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April 30, 2019

Aaron M. Hoernke
1328 Waugoo Avenue
Oshkosh, WI 54901

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5/6/19*

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2019-692
Communication from Aaron M. Hoernke

Dear Mr. Hoernke:

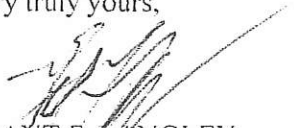
We are in receipt of your claim for damages in the amount of \$1,176.70 to your 2011 BMW 535 XI which resulted from striking a pothole in the vicinity of 400-500 block of West Locust Street on March 14, 2019.

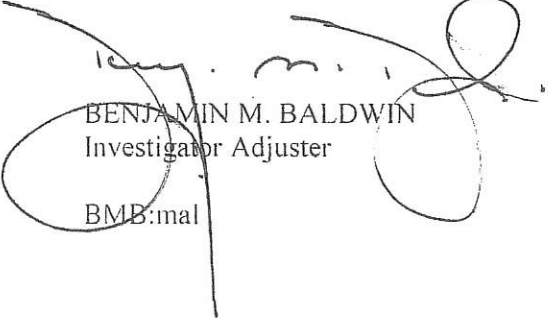
Wisconsin municipalities have discretionary immunity from liability for any damages that are due to a defect in a sidewalk or street. The City takes any report of defective streets or sidewalks seriously and upon notice of the defect, the Department of Public Works sends a crew to investigate and/or 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 March 14, 2019 the City had no notice of this hazard in the roadway. Because of this lack of notice, and the City's discretionary immunity, the City is not liable for your damages. 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 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,


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