

CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OF DUBUQUE, IOWA

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This written report constitutes your claim against the City of Dubuque, Iowa. You should complete this form in full and attach any additional information that supports your claim.

The Claim must be filed with the City Clerk at City Hall, 50 W. 13th St., Dubuque, IA 52001. It will then be referred by the City Council to the appropriate department for investigation. Once that investigation is completed, a report and recommendation will be submitted to the City Council. You will be provided with a copy of that report and recommendation.

THE FINAL DECISION ON ALL CLAIMS IS MADE BY THE CITY COUNCIL. NO EMPLOYEE OF THE CITY OF DUBUQUE HAS THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION TO YOU AS TO WHETHER YOUR CLAIM WILL OR WILL NOT BE PAID.

1. Name of Claimant: LAURA LYNN KNABEL
2. Address: 2450 KNOB HILL DR
City: DUBUQUE State: IOWA Zip: 52003
3. Telephone Number: 563.580.2437
4. Date of Incident: DECEMBER 23, 2022
5. Time of Incident: APPROXIMATELY 7:45 AM
6. Location of Incident (Be specific): INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAY 20 OFF RAMP (HEADING EAST) AND FREMONT AVE
7. DESCRIBE ACCIDENT OR OCCURRENCE THAT CAUSED INJURY OR DAMAGE. (Give full details upon which you base your claim. If a City employee was involved, give the employee's name.) I WAS ENTERING THE INTERSECTION HEADING SOUTH WITH A GREEN LIGHT. AS I ENTERED THE INTERSECTION I NOTICED A DUBUQUE POLICE SQUAD CAR COMING UP THE OFF RAMP AND PROCEEDING INTO THE INTERSECTION. I ESTIMATE MY SPEED BETWEEN 20-25 MPH. THE POLICE VEHICLE ESTIMATED AT 25-30 MPH. THE POLICE VEHICLE, DRIVEN BY OFFICER LAVONWAY COBB, RAN THE RED LIGHT. I BRAKED IN AN ATTEMPT TO AVOID A COLLISION. MY RIGHT, FRONT CORNER COLLIDED WITH HIS DRIVER SIDE FRONT DOOR. THE POLICE VEHICLE DID NOT HAVE SIRENS OR LIGHTS ON.
8. What were weather conditions like? EXTREMELY COLD. THE ROADS WERE SNOW COVERED FROM SNOW THE DAY BEFORE
9. Give name and address of any witnesses: AT THE SCENE AN OLDER GENTLEMAN WITH GREY/WHITE HAIR ASKED IF I WAS OK. I DID NOT GET HIS CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING NAME. HE STATED HE WAS BEHIND OFFICER COBB AND THE VEHICLE DID NOT BRAKE AS ENTERING THE INTERSECTION.
10. Did police investigate? (If so, give names of officers.) TWO POLICE OFFICERS ARRIVED VERY QUICKLY. THE OFFICER THAT COMPLETED THE DRIVER INFORMATION EXCHANGE REPORT WAS OFFICER ROBERT DREYSON. BOTH OFFICERS VERBALIZED THAT OFFICER COBB RAN THE RED LIGHT BASED ON THEIR REVIEW OF THE TRAFFIC CAMERA FOOTAGE.
11. Was anyone injured? (If so, give names, addresses, and extent of injuries). I HAD CHEST AND SHOULDER PAIN FROM SEAT BELT IMPACT AND AIR BAGS DEPLOYING. MY RIGHT HIP WAS SORE AND DEVELOPED A LARGE BRUISE THAT REMAINED FOR A COUPLE OF WEEKS. OFFICER COBB RECEIVED CARE @ MERCY ER AS PER TELEGRAPH HERALD REPORTING. I AM NOT SURE OF THE EXTENT OF HIS INJURIES IF ANY. I RECEIVED CARE AT UNITY POINT HEALTH LATER IN THE MORNING

12. Was any damage done to property? (If so, describe property and the extent of damages. Attach estimates of damages or describe basis for ascertaining extent of damage.) MY VEHICLE, A 2022 SUBARU FORESTER, WAS DEEMED A TOTAL LOSS. ALL AIRBAGS DEPLOYED. MY INSURANCE CARRIER, WEST BEND MUTUAL, HAS FULLY COVERED OUR LOSSES FOR THE VEHICLE. THEY WILL BE SEEKING RECOVERY FROM THE CITY OF DUBUQUE/ICAP.

13. What other damages do you claim, if any? PAIN AND SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT. AS WELL AS CONTINUED ANXIETY WHILE DRIVING, ESPECIALLY AT INTERSECTIONS. ALSO, INCONVENIENCE OF FINDING A REPLACEMENT VEHICLE AT A TIME WHEN INVENTORIES ARE LOW.

14. Have you been compensated for any part or all of your claim by any insurance company? (If so, give name and address of insurance company and amount paid.) WEST BEND MUTUAL HAS FULLY COVERED THE LOSS OF OUR VEHICLE. WEST BEND HAS SENT A LETTER TO THE CITY UNANSWERED TO DATE, FOR PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING MEDICAL BILLS.

15. What amount do you claim from the City of Dubuque? \$ 7,500 + PAYMENT OF MEDICAL BILLS

16. Why do you claim the City of Dubuque is responsible? OFFICER LAVONTAY COBB WAS ON DUTY AND AT FAULT FOR RUNNING A RED LIGHT. I QUESTION WHETHER OFFICER COBB WAS CITED FOR THIS ACCIDENT. ~~THE~~ TELEGRAPH (HERALD) REPORTED NO CITATIONS WERE ISSUED ~~BY~~ (PLEASE EXPLAIN)

17. Have you made any claim against anyone else for damages as a result of this incident? (If yes, give name and address.) No

18. If the answer to Question 17 is yes, have you received any payment from that source, and if so, in what amount? N/A

Dated at Dubuque, Iowa this 1st day of FEBRUARY, 2023.

Laura Knabel (Signature)

LAURA LYNN KNABEL (Print Name)

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