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Mr. Ronald Leonhardt, City Clerk
Attn: Claims
200 E. Wells St. Room 205
Milwaukee, WI. 53202-3567

December 18, 2003

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RONALD LEONHARDT
CITY CLERK

Re: Illegally Towed Vehicles

Dear Mr. Leonhardt,

I am writing to request compensation for two (2) vehicles, which were towed by the City from my property on September 26, 2003. These vehicles – 1977 Ford T-Bird VIN 7G87S265948 and 1987 Mercury Sable VIN 1MEBM53U0HG645970, were initially cited by DNS under the Nuisance Ordinance on September 5, 2003. On this same date, I contacted a Mr. Holst at DNS and informed him I was attempting to either donate or sell these vehicles. In fact, I had three (3) vehicles placarded, but my claim is only for the two units listed above. Mr. Holst informed me that he would re-inspect the vehicles in about a week to see if there had been any attempts to comply with the ordinance.

On September 12, 2003, I contacted Mr. Holts again to request additional time to comply with the ordinance. He granted me another week extension before he would re-inspect. During this time, I had started working on the vehicles – I replaced the modulator on the 1987 Mercury and was in the process of replacing the front clip on the 1977 Ford. The third vehicle, my 1989 Mercury, which did in fact have 2 flat tires at the time of placarding, was moved into my garage. Both of the two (2) towed units were operable and had been moved which is one of the criteria in the ordinance, although they were not properly registered. Both of these units were test driven during the week of September 15, 2003. Both of these vehicles were parked on an approved paved surface and did not have any missing parts. The parking slab did not contain any type of trash or garbage under or surrounding the vehicles. The 1987 Mercury did have a cracked rear port window, but was covered with plastic and did not have any other missing parts. The 1977 Ford T-Bird had body damage, but also did not have any missing parts. The 1977 Ford interior and engine were in mint condition and once the front clip was replaced and painted, would be considered a "classic".

I have attached printouts from the National Automobile Dealers Association (N.A.D.A) guide listing the fair market value for the two units. My claim for the 1977 Ford is \$4000.00 and the 1987 Mercury Sable is \$1000.00 for a total of \$5000.00.

Sincerely,



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Classic Car Consumer Prices

1977 Ford Thunderbird 2 Door Town Landau

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Other Information You
Might Need...

FOR SALEEN MUSTANG MODELS, SEE "SALEEN (FORD MUSTANG)" LISTING.

MSRP

Original Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price when new

\$7,990

For this vehicle

Other services

Low Retail Average Retail High Retail

Base Price

\$2,225 \$4,025 \$5,925

Options and Equipment

6 Cylinder Engine

subtract: **10% 10% 10%**

Total Price

\$2,003 \$3,623 \$5,333

Other Vehicle Information

Model Number: N/A
Weight: 4104

Value Explanations

Low Retail Value

This vehicle would be in mechanically functional condition, needing only minor reconditioning. The exterior paint, trim, and interior would show normal wear, needing only minor reconditioning. May also be a deteriorated restoration or a very poor amateur restoration. Most usable "as-is".

Note: This value does not represent a "parts car".

Average Retail Value

This vehicle would be in good condition overall. It could be an older restoration or a well-maintained original vehicle. Completely operable. The exterior paint, trim, and mechanics are presentable and serviceable inside and out. A "20-footer".

High Retail Value

This vehicle would be in excellent condition overall. It could be a completely restored or an extremely well maintained original vehicle showing very minimal wear. The exterior paint, trim, and mechanics are not in need of reconditioning. The interior would be in excellent condition.

Note: This value does not represent a "100 Point" or "# 1" vehicle *.

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1987 Mercury Sable
Sedan 4D LS
102,000 miles

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	<u>Low Retail</u>	<u>Average Retail</u>	<u>High Retail</u>
Base Price	\$1,000	\$1,750	\$2,225
Mileage Adjustment			
102,000 miles add:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Price	\$1,000	\$1,750	

Other Vehicle Information

NADA Recommended Mileage Range: 100,001 - 115,000
Model Number: 53
Weight: 3138

Value Explanations

The free consumer values on NADAguides.com are based on the Consumer edition of the N.A.D.A. Official Used Car Guide®, and should not be utilized for industry purposes. The consumer values may vary from the N.A.D.A. Official Used Car Guide values presented to you by insurance companies, banks, credit unions, government agencies and car dealers due to vehicle condition, regional market differences and frequency of updates

Low Retail Value

A low retail vehicle may have extensively visible wear and tear. The body may have dents and other blemishes. The buyer can expect to invest in bodywork and/or mechanical work. It is likely that the seats and carpets will have visible wear. The vehicle should be able to pass local inspection standards and be in safe running condition. Low retail vehicles usually are not found on dealer lots.

Average Retail Value

An average retail vehicle should be clean and without glaring defects. Tires and glass should be in good condition. The paint should match and have a good finish. The interior should have wear in relation to the age of the vehicle. Carpet and seat upholstery should be clean, and all power options should work. The mileage should be within the acceptable range for the model year.

An Average Retail vehicle on a dealer lot may include a limited warranty or guarantee, and possibly a current safety and/or emission inspection (where applicable).