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September 16, 2019

Ms. Janice Quin 9304 W. Brown Deer Road Apartment 2 Milwaukee, WI 53224

Marked 9/18/19

RE:

C.I. File No. 1029-2019-1125 Communications from Janice Quin

Dear Ms. Quin:

We are in receipt of your claim for lost wages in the amount of \$2,523.00, and damages to your 1998 Ford Crown Victoria, in the amount of \$1,451.00, resulting in it being declared a total loss, due to your vehicle striking a pothole in the vicinity of 97th and Michelle and 96th and Allyn Street on April 3, 2019.

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 April 3, 2019 the City had no notice of this hazard in the roadway for the 9000 block of North 97th Street, or for the 9000-9100 block of North 96th Street. Because of this lack of notice, and the City's discretionary immunity, the City is not liable for your vehicle damages, and subsequent lost wages. 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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Very truly yours,

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