REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL



Approved by:	Council Meeting of:	July 3, 2019
Wendy Silva	Agenda Number:	B-7
Department Director		
Auldo Rodig		
Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager		

SUBJECT:

Consideration of a Minute Order Rejecting a Claim filed by Beatrice Wons

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended Council reject the claim filed by Beatrice Wons. The City will send a rejection notice to Ms. Wons.

SUMMARY:

A claim was filed on May 29, 2019, by Ms. Wons. The claimant is alleging that a pothole on Lake Street and Ellis Street caused the rim on her tire to bend and also ruin her tire. Ms. Wons submitted with her claim estimates from Nissan of Fresno in the amount of \$565.17 and American Tire Depot in the amount of \$530.18.

DISCUSSION:

The claimant alleges that on May 23, 2019, she was traveling on Lake Street just north of Ellis Street when she ran into a pothole. The pothole damaged her front passenger rim and tire. Ms. Wons is seeking between \$530.18 and \$565.17 in damages from the City for tire and rim replacement. This is based upon repair estimates from Nissan of Fresno and American Tire Depot.

The City did not receive any prior notice and/or complaints with regard to the subject pothole, and placed the pothole on their permanent asphalt patch list following the incident of May 23, 2019. Therefore, the City of Madera would have no liability exposure for the claimant's damages under the Government Code. The Government Code provides that in order for a public entity to be held liable for damages, the public entity must have active or constructive notice of the condition requiring repair, as well as a reasonable time period to address the condition.

As such, Suzanne Johnson, AIMS, has recommended the claim be rejected. Staff concurs with her recommendation.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Rejection of a claim filed under the tort claim statute does not cause an immediate financial impact. Rejection begins the time period during which a claimant can enter into settlement discussions or decide to file an action with the Court.

CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:

Rejection of claims filed under Government Code §910 is not addressed in the Vision or Action Plan; the requested action is also not in conflict with any of the actions or goals contained in that plan.

ALTERNATIVES:

If Council does not take action to formally reject the claim, the claim will be rejected by operation of law.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Claim Form
- 2. Estimates
- 3. Photos

CITY OF MADERA

MAY 29 2019

CLAIM FORM

CLAIM FORM
(Please Type Or Print)
CLAIM AGAINST CITY OF Madera (Name of Entity)
Claimant's name: Beatrice Wons
SS#:_ Gender: Male Female X
Claimant's address:Telephone:_
Address where notices about claim are to be sent, if different from above:
Date of incident/accident: Thursday, May 23rd, 2019
Date injuries, damages, or losses were discovered: May 23rd, 2019
Location of incident/accident: Lake Street '& Ellis Street
What did entity or employee do to cause this loss, damage, or injury? A port hole caused the to
almost get into an accident and bent my rim & nined my tire. (Use back of this form or separate sheet if necessary to answer this question in detail.)
What are the names of the entity's employees who caused this injury, damage, or loss (if known)? LH CF Maclera.
What specific injuries, damages, or losses did claimant receive? Rim is bent 3 tire is
runed Allianment is off.
(Use back of this form or separate sheet if necessary to answer this question in detail.)
What amount of money is claimant seeking or, if the amount is in excess of \$10,000, which is the appropriate court of jurisdiction. Note: If Superior and Municipal Courts are consolidated, you must represent whether it is a "limited civil case" [see Government Code 910(f)]
Nissan of Fresno quote - 565.17 without labor
American Tire Depot quote - 530.18 with labor
How was this amount calculated (please itemize)? Ciaquostic from Nissan of fresho,
and diagnostic from American Tire Depot Madera.
(Use back of this form or separate sheet if necessary to answer this question in detail.)
Date Signed: May 29th, 2019 Signature: Datatice works
If signed by representative:
Representative's Name Address
Telephone #
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	Street Incidents	
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O pot hole.

Lake Street

American Tire Depot Madera 200 South D Street MADERA,CA 93638 (559)661-8400

Customer ID: 0075005768 Name: **BEATRICE WONS** Address: 11493 RD 33 1/2 Address 2:

City, State, Zip Code: MADERA, CA, 93638

Home Phone: (559) 718-9942 Work Phone: (559) 395-4728

Other Phone: () -Tax Exempt #:

Year: Make: Model:

Lic No:

16 NISSAN **SENTRA** 7VLA104

VIN: 3N1AB7AP9GY319242 Color: Engine:

1.8L I4 F DO

Mileage In: 0 Mileage Out: 0 Create Date: Date/Time:

05/29/19 12:31:05 05/29/19 00:00:00

Work Order #: 38243 Invoice #:

Email Address: lauraphone#

PO Number:

Fleet/Wholesale: N

EPA#: BAR #:

CAL000370790 ARD00268083

Salesperson, A. RAMIREZ Service comments:

Tire Information

TIRE PRESSURE: LF __ RF __ LR __ RR __ SPARE __

TREAD DEPTH: LF __/32 RF __/32 LR __/32 RR __/32 SPARE __/32

BRAKE PAD THICKNESS: LF _ RF _ LR _ RR _

Qty.	Part #	RFR Loc	Description	Parts	Labor	Total
Tire I	nflation: Not Available	Torque: Not Avai	lable			
1	92638		205/55R16 MICH 91H DEFENDR T+H MICH 205/55R16 H BSW	132.00	0.00	132.00
1	TRF		CALIFORNIA TIRE RECYCLE FEE	1.75	0.00	1.75
1	MB		MOUNT BALANCE TIRE & WEIGHTS	2.99	15.00	17.99
1	TDF		TIRE DISPOSAL FEE	2.99	0.00	2.99
1	VS		VALVE STEM	2.99	0.00	2.99
1	*WHEEL		O.E WHEEL	241.00	0.00	241.00
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			ALIGNMENT ANGLES.			
			WARRANTY 3 MONTHS / 3,000 MILES			
			WHICH EVER OCCURS FIRST			
*** Cı	ustomer Wishes To Dis	scard Old Parts	***			

I GRANT AMERICAN TIRE DEPOT PERMISSION TO OPERATE THE VEHICLE HEREIN DESCRIBED FOR THE PURPOSE OF

TESTING, INSPECTING, INCLUDES REMOVAL OF WHEELS AND DRUMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSPECTING THE BRAKES, SERVICING OR DELIVERY.

I RELEASE AMERICAN TIRE DEPOT FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO VEHICLE OR CONTENTS THEREIN,

IN CASE OF FIRE, THEFT OR OTHER CAUSE BEYOND

AMERICAN TIRE DEPOTS CONTROL. I AUTHORIZE THE REPAIR AND SERVICE WORK LISTED ON

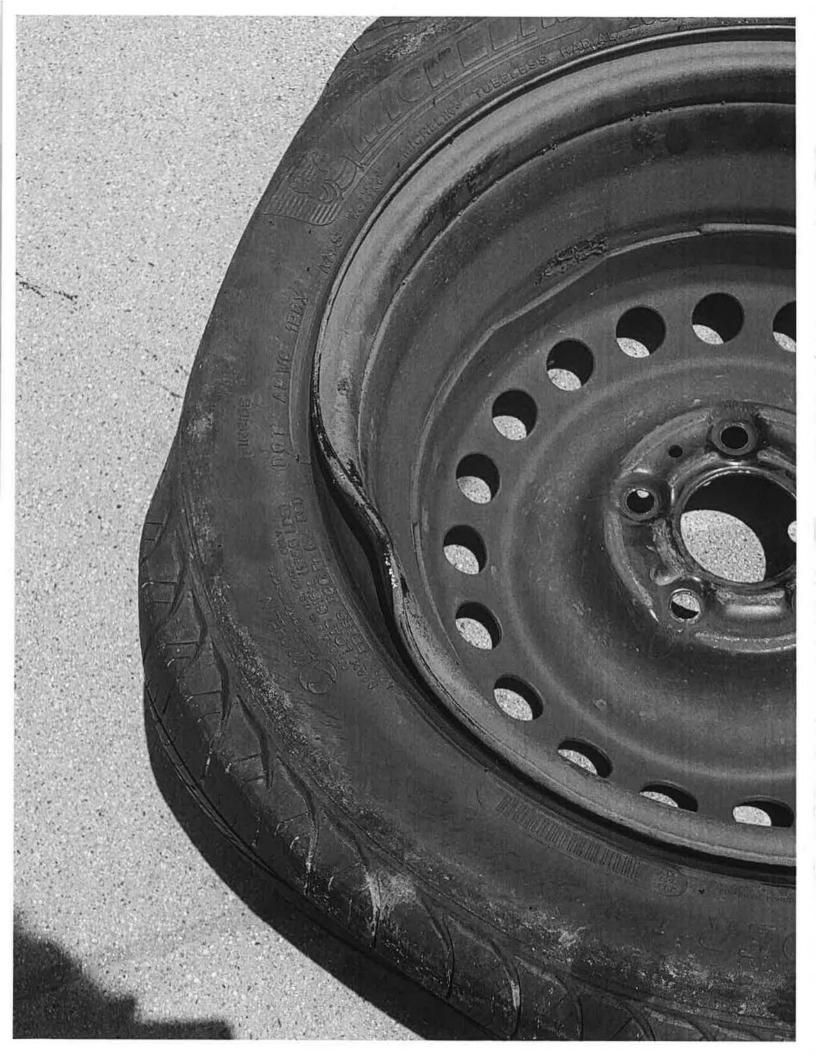
THIS WORK ORDER TO BE PERFORMED FOR THE AMOUNT SHOWN BELOW. OLD PARTS WILL NOT BE RETUNED UNLESS I SPECIFY.

****ALL PARTS ARE NEW UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED** CUSTOMER SIGNATURE:

TECH:

PARTS TOTAL 383.72 SALES TAX 31.51 LABOR TOTAL 114.95 **GRAND TOTAL** 530.18









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