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American Family Insurance

Attn: Tanya Tracy Post office Box 2927 Milwaukee, WI 53201-2927

Re:

C. I. File No:

01-V-159

Your Clm. No:

00-601-299466-0328

Your Insured:

Heather Kruse

Dear Ms. Tracy:

This office is in receipt of your claim in the amount of \$1,344.00, relating to your subrogation interests and the interests of your insured arising from an April 24, 2001 loss when your insured's vehicle was allegedly damaged by City equipment in a coned area at North Hawley Road. & West Notre Dame Court.

Our investigation reveals that the Fleet Accident report completed as a result of this accident notes that the City employee had properly placed cones along the swing side of the gradall and had turned on all emergency lighting. The report also indicated that numerous vehicles had safely passed through the area before your insured's accident. It further notes that your insured had been talking on her cell phone and had been looking over her left shoulder for northbound traffic as she came alongside the gradall, on her right, and contact resulted. The primary liability for this accident rests with your insured. As such, the City cannot accept liability for this loss. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

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

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