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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY

WALGREEN CO., 300 Wilmot Road Deerfield, Illinois 60015,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 23-CV-5489 Money Judgment - 30301

CITY OF WAUWATOSA 7725 W. North Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213,

Defendant.

## AMENDED SUMMONS

## STATE OF WISCONSIN:

To each entity named above as Defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above have filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Amended Complaint, which is attached, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Amended Summons, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The Court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to or electronically filed with the Court, whose address is 901 North 9th Street, Room 104, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233, and to plaintiff's attorneys, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., whose address is 22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 700, Madison, Wisconsin 53703. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper answer within 20 days, the Court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Amended Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Amended Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023.

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. 22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 700 Milwaukee, WI 53703 Telephone: 608-229-2200

Facsimile: 608-229-2100

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CITY OF WAUWATOSA 7725 W. North Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213,

Defendant.

## AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Walgreen Co. ("Plaintiff"), by its undersigned counsel, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., for its Amended and Supplemental Complaint against the defendant City of Wauwatosa (the "City"), alleges as follows:

## **NATURE OF ACTION AND PARTIES**

- 1. This action is brought under Wis. Stat. § 74.37(3)(d), for a refund of excessive real estate taxes imposed on Plaintiff by the City for the years 2022 and 2023, plus statutory interest, with respect to three parcels of real property in the City (collectively the "Properties").
- 2. Plaintiff is the tenant of the Properties, is responsible for the payment of property taxes and the prosecution of property tax disputes involving the Properties 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 7725 W. Wauwatosa Avenue in the City.
  - 4. The Properties are identified on the City's records as follows:
- (a) 10800 W. Capitol Drive, Parcel Number 256-0075-07 (the "Capitol Drive Property");
- (b) 6600 W. State Street; Tax Parcel Number 384-0009-02 (the "State Street Property"); and
- (c) 2656 N. Wauwatosa Avenue, Tax Parcel Number 331-0777-01 (the "Wauwatosa Avenue Property").

## JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 5. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the City pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 801.05(1).
  - 6. Venue is appropriate in Milwaukee County pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 801.50(2)(a).

## BACKGROUND FACTS

#### 2022 Assessment - Background Facts

- 7. The Department of Revenue determined that the aggregate ratio of property assessed in the City was 84.3822235% as of January 1, 2022.
- 8. For 2022, property tax was imposed on property in the City at the rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 of assessed value of property.
  - 9. For 2022, the City's assessor set the assessments of the Properties as follows:

Capitol Drive Property	\$ 3,368,300
State Street Property	\$ 3,643,400
Wauwatosa Avenue Property	\$ 3,412,200

- 10. Plaintiff appealed the 2022 assessments of the Properties by filing timely objections 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).
- 11. After Plaintiff filed objections, the City's Board of Review served subpoenas on Plaintiff that did not comply with the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 70.47(8)(d).
- 12. Nevertheless, Plaintiff responded in good faith and substantially complied with the subpoenas by timely providing responsive documents to the Board of Review or its designee.
- 13. The City's Board of Review without justification unlawfully denied Plaintiff a hearing and dismissed its objections.
- 14. Plaintiff timely paid the property taxes imposed by the City on the Properties for 2023, or the required installment thereof.
- 15. On January 30, 2023, Plaintiffs timely and personally served on the City Clerk three claims for excessive assessment pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37(2) (the "2022 Claims"). True and correct copies of the 2022 Claims are attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and are incorporated herein by reference.
- 16. The City failed to respond to the 2022 Claims. Therefore, the 2022 Claims are deemed disallowed.

## 2023 Assessment - Background Facts

- 17. The aggregate ratio of property assessed in the City as of January 1, 2023 has not been determined as of the date of filing.
- 18. For 2022, property tax was imposed on property in the City at the rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 of assessed value for the Properties.
  - 19. For 2023, the City's assessor set the assessment of the Properties

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Capitol Drive Property	\$ 3,368,300
State Street Property	\$ 3,643,400
Wauwatosa Avenue Property	\$ 3,412,200

- 20. Plaintiff appealed the 2023 assessment of the State Street 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).
- After Plaintiff filed objections, the City's Board of Review served subpoenas on 21. Plaintiff that did not comply with the requirements of Wis. Stat. § 70.47(8)(d).
- 22. Nevertheless, Plaintiff responded in good faith and substantially complied with the subpoenas by timely providing responsive documents to the Board of Review or its designee.
- 23. Plaintiff's responses to the Board of Review's subpoenas in 2023 were substantially identical to Plaintiff's responses in 2022.
- 24. By virtue of stipulations, Plaintiff agreed to reductions in the 2023 assessments of the Capitol Drive Property and the Wauwatosa Avenue Property to \$3,000,000 each.
- 25. By virtue of hearing waiver pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.47(8m) the Board of Review sustained the 2023 assessment on the merits without hearing at \$3,643,400. A true and correct copy of the 2023 Stipulation Waiving Hearing is attached hereto as Exhibit B and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 26. Assuming the 2023 mill rate will be essentially the same as the 2022 mill rate, the City will impose tax on the State Street Property in the approximate amount of \$79,398.
- 27. Plaintiff will timely pay the property taxes imposed by the City on the State Street Property for 2023, or the required installments thereof.

## **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

28. The allegations of paragraphs 1-27 are incorporated as if fully re-alleged herein.

## 2022 Assessment - Claim for Relief

29. The fair market value of the Properties as of January 1, 2022 were no higher than the following:

Capitol Drive Property	\$ 2,115,000
State Street Property	\$ 2,000,000
Wauwatosa Avenue Property	\$ 1,700,000

30. Based on the aggregate ratio of 84.3822235%, the correct assessments of the Properties for 2022 is no higher than the following:

Capitol Drive Property	\$ 1,784,684
State Street Property	\$ 1,687,644
Wauwatosa Avenue Property	\$ 1,434,498

31. Based on the tax rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the correct amount of property tax on the Properties for 2022 should be no higher than the following:

Capitol Drive Property		38,892	
State Street Property	\$	36,778	
Wauwatosa Avenue Property	\$	31,261	

- 32. The 2022 assessments of the Properties, as set by the City's Assessor and compared with other commercial Properties in the City are excessive and, upon information and belief, violates Article VIII, Section 1 (i.e., the Uniformity Clause) of the Wisconsin Constitution. As a result, the property taxes imposed on the Properties for 2022 may be excessive in at least the amount of \$120,171.
- 33. 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 over assessments of the Properties constitute a Uniformity Clause violation. As a result of the assessments of the Properties, the Properties bear an unreasonably disproportionate share of taxes on an ad valorem basis.

34. Plaintiff is entitled to a refund of 2022 tax in the amount of at least \$120,171, or such greater amount as may be determined to be due to Plaintiff, plus statutory interest.

## 2023 Assessment - Claim for Relief

- 35. The fair market value of the State Street Property as of January 1, 2023 is no higher than \$2,000,000.
- 36. Assuming an aggregate ratio of 100%, the correct assessment of the State Street Property for 2023 is no higher than \$2,000,000.
- 37. Based on the 2022 tax rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the correct amount of property taxes on the State Street Property for 2023 is no higher than \$43,584.
- 38. The 2023 assessment of the State Street Property, as set by the City's Assessor and compared with other commercial 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 State Street Property for 2023 may be excessive in at least the amount of \$35,813.
- 39. Upon information and belief, the City will take the position that the assessment of property in the City is at market values and, if true, then an over assessment of the State Street Property constitutes a Uniformity Clause violation. As a result of the assessment of the State Street Property, the State Street Property bears an unreasonably disproportionate share of taxes on an ad valorem basis.
- 40. Plaintiff is entitled to a refund of 2023 tax in the amount of at least \$35,813, or such greater amount as may be determined to be due to Plaintiff, plus statutory interest.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests the following relief:

A. A determination that the assessments of the Properties for 2022 should be no higher than the following:

Capitol Drive Property	\$ 1,784,684
State Street Property	\$ 1,687,644
Wauwatosa Avenue Property	\$ 1,434,498

B. A determination that the correct taxes on the Properties for 2022 should be no higher than the following:

Capitol Drive Property	\$ 38,892
State Street Property	\$ 36,778
Wauwatosa Avenue Property	\$ 31,261

- C. A determination that the assessment of the State Street Property for 2023 should be no higher than \$2,000,000;
- D. A determination that the correct taxes on the State Street Property for 2023 should be no higher than \$43,584;
- E. Judgment in the amount of \$155,984, or such greater amount as may be determined due to Plaintiff, plus statutory interest;
- F. An award of all litigation costs incurred by Plaintiff in this action, including the reasonable fees of its attorneys; and
  - G. Such other and further relief as the Court deems appropriate and just.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2023.

Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. 22 East Mifflin Street, Suite 700

Madison, WI 53703

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EXHIBIT

January 27, 2023

## CLAIM FOR EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT

SERVED BY PROCESS SERVER

Received by

Steven Braatz, Clerk City of Wauwatosa 7725 W. North Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213 JAN 30 2023

City Clerk's Office

Dear Mr. Braatz:

Re: Tax Parcel No. 256-0075-07

Now comes Claimant, Walgreen Co., tenant of parcel 256-0075-07 (the "Property") in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, by Claimant's attorneys Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., and files this Claim for Excessive Assessment against the City of Wauwatosa (the "City"), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37. You hereby are directed to serve any notice of disallowance on the undersigned agent of the Claimant.

- 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 2022, plus statutory interest, with respect to the Property.
- Claimant is the tenant 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.
- The City is a body corporate and politic, duly organized as a municipal corporation under Wisconsin law, with its principal office located at 7725 W. North Avenue in the City.

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- 4. The Property is located at 10800 W. Capitol Drive within the City and is identified in the City's records as Tax Parcel No. 256-0075-07.
- 5. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue determined that the aggregate ratio of property assessed in the City was 84.3822235% as of January 1, 2022.
- 6. For 2022, property tax was imposed on property in the City at the rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 for of the assessed value for Property.
  - 7. For 2022, the City's assessor set the assessment of the Property at \$3,368,300.
- 8. Claimant appealed the 2022 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.
  - The City imposed tax on the Property in the amount of \$73,402.80.
- 11. Claimant timely paid the property taxes imposed by the City on the Property for 2022, or the required installment thereof.
- 12. The fair market value of the Property as of January 1, 2022 was no higher than \$2,115,000.
- 13. Based on the aggregate ratio 84.3822235%, the correct assessment of the Property for 2022 is no higher than \$1,784,684.
- 14. Based on the tax rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the correct amount of property tax on the Property for 2022 should be no higher than \$38,892.
- 15. The 2022 assessment of the Property, as set by the City's Board of Review and compared with other commercial 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 2022 was excessive in at least the amount of \$34,511.
- 16. Claimant is entitled to a refund of 2022 tax in the amount of \$34,511, or such greater amount as may be determined to be due to Claimant, plus statutory interest.

- 17. 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.
  - 18. The amount of this claim is \$34,511, plus interest thereon.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 27th day of January, 2023.

Sincerely yours,

Don M. Millis

Agent for Claimant

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Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c. P.O. Box 2018 Madison, WI 53701-2018

22 East Mifflin Street Suite 700 Madison, WI 53703

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January 27, 2023

## CLAIM FOR EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT

Don M. Millis Direct Dial: 608-229-2234 dmillis@reinhartlaw.com

SERVED BY PROCESS SERVER

Received by

Steven Braatz, Clerk City of Wauwatosa 7725 W. North Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213

JAN 30 2023

City Clerk's Office

Dear Mr. Braatz:

Re: Tax Parcel No. 331-0777-01

Now comes Claimant, Walgreen Co., tenant of parcel 331-0777-01 (the "Property") in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, by Claimant's attorneys Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., and files this Claim for Excessive Assessment against the City of Wauwatosa (the "City"), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37. You hereby are directed to serve any notice of disallowance on the undersigned agent of the Claimant.

- 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 2022, plus statutory interest, with respect to the Property.
- Claimant is the tenant 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.
- The City is a body corporate and politic, duly organized as a municipal corporation under Wisconsin law, with its principal office located at 7725 W. North Avenue in the City.

- 4. The Property is located at 2656 North Wauwatosa Avenue within the City and is identified in the City's records as Tax Parcel No. 331-0777-01.
- 5. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue determined that the aggregate ratio of property assessed in the City was 84.3822235% as of January 1, 2022.
- 6. For 2022, property tax was imposed on property in the City at the rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 for of the assessed value for Property.
  - For 2022, the City's assessor set the assessment of the Property at \$3,412,200.
- 8. Claimant appealed the 2022 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.
  - The City imposed tax on the Property in the amount of \$74,359.49.
- 11. Claimant timely paid the property taxes imposed by the City on the Property for 2022, or the required installment thereof.
- 12. The fair market value of the Property as of January 1, 2022 was no higher than \$1,700,000.
- 13. Based on the aggregate ratio 84.3822235%, the correct assessment of the Property for 2022 is no higher than \$1,434,498.
- 14. Based on the tax rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the correct amount of property tax on the Property for 2022 should be no higher than \$31,261.
- 15. The 2022 assessment of the Property, as set by the City's Board of Review and compared with other commercial 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 2022 was excessive in at least the amount of \$43,099.
- 16. Claimant is entitled to a refund of 2022 tax in the amount of \$43,099, or such greater amount as may be determined to be due to Claimant, plus statutory interest.

- Upon information and belief the City will take the position that the assessment 17. 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.
  - The amount of this claim is \$43,099, plus interest thereon. 18.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 27th day of January, 2023.

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Sincerely yours,

Don M. Millis

Agent for Claimant



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## CLAIM FOR EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT

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Steven Braatz, Clerk City of Wauwatosa 7725 W. North Avenue Wauwatosa, WI 53213 Received by

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City Clerk's Office

Dear Mr. Braatz:

Re: Tax Parcel No. 384-0009-02

Now comes Claimant, Walgreen Co., tenant of parcel 384-0009-02 (the "Property") in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, by Claimant's attorneys Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., and files this Claim for Excessive Assessment against the City of Wauwatosa (the "City"), pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 74.37. You hereby are directed to serve any notice of disallowance on the undersigned agent of the Claimant.

- 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 2022, plus statutory interest, with respect to the Property.
- Claimant is the tenant 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.
- The City is a body corporate and politic, duly organized as a municipal corporation under Wisconsin law, with its principal office located at 7725 W. North Avenue in the City.
- The Property is located at 6600 West State Street within the City and is identified in the City's records as Tax Parcel No. 384-0009-02.

- The Wisconsin Department of Revenue determined that the aggregate ratio of 5. property assessed in the City was 84.3822235% as of January 1, 2022.
- For 2022, property tax was imposed on property in the City at the rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 for of the assessed value for Property.
  - For 2022, the City's assessor set the assessment of the Property at \$3,643,400. 7.
- Claimant appealed the 2022 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).
- The City's Board of Review without justification unlawfully denied Claimant a hearing and dismissed its objection.
  - The City imposed tax on the Property in the amount of \$79,339.03. 10.
- Claimant timely paid the property taxes imposed by the City on the Property 11. for 2022, or the required installment thereof.
- The fair market value of the Property as of January 1, 2022 was no higher than 12. \$2,000,000.
- Based on the aggregate ratio 84.3822235%, the correct assessment of the Property for 2022 is no higher than \$1,687,644.
- Based on the tax rate of \$21.79224 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the correct 14. amount of property tax on the Property for 2022 should be no higher than \$36,778.
- The 2022 assessment of the Property, as set by the City's Board of Review and compared with other commercial 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 2022 was excessive in at least the amount of \$42,561.
- Claimant is entitled to a refund of 2022 tax in the amount of \$42,561, or such 16. greater amount as may be determined to be due to Claimant, plus statutory interest.
- Upon information and belief the City will take the position that the assessment 17. 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.

18. The amount of this claim is \$42,561, plus interest thereon.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 27th day of January, 2023.

Sincerely yours,

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Don M. Millis Agent for Claimant

# By Misty Richey at 10:54 am, Jun 07, 2023 Board of Review (BOR) Hearing

Section 70.47 (8m), Wis. Stats., states, "The board may, at the request of the taxpayer or assessor, or at its own discretion, waive the hearing of an objection under sub. (8) or, in a 1st class city, under sub. (16) and allow the taxpayer to have the taxpayer's assessment reviewed under sub. (13). For purposes of this subsection, the board shall submit the notice of decision under sub. (12) using the amount of the taxpayer's assessment as the finalized amount. For purposes of this subsection, if the board waives the hearing, the waiver disallows the taxpayer's claim on excessive assessment under sec. 74.37(3) and notwithstanding the time period under sec. 74.37(3)(d), the taxpayer has 60 days from the notice of hearing waiver in which to commence an action under sec. 74.37(3)(d)."

NOTE: The legal requirements of the Notice of Intent to Appear must be satisfied and the Objection Form must be completed and submitted as required by law prior to the Request for Waiver of Board of Review Hearing being submitted.

NOTE: Request for Walver must be presented prior to the commencement of the hearing.

Municipality Wauwatosa		County Milwaukee			
Requestor's name Waigreen Co.			Agent name (If applicable) *Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., including but not limited to, Don Millis, Sara Rapkin, Shawn Lovell, Olivia Schwartz		
Requestor's mailing address 300 Wilmot Rd., MS#3301 Deerfield, IL 60015		Agent's mailing address  22 E. Mifflin Street, Suite 700  Madison, WI 53703	22 E. Mifflin Street, Suite 700		
Requestor's telephone number ( ) -	Land Line Cell Phone	Agent's telephone number ( 608 ) 229 - 2200	X Land Line Cell Phone		
Requestor's emali address	Statement of the statem	Agent's email address dmillis@reinhartlaw.com			
Property address 6600 West State Street					
Legal description or parcel number 384-0009-0	102				
Taxpayer's assessment as established by assessor – v \$ 3,643,400	falue as determined due to waivi	ng of BOR hearing			
Property owner's opinion of value \$ 2,000,000					
Basis for request In litigation					
Date Notice of Intent to Appear at BOR was given 06 - 01 - 2023			bmitted		
All parties to the hearing understand that Wis. Stats. An action under sec. 70.47(13), nearing. An action under sec. 74.37(3)(d), W	Wis. Stats,, must be come	nenced within 90 days of the receipt of	of the notice of the waiving of the		
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A-813 (R. 10-16)			Wisconsin Department of Revenue		