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RE:

C.I. File No. 1029-2019-623

1/22/19 Communication from James R. Hedman

Dear Mr. Hedman:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$208.81 relating to damage to your vehicle on February 20, 2019 at approximately 6:15 a.m. when it collided with a pothole while you were traveling at/near 8609 West Lisbon Avenue.

Wisconsin municipalities have discretionary immunity from liability for any damage that is due to a defect in a sidewalk or street. Under discretionary immunity, the City is generally not liable for damages.

The Infrastructure Services Division (ISD) reviewed their records and those of the DPW Call Center relative to this incident. They found that on February 18, 2019 the Call Center received a call regarding a pothole at 8531 West Lisbon Avenue. On February 20, 2019 at 7:27 p.m. they received one call regarding a pothole at 8500 West Lisbon Avenue. Later that day, at 8:27 p.m., they received one call regarding a pothole at 8609 West Lisbon Avenue. The ISD patched these locations on February 22, 2019. The ISD followed proper procedure and was acting within the City's discretion.

Electrical Services reviewed their records relative to the street lights. They found that there were no reported outages. After receipt of this claim, they also found that the area is well lit and all optical assemblies were clean. Street Lighting Engineering found that the pole spacing and lighting level meet the City's standard.

There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. The City would not be liable. 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, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please

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Very truly yours,

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