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RE:

C.I. File No. 1029-2024-814

Communication from Lewa Evans

Dear Ms. Lewis:

We are in receipt of your claim for vehicle damages you sustained on March 2, 2024, allegedly as a result of driving over a pothole in the roadway in the area of 4400/4500 West Burleigh Street.

The City takes any report of defective streets or sidewalks seriously, and upon notice of any defect the Department of Public Works sends a crew to investigate, and/patch, repair or barricade known hazards. However, state law relative to potholes changed significantly following the adoption of 2011 Wisconsin Act 132, which deleted so much of Wis. Stat.893.83 as previously imposed liability upon municipalities for all road defects. Under current law, municipalities are only liable for defects under circumstances demonstrating prior notice to the municipality and breach of a duty to respond. In all other circumstances, the City is not liable for property damage caused by road defects.

City records indicated that prior to March 2, 2024, the city had no notice of this hazard in the roadway. Because of this lack of notice, the city is not liable for damages. As such, we are denying your claim.





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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

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