsin Property Assessors Manual and generally accepted appraisal practices with respect to the assessment of the Property by, among other things: (a) failing to use the income approach in assessing the Property, (b) relying upon the comparable sales approach notwithstanding that there were no comparable sales; (c) failing to obtain adequate data to compare the economic characteristics of the Property with the economic characteristics of the sale parcels upon which the assessor relied; (d) failing to adjust his comparable sales for differences between them and the Property; and (e) failing to make time adjustments. These errors resulted in the excessive assessment of the Property.
- 6. The Racine Board of Review erroneously held that Claimant failed to overcome the presumption of correctness of the 2011 assessments and erroneously upheld the assessments.
- 7. Based on the Atwood valuation, the Property should have been assessed at \$208,794 for 2011, resulting in an over-assessment of \$1,183,206. Assuming the same mil rate used in 2010 will apply for 2011, such over-assessment will result in excess tax in the amount of at least \$28,200 being imposed on the Property.
- 8. Claimant will timely pay its first installment of taxes for which this claim is filed, and has complied with all other conditions under Wis. Stat. § 74.37.

- 9. Assuming this claim is not resolved until after Claimant has paid all installments of 2011 taxes, the amount of this claim is at least \$28,200, plus interest at the statutory rate.
- 10. Claimant reserves the right to amend this claim or offer different proof of value, by appraisal or otherwise.
- 11. The undersigned is authorized to file this Claim on behalf of Claimant pursuant to the written Agent Authorization submitted herewith. All inquiries or responses to this Claim should be directed to the undersigned.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_K day of November, 2011.

FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

Maureen A McGinnity

Attorneys for Claimant

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