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October 9, 2019

Curtis Brewer
6480 N. 56th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53223

RE: C.I. File No. 1029-2019-1640
Communication from Curtis Brewer

*Mailed
10/21/19*

Dear Mr. Brewer:

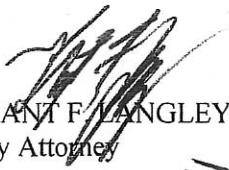
We are in receipt of your claim for damages to your 1999 Cadillac DeVille in the amount of \$712.59 that resulted from striking a pothole in the vicinity of 30th and North Avenue on August 12, 2019.

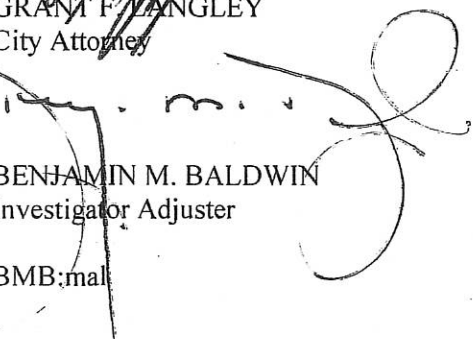
Wisconsin municipalities have discretionary immunity from liability for any damages that are due to a defect in a sidewalk or street. The City takes any report of defective streets or sidewalks seriously and upon notice of the defect, the Department of Public Works sends a crew to investigate and or 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 between July 1, 2019 and August 12, 2019 revealing that there were no calls regarding this hazard in the roadway for the 3000 and 3100 blocks of West North Avenue prior to August 12, 2019. 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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