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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 2012 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, 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, the assessed valuation of the property in question is correct and accurate. 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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cc: Atty. Robert K. Weber City Assessor's Office

CITY ATTORNEY

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