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March 15, 2019

Stephanie Goich-Barthel  
3121 S. Adams Avenue  
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*mailed*  
*3/19/19*

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2019-308  
Communication from Stephanie Goich-Barthel

Dear Ms. Goich-Barthel:

We are in receipt of your claim for damages to your 2008 Mazda in the amount of \$1,907.24 which resulted from striking a pothole in the vicinity of 7684 N. 107th Street on October 7, 2018.

Wisconsin municipalities have discretionary immunity from liability for any damages that are due to a defect in a sidewalk or street. The City takes any report of defective streets or sidewalks seriously and upon notice of the defect, the Department of Public Works sends a crew to investigate and/or patch, repair, or barricade the hazard. Under discretionary immunity, the City is generally not liable for the damages.

The Infrastructure Services Division (ISD) conducted and concluded their investigation into this matter by reviewing their records along with the records of Public Works Call Center relative to this incident. City records indicated that prior to October 7, 2018 the City had no notice of this hazard in the roadway. Because of this lack of notice, and the City's discretionary immunity, the City is not liable for your damages. 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



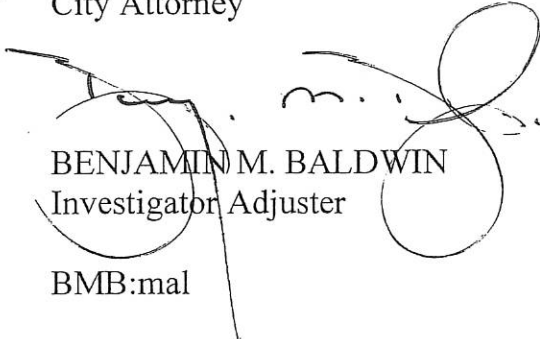
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53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

Very truly yours,



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