

January 8, 2006

Milwaukee City Clerk  
Grant Langley, City Attorney  
200 East Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
2006 JAN -9 PM 1:58  
RONALD D. LEONHARDT  
CITY CLERK

RE: C.I. File No.: 05-S-312

Dear Mr. Langley:

I would like to appeal the decision made in my case. I received a letter dated December 20, 2005 denying my claim.


Although the letter I received stated that "the City had no notice of this hazard in the roadway and because of this lack of notice; the City would not be liable". Although I understand that the City of Milwaukee is not notified of all potholes on our city streets, the size of the pothole that my vehicle hit on September 28, 2005 at 7:30 a.m. caused excessive damage to my vehicle that I feel should not be solely my responsibility. I am a city taxpayer and as a taxpayer, my tax money goes towards repairs of our streets and therefore I feel that the City is somewhat responsible as well.

I have contacted County Supervisor Peggy West and she informed me that she is also responsible for this claim because this incident occurred within her district. I have also contacted Alderman Jim Witkowiak and Alderman Tony Zielinski regarding my claim.

In closing, I would like to say that as a working mom with two small children, \$71.96 is a great deal of money to me. Because of this incident, my vehicle will also need a front-end alignment because it is not driving as it was. I do not feel that it is fair that my claim has been denied because the City of Milwaukee was also negligent.

I have enclosed pictures of the pothole before it was repaired. The original pictures were sent with my first letter. Please advise me of the next step in my claim. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Vara-Ramos

cc: Steven M. Carini

CITY OF MILWAUKEE  
2006 JAN -9 PM 3:23  
GRANT LANGLEY  
CITY ATTORNEY





October 18, 2005

CITY OF MILWAUKEE

(I began writing this letter on September 29, 2005) 2005 OCT 19 AM 11:53

City Clerk  
ATTN: Claims  
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

RONALD D. LEONHARDT  
CITY CLERK

TO: City Clerk

I apologize for the delay in mailing this to you but I have been ill. On Wednesday, September 28, 2005 at 7:30 a.m., I was driving my vehicle on South Cesar E. Chavez Drive. (The intersection is S. Cesar E. Chavez Drive and Lapham Blvd.). I was turning right to go onto Lapham Blvd. (going west) and my right-front tire hit a large pothole. I have traveled this route in the past and have never seen the pothole. I do believe because of the large amount of rain that we had on Sunday, September 25 (it rained all day and night) and the rain we had on Monday, September 26, 2005, this created a large pothole.

I have enclosed a receipt for the purchase of a rim, which was damaged due to this incident. I was charged \$15.00 for the new rim to be replaced. I also have enclosed 4 pictures that will show you this very large pothole. You will see that the rain has formed a large puddle. Also, since this incident, my right tire continues to loose air, which I do believe was damaged due to the impact of hitting the pothole. I have called a couple of tire stores and the least expensive price I have been given for one tire is \$35.00. I can provide an estimate for the tire if this is necessary.

I would appreciate reimbursement for the expense of the rim in the amount of \$36.96. I will take the loss of the \$15.00 to replace the rim but would greatly appreciate reimbursement for a tire that I will have to buy. Again, I can provide an estimate if this is necessary.

In closing, I would like to say that I am a very cautious and attentive driver and I feel that the damage to my vehicle is something I should not have to pay for. Please contact me with any questions at 414-765-8176 during the day. In the evenings, I can be reached at 414-744-5082. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Vanessa Vara-Ramos  
602 E. Linus Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

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