



City of West Allis **Matter Summary**

7525 W. Greenfield Ave. West Allis, WI 53214

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August 25, 2008

Common Council City of West Allis

RE: City Attorney's Report of Claim

Dear Council Members:

The enclosed claim has been referred to this office in accordance with Section 3.05 (6)(a) of the Revised Municipal Code. This office has examined the facts of the claim and the applicable law. Our Opinion regarding liability is as follows:

It is the recommendation of this office that the following claim be paid and placed on file:

Henry Teetz III- Amount \$249.45

This is a claim for property damage to the claimant's tire on his vehicle, which was punctured beyond repair on July 24th, 2008, at the City of West Allis yards located at 6300 West McGeoch Avenue, West Allis, WI. Allegedly the accident occurred when the claimant was entering the yards off of Oconto Street and ran over stray pieces of chain link fencing material as construction was blocking the entrance from McGeoch Avenue. As a result of the incident, the claimant had to purchase a new tire to replace the existing one, which had approximately 700 miles on it. On July 31st, 2008, the claimant filed a claim against the City in the amount of \$249.45, which was the cost of the new tire.

Our investigation of this claim indicated that the Building and Sign Department was responsible for removing a chain link fence in the area where the incident occurred a few days prior to the incident and failed to adequately clean the area that was blocked off by said fence. Upon examination, the Building and Sign Supervisor found several pieces of chain link fence lying on the ground in the driveway and sidewalk areas. The claimant ran over one of these pieces of fencing thus causing the puncture in the tire. Due to the fact that the City was responsible for removal of the chain link fence, the City admitted liability for this incident.

Based upon the above, the City Attorney's Office paid the claimant the amount of \$249.45 and obtained a Property Damage Only Release signed by the claimant. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office to place this claim on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Warchol

Assistant City Attorney

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PROPERTY DAMAGE ONLY RELEASE

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS that HENRY TEETZ III, for and in consideration of Two Hundred Forty-nine and 45/100 Dollars (\$249.45) the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do hereby forever release, acquit and discharge the City of West Allis, Wisconsin, a municipal corporation, its departments, commissions, officials, agents and employees, his, her, its or their successors and assigns and all others directly or indirectly liable, from any and all claims and demands, actions and causes of action, damages, both known and unknown, including future developments thereof, costs, loss of service and compensation on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known and unknown property damage resulting or to result from damage to a vehicle tire that occurred on or about July 24th, 2008, at the City of West Allis yards when Henry Teetz III drove over a piece of chain link fence that had been taken down at the entrance and punctured a hole in his tire.

I agree that this settlement is in full compromise of a doubtful and disputed claim both as to the question of liability and damages and that the payment is not to be construed as an admission of liability.

I agree that this is a complete release of property damage only and it is understood and agreed that it doesn't constitute a release for any bodily injury resultant from this accident as there were no bodily injuries as a result of this accident.

I further agree that this release and payment pursuant thereto is not to be construed as a waiver by or an estoppel of any party released to prosecute a claim or action against the undersigned for any damages sustained.

This Release contains the ENTIRE AGREEMENT between the parties hereto, and the terms of this Release are contractual and not a mere recital.

I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS AND NEGOTIATE THE TERMS OF THIS RELEASE WITH THE WEST ALLIS CITY ATTORNEY AND SPECIFICALLY WAIVE SUCH OPPORTUNITY.

Signed and sealed this 18 day of August, 2008.

Henry Teetz II

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 1877 day of August

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin

My Commission Expires:

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CITY OF WEST ALLIS CLERK/TREASURER July 28, 2008

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Henry Teetz III; I am a truck driver for the City of West Allis, Department of Public Works. On Thursday July 24, 2008, during my arrival at work I pulled into the City Yards parking lot via an access drive off of Oconto Street, due to construction going on McGeoch Avenue. In order for us to access our lot a section of the chain link fence had to be taken down. As I drove into the lot I ran over a piece of that chain link fence and punctured a hole in my tire. After putting my spare tire on my truck I took the tire to the dealership, in which I had recently purchased my vehicle, to get the tire fixed. Upon inspection of the tire it was determined it could not be fixed because the hole was too close to the side wall of the tire. Therefore, the only solution was to buy a whole new tire. The tire on my truck was brand new; I have only a little over 700 miles on my new vehicle. After purchasing a new tire I went to work the next day and questioned my supervisor, Bruce Danowski, if there was anything I could do about it. He made a phone call to Tom Harmatys, supervisor of Building and Sign, because he had said that Building and Sign was responsible for taking down that section of fence. As I went to do my job for the day, Mr. Harmatys went to check the area and also looked at my blown tire. Upon inspection of the area, Mr. Harmatys found several pieces of chain link fence lying on the ground in the driveway and sidewalk areas. Also, he had found out that another section of fence was taken down but not by his department but the construction company. Mr. Danowski, my supervisor, told me my next step was to file a claim at City Hall. So, this is why I am writing you this letter in hopes that there is a solution to my problem.

Thank you for your time and I will wait anxiously for your answer. Also, I have the tire and receipts if they are needed. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Henry Teetz III

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SERVICING DEALER FOR INSPECTION BY MANUFACTURER'S REPRESENTATIVE.





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Treasurer's Office Supervisor

August 1, 2008

Henry Teetz, III 2000 S. 103 Ct. West Allis, WI 53227

Dear Mr. Teetz:

This letter acknowledges receipt of your communication regarding vehicle damage allegedly sustained at the parking lot near W. Oconto Pl. on July 24, 2008.

The original document will be submitted to the Common Council at its meeting of August 5, 2008.

It is not anticipated that a decision regarding this matter will be made on this date. Generally, all communications are directed to the City Attorney's office for investigation. Common Council action regarding your communication will not be taken until the City Attorney's investigation is completed. Any questions you may have regarding this matter should be directed to their attention.

Sincerely,

Monica Schultz Assistant City Clerk

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cc: City Attorney





OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

Scott E. Post City Attorney

Sheryl L Kuhary Jeffrey J. Warchol Jenna R. Merten Assistant City Attorneys

August 26, 2008

Common Council City of West Allis

RE: City Attorney's Report of Claims/Lawsuits

Dear Council Members:

The enclosed claims/lawsuits have been referred to this office in accordance with Section 3.05 (6)(a) of the Revised Municipal Code. This office has examined the facts of each claim/lawsuit and the applicable law. Our Opinion regarding liability is attached to each claim/lawsuit.

The following claims/lawsuits have been paid and placed on file:

Janet Lomonte (\$200.00) Henry Teetz III (\$249.45)

Respectfully submitted,

Assistant City Attorney

JJW:da Enclosures

cc: Thomas E. Mann, CVMIC