Marcia Ferguson Velde 3424 N Shepard Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53211

July 13, 2025

Milwaukee City Clerk Milwaukee City Hall, Room 205 200 E Wells Street Milwaukee, WI 53202

C.I. File No. 1029-2024-2022

I request a hearing on the matter in question as indicated by the enclosed letter.

The reason for denial makes no sense: because the DPW-Infrastructure Services has no record of a missing sign notice. Does this imply that because no one filed notice that the sign was not missing? Or that, as we waited for assistance on an empty street at sunset with a disabled car, that we were supposed to file a missing sign notice? Or, if there was no sign, we were supposed to know that a sign was missing?

As reported by TMJ4 at the following address, the city is well aware that metal signs (if such a one did exist) have been frequently knocked down) and that hitting the projecting concrete curbs is a fairly common occurrence:

https://www.tmj4.com/news/project-drive-safer/dpw-to-replace-concrete-bump-out-metal-signage-with-plastic-poles-after-dozens-were-hit

Enclosed is a copy of my denial letter with the postmarked envelope copy on the reverse.

Thank you,

Marcia Ferguson Velde

cc. Mr. Evan C. Goyke

Ms. Michelle Thompson-Gray



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June 17, 2025

letter Sent 6/24/25

Ms. Marcia Ferguson Velde 3424 N. Shepard Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53211

RE:

C.I. File No. 1029-2024-2022

Communication from Marcia Ferguson Velde

Dear Ms. Velde:

We have received your claim for \$1,845.24, relating to damage sustained to your vehicle on 10/05/2024, when it allegedly struck an unmarked curb push out, located on the north side of W. State Street and east of N. 54th Street.

Our investigation determined that DPW-Infrastructure Services checked their records and did not have notice of a missing sign at the subject location. Because of this lack of notice, the City cannot be held liable. As such, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

Very truly yours,

EVAN C. GOYKE

City Attorney

Michelle Thompson-Gray

Investigator Adjuster

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