

Date: 10/12/24

To: Milwaukee City Clerk  
200 E. Wells St.  
Room #205  
Milwaukee, WI 53202

From: Brenda Bell-White



Re: C.I. File No. 1061-2024-1022

Subject: Appeal Hearing Request

**I am requesting an Appeal Hearing on the Milwaukee City Clerks decision to deny my claim for damages to my car on 5/21/24.** The Milwaukee Fire Department was responsible for the damage to my car on this date. Regardless of your opinion that the fire department acted within the scope of their responsibility, the fact remains that my car was damaged because of their action. I am not responsible for over \$4,000.00 in damage to my car. It is not fair to me to have to pay for the damage. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to appeal this decision.

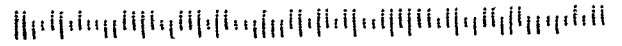
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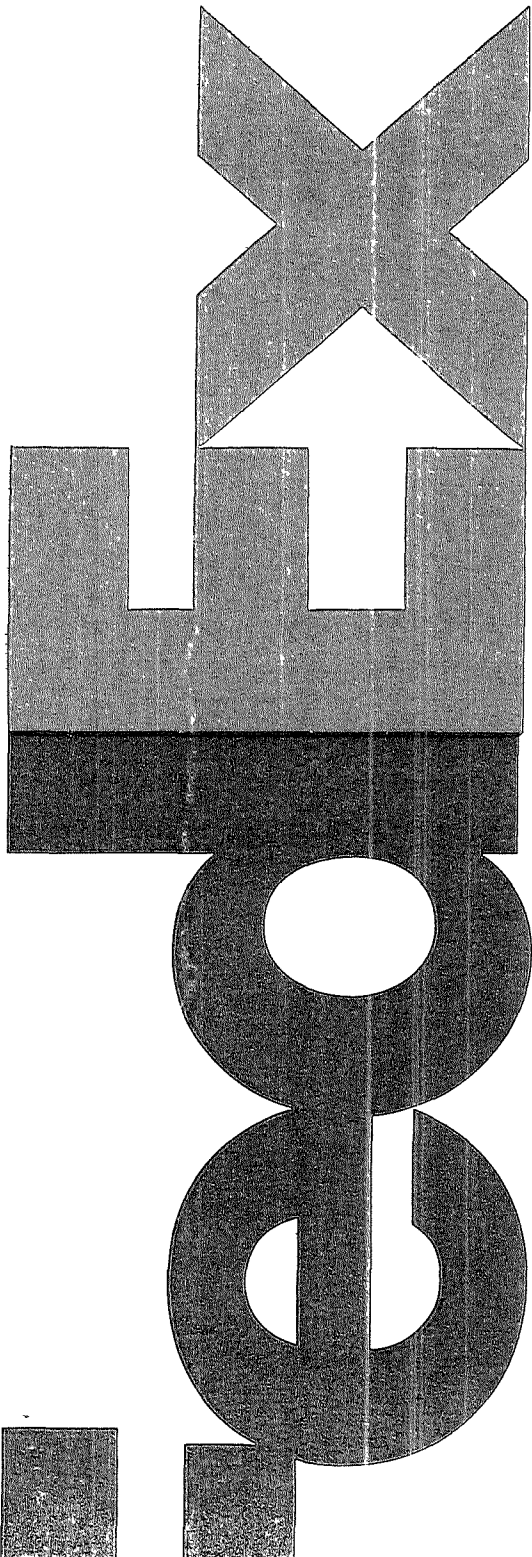
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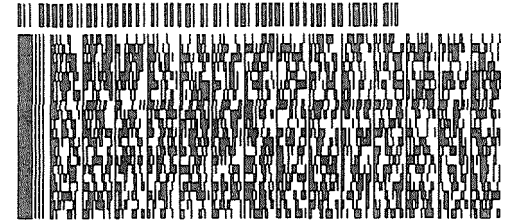
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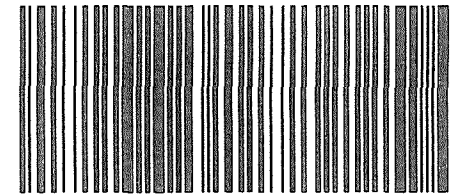
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September 23, 2024

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Ms. Brenda Bell-White  
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RE: Communication from Brenda Bell-White  
C.I. File No. 1061-2024-1022

Dear Ms. Bell-White:

We have received your claim for vehicle damage sustained on May 21, 2024, while parked in front of 3346 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street, allegedly occurring as a result of being scratched by a fire hose while the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) extinguished a fire at the subject location.

Our investigation determined the Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) was dispatched to a two-alarm fire at 3346 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street at approximately 3:47 a.m. on May 21, 2024. MFD personnel arrived and found 3342 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street engulfed in flames, and 3346 North 1<sup>st</sup> Street was also exposed to the fire. MFD immediately followed standard procedures to extinguish the fire and secure both buildings. Searches were completed making sure all residents were out of the buildings and the Red Cross was contacted.

It is our position that the fire department acted within the scope of their responsibility, and the action taken in this matter was necessary and appropriate for the circumstances in this case. As such, the City of Milwaukee would not be liable for damages. Therefore, we are denying your claim.

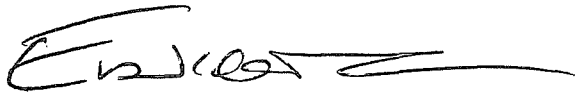
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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please 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  
City Attorney



PATRICIA KLOSIEWSKI  
Investigator Adjuster

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