

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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Year	Age	Sex	Location	Length (mm)	Weight (g)	Stomach contents	Notes
1978	10	M	St. Lawrence	100	1.5	Small crustaceans	
1979	12	F	St. Lawrence	110	2.0	Small crustaceans	
1980	14	M	St. Lawrence	120	2.5	Small crustaceans	
1981	16	F	St. Lawrence	130	3.0	Small crustaceans	
1982	18	M	St. Lawrence	140	3.5	Small crustaceans	
1983	20	F	St. Lawrence	150	4.0	Small crustaceans	
1984	22	M	St. Lawrence	160	4.5	Small crustaceans	
1985	24	F	St. Lawrence	170	5.0	Small crustaceans	
1986	26	M	St. Lawrence	180	5.5	Small crustaceans	
1987	28	F	St. Lawrence	190	6.0	Small crustaceans	
1988	30	M	St. Lawrence	200	6.5	Small crustaceans	
1989	32	F	St. Lawrence	210	7.0	Small crustaceans	
1990	34	M	St. Lawrence	220	7.5	Small crustaceans	
1991	36	F	St. Lawrence	230	8.0	Small crustaceans	
1992	38	M	St. Lawrence	240	8.5	Small crustaceans	
1993	40	F	St. Lawrence	250	9.0	Small crustaceans	
1994	42	M	St. Lawrence	260	9.5	Small crustaceans	
1995	44	F	St. Lawrence	270	10.0	Small crustaceans	
1996	46	M	St. Lawrence	280	10.5	Small crustaceans	
1997	48	F	St. Lawrence	290	11.0	Small crustaceans	
1998	50	M	St. Lawrence	300	11.5	Small crustaceans	
1999	52	F	St. Lawrence	310	12.0	Small crustaceans	
2000	54	M	St. Lawrence	320	12.5	Small crustaceans	
2001	56	F	St. Lawrence	330	13.0	Small crustaceans	
2002	58	M	St. Lawrence	340	13.5	Small crustaceans	
2003	60	F	St. Lawrence	350	14.0	Small crustaceans	
2004	62	M	St. Lawrence	360	14.5	Small crustaceans	
2005	64	F	St. Lawrence	370	15.0	Small crustaceans	
2006	66	M	St. Lawrence	380	15.5	Small crustaceans	
2007	68	F	St. Lawrence	390	16.0	Small crustaceans	
2008	70	M	St. Lawrence	400	16.5	Small crustaceans	
2009	72	F	St. Lawrence	410	17.0	Small crustaceans	
2010	74	M	St. Lawrence	420	17.5	Small crustaceans	
2011	76	F	St. Lawrence	430	18.0	Small crustaceans	
2012	78	M	St. Lawrence	440	18.5	Small crustaceans	
2013	80	F	St. Lawrence	450	19.0	Small crustaceans	
2014	82	M	St. Lawrence	460	19.5	Small crustaceans	
2015	84	F	St. Lawrence	470	20.0	Small crustaceans	
2016	86	M	St. Lawrence	480	20.5	Small crustaceans	
2017	88	F	St. Lawrence	490	21.0	Small crustaceans	
2018	90	M	St. Lawrence	500	21.5	Small crustaceans	
2019	92	F	St. Lawrence	510	22.0	Small crustaceans	
2020	94	M	St. Lawrence	520	22.5	Small crustaceans	
2021	96	F	St. Lawrence	530	23.0	Small crustaceans	
2022	98	M	St. Lawrence	540	23.5	Small crustaceans	
2023	100	F	St. Lawrence	550	24.0	Small crustaceans	

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*letter sent
6/24/25*

Ms. Marcia Ferguson Velde
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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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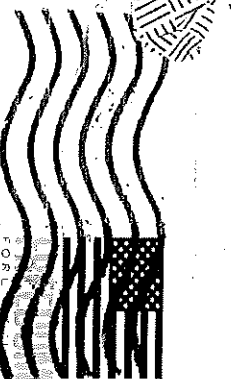
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