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CLAIM FOR EXCESSIVE ASSESSMENT

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Teri Lehrke, Clerk City of La Crosse 400 La Crosse Street La Crosse, WI 54601

Dear Clerk:

Re: Tax Parcel Nos. 17-10318-10 and 17-

50316-015

Now comes Claimant, Walgreen Co., tenant of parcels 17-10318-10 and 17-50316-015 (the "Properties") in La Crosse, Wisconsin, by Claimant's attorneys Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c., and files this Claim for Excessive Assessment against the City of La Crosse (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 2014, plus statutory interest, with respect to the Property.
- 2. Claimant is the tenant on 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 400 La Crosse Street in the City.
- 4. The Properties are located at 4415 State Road 16 and 3909 Mormon Coulee Road within the City and is identified in the City records as Tax Parcel Nos. 17-10318-10 and 17-50316-015.

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- 5. The Wisconsin Department of Revenue determined that the aggregate ratio of property assessed in the City was 95.6124557% as of January 1, 2014.
- 6. For 2014, property tax was imposed on property in the City at the rate of \$29.036821 per \$1,000 for of the assessed value for Property.
 - 7. For 2014, the City's assessor set the assessment of the Properties as follows:

17-10318-10	\$2,972,900
17-50316-015	\$2,587,100

- 8. Claimant appealed the 2014 assessments of the Properties by filing a 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).
- 9. The City's Board of Review heard the Claimant's objections and based on that hearing reduced the assessments

17-10318-10	\$2,890,200
17-50316-015	\$2,523,700

10. The City imposed tax on the Properties as follows:

17-10318-10	\$83,922
17-50316-015	\$73,280

- 11. Claimant timely paid the property taxes imposed by the City on the Properties for 2014, or the required installment thereof.
- 12. The fair market value of the Properties as of January 1, 2014 was no higher than the following:

17-10318-10	\$1,500,000
17-50316-015	\$1,500,000

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13. Based on the aggregate ratio of 95.6124557%, the correct assessments of the Properties for 2014 is no higher than the following:

17-10318-10	\$1,434,187
17-50316-015	\$1,434,187

14. Based on the tax rate of \$29.036821 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the correct amount of property tax on the Properties for 2014 should be no higher than the following:

17-10318-10	\$41,644
17-50316-015	\$41,644

- 15. The 2014 assessment of the Property, as set by the City's Board of Review 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 2014 was excessive in at least the amount of \$73,914.
- 16. Claimant is entitled to a refund of 2014 tax in the amount of \$73,914, or such greater amount as may be determined to be due to Claimant, plus statutory interest.
 - 17. The amount of this claim is \$73,914, plus interest thereon.

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Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 20th day of January, 2015.

Sincerely yours

Don M Millis
Agent for Claimar

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