

DATE: 4-10-25

RE: DPW
(Address of property in question)

~~Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.~~

I am appealing the denial of claim administrative procedure followed by City Attorney
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 1200

Charge relative to: Tire Rim Destroyed

I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

My Vehicle damage came from a pothole outside
of a City of Milwaukee public works site
where several City Trucks and Vehicles
come and go daily and there is no way no one
should not have reported it. I included video
and photo evidence.



Signature

William Taylor

Name (please print)

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March 18, 2025

Mr. William Taylor
5735 North 41st Street
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Mailed
3-21-25

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2024-2052
Communication from WILLIAM TAYLOR

Dear Mr. Taylor:

We are in receipt of your claim for damages sustained to your vehicle, when you struck a hazard in the roadway on October 11, 2024, at or near the 3900 block of N. 35th Street.

The City takes every report of defective streets or sidewalks seriously. Upon notice of any defect the Department of Public Works will investigate, and/or patch, repair or barricade known hazards in its discretion. However, state law relative to roadway defects changed significantly following the adoption of 2011 Wisconsin Act 132. Under current state law, municipalities are only liable for known defects that the municipality has failed to timely repair. Generally, the City is not liable for damage related to roadway defects.

Our investigation determined that there is no record of any calls or reports of a hazard in the roadway prior to when you struck the hazard on October 11, 2024, and in the preceding three years. The City had no notice of the allegedly defective condition. Because the City did not have any notice, it cannot be held liable. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan C. Goyke", followed by a horizontal line.

EVAN C. GOYKE
City Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michelle Thompson-Gray", followed by a horizontal line.

MICHELLE THOMPSON-GRAY
Investigator Adjuster

ECG/MTG/cdr

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