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**City Clerk**  
ATTN: CLAIMS  
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C.I. File No. 1030-2024-620

Dear Reader,

On December 11, 2023, my car was damaged by a city garbage collection vehicle at 9:15am. The right side passenger front and rear door were damaged (see attached accident description and photographs).

Our initial claim seeking \$5747.30 in damages was denied even though the city's account also described the sanitation truck driver was making a left turn into an alley from a stop in the far right lane of the street. I would like to file an appeal to present my case.

We got this notice of the denial earlier this month but were out of town for much of May and only saw and opened it this week (May 21, 2024). So we've missed the 21 day deadline but strongly believe in our case and would like the opportunity to appeal in person.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Nicholas M Rummler

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The accident occurred on E. Hartford Avenue near N. Oakland Avenue. Specifically, on Hartford at the first alley west of N. Oakland (see attached images). The accident occurred at 9:15am on December 11, 2023.

I was driving the 2019 Nissan Versa traveling eastbound on Hartford when I came upon the city vehicle, which was parked to the right side of the road and not moving. There was plenty of room to proceed past this parked vehicle on the left side, so I continued east moving straight. As soon as I began to pass the vehicle, it quickly attempted a left turn into the alley from the right lane parked spot and struck the side of the Nissan at an angle. Both cars immediately stopped.

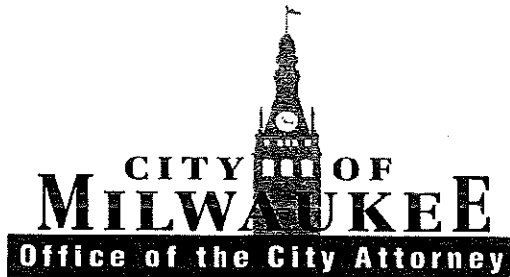
The city's response claims that an indicator light *was* on, though I strongly believe that was not the case, as my initial claim stated. More importantly, whether there was an indicator or not, it would not have signaled the sanitation truck intended to turn left into the alley from its stopped position in the far right lane. According to WI code 346.31, the truck was performing an illegal left turn, whether it had a signal or not. This resulted in the truck striking my vehicle even as I tried to move out of the way and got even closer to the lane it was turning into (see photos of where impact occurred).

The city also claims a car was passing going west, which caused the sanitation truck to pull over to the right in the first place. This is also not my version of events, and due to the narrow street would have meant I'd have been pulled over as well. But it, too, does not change the facts we agree on: the sanitation truck was stopped in the far right lane and turned into the middle of the street to strike a passing vehicle while trying to make a left turn into the far alley. I believe the city to be at fault and am seeking \$5747.30 in damages.

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April 25, 2024

Mr. Nicholas M. Rummler  
2537 N. Grant Boulevard  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

RE: Communication from Nicholas Rummler  
C.I. File No. 1030-2024-620

Dear Mr. Rummler:

The City of Milwaukee is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$5,747.30 for vehicle damages resulting from an accident involving a City of Milwaukee Sanitation Department truck at 1748 East Hartford Avenue on December 11, 2023.

Our investigation into this matter revealed that while traveling eastbound on East Hartford Avenue on December 11, 2023, the City's sanitation truck driver moved to the right and stopped in order to allow a car to pass going the opposite direction. With his left turn signal on, the City driver proceeded to turn left into the alley after the car passed, and collided with your vehicle as you were attempting to pass on the left.

It is our view that you are the at fault driver in this collision. Accordingly, the City of Milwaukee is not liable for damages in this case. Therefore, 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,

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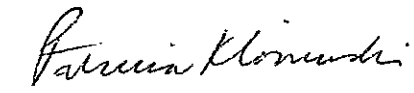
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April 25, 2024  
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Evan C. Gojke". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

EVAN C. GOYKE  
City Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia Klosiewski". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

PATRICIA KLOSIEWSKI  
Investigator Adjuster

ECG/PK/cdr

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