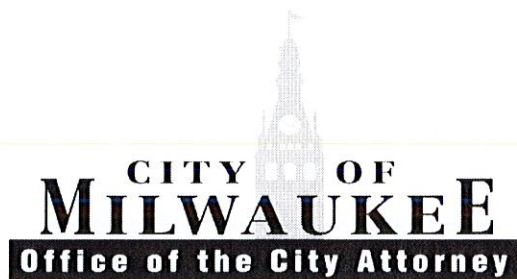


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September 7, 2023

To the Honorable Common Council  
Of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Communication from Jerome Cockerham  
C.I. File No. 1044-2023-498

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant is seeking \$14,000 for the value of a 2014 GMC Terrain. The subject vehicle was destroyed on January 19, 2023, after being held at the City's Tow Lot for approximately 22 days, after it was towed on December 28, 2022.


Our investigation into this matter revealed that on December 28, 2022, claimant was involved in a car accident and his vehicle was subsequently towed to the City of Milwaukee Tow Lot. Claimant had not yet registered the vehicle, but the plates on the car were in his name. On December 28, 2023, Tow Lot staff sent notice to the registered owner and also to the plate owner, informing them that, per state statute, they had 15 days to retrieve the vehicle or it may be destroyed. The plate owner (claimant) came to the Tow Lot on January 11, 2023 to inquire about the vehicle, however no arrangements were made to retrieve the vehicle. The vehicle was recycled on January 19, 2023, approximately 22 days after arriving on the lot.



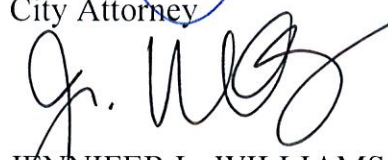
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It is our view that the City Tow Lot acted within the scope of their responsibility, and as such, are not liable for damages in this case. Therefore, we recommend that this claim for \$14,000.00 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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