

## Exhibit "A"

November 3, 2003

Mayor & City Council  
County-City Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

RE: Report of Claims Against the City of Lincoln for October 16 through October 31, 2003

Dear Mayor & Council:

The following is a report of claims against the City of Lincoln which have been disposed of, or are pending, for the period of October 16 through October 31, 2003. This report will describe the claims and the dispositions or status of these claims.

### **ALLOWED/SETTLED CLAIMS:**

**Dominick Elsener** filed a claim during the month of July, 2003, in the amount of \$107.00 for clean-up expenses incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$107.00.

**Karen L. Williams** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$1,503.26 for damage incurred to her vehicle as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a City-owned vehicle. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$1,500.76.

**C.S. Guenzel Co.** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$547.65 for damage incurred to vehicle when it was struck by a City-owned vehicle. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$547.65.

**Patricia Bartek** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, for damage incurred to her vehicle when it was struck by a StarTran bus. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$1,400.86.

**Nebraskaland Exterminators, Inc.** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$192.51 for damage incurred to the glass door of the business as the result of debris thrown from a City mower. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$192.51.

**Sun Stop Incorporated of Nebraska** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$360.41 for damage incurred to vehicle when it was struck by a City-owned vehicle. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$360.41.

**Halie Welch** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred to her vehicle when it was struck by a Lincoln fire truck. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$1,350.10.

**Kim VanGroningen** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$2,317.93 for damage incurred to his vehicle when it was struck by an L.E.S. vehicle. This claim has been **allowed** in the amount of \$2,317.93.

**Daniel Svatos** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred to his vehicle as the result of an accident involving a Parks & Rec. vehicle. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$3,120.00.

#### **DENIED CLAIMS:**

**Jack Mason** filed a claim during the month of September, 2003, in the amount of \$1,430.28 for damage allegedly incurred to his vehicle at a street construction site. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Gary Bargar** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$3,819.48 for damage incurred to his vehicle as the result of a fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Lawrence Tomsyck** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$4,763.77 for damage incurred to his vehicle as the result of an accident involving a StarTran bus. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Shannon Black** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$1,156.96 for damage incurred to vehicle when it was struck by a signed owned by "All Road Barricades". This claim has been referred to "All Road Barricades" and the claim against the City of Lincoln has been **denied**.

#### **PENDING CLAIMS:**

**County of Lancaster** filed a claim during the month of October, 2001, for medical expenses incurred as the result of an arrest by Lincoln police of an individual who was taken to the hospital for treatment of injuries allegedly incurred during his arrest. The County alleges that they inadvertently paid for part of the medical expenses. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Duane Benck** filed a claim during the month of September, 2002, in the amount of \$146.43 for damage incurred when a traffic counter cable across the road came loose causing damage to his tire. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Karen Rice** filed a claim during the month of October, 2002, in the amount of \$300 for damage incurred to her vehicle when she drove through tar that had been spilled on the street. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Donald W. Rohla** filed a claim during the month of October, 2002, in the amount of \$315.80 for yellow street paint on his vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Lincoln Little Chiefs/Little League Baseball** filed a claim during the month of October, 2002, in an unspecified amount for missing lawn mower that was being stored in a shed at a Parks & Rec baseball field. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**United Services Automobile Association (Brian A. Vigil, Insured)** filed a claim during the month of December, 2002, in the amount of \$893.69 for damage incurred to Insureds' property as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**AMCO/Nationwide Insurance (Kim and Mike Anderson, Insureds)** filed a subrogation claim during the month of December, 2002, in the amount of \$1,389.91 for alleged damages incurred to Insureds' vehicle as the result of a rock thrown from a City Parks mower. The claim set out the following: (1) repair of the vehicle's window in the amount of \$549.92 (AMCO paid \$299.92 to Auto Glass Center and Insured's deductible of \$250.00 was applied to the repair of the window); (2) estimate to repair the door of the vehicle in the amount of \$839.99, which AMCO paid to its Insured based on the estimate. The repair of the vehicle's window in the amount of \$549.92 has been allowed. The remaining portion of the claim for alleged damage to the door of the vehicle is **pending** receipt of verification from AMCO that the funds were actually expended for damages incurred as a result of the accident.

**Payless Shoe Source** filed a claim during the month of January, 2003, in the amount of \$2,296.70 for damage allegedly incurred to sprinkler system as the result of street construction. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Norm and Janet Pavlish and Melissa Pavlish** filed a claim during the month of January, 2003, in an unspecified amount for alleged damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Inspro Insurance filed a claim on behalf of Darrin Brittenham** during the month of February, 2003, in the amount of \$1,900.98 for damage incurred to vehicle when it was struck by a Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**David and Lynne Haumont** filed a claim during the month of March, 2003, in the amount of \$172.30 for damage incurred to their mailbox as the result of snow removal activity. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Dale M. Schneider** filed a claim during the month of April, 2003, in the amount of \$96.63 for damage allegedly incurred to his sprinkler system as the result of snow removal activity. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Carl Campbell, President of Campbell Properties Corporation** filed a claim during the month of April, 2003, in the amount of \$306,500 alleging that the City failed to remove obstructions consisting of trees, limbs, debris, and rubbish in the watercourse running through Beal Slough allegedly causing water flowing through Beal Slough to erode the property of the claimant. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Kory and Diana Lind/Lind Lawn Service and Farm Bureau Insurance Company** filed a claim during the month of May, 2003, in the amount of \$915.97 for damage incurred to their vehicle when it was struck by a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Linda Voss** filed a claim during the month of May, 2003, for damages and injuries incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident involving a StarTran bus. **Farmers Insurance** filed a subrogation claim during the month of June, 2003, for expenses paid on behalf of its insured, Linda Voss. These claims are under review and are **pending**.

**Craig A. Workman** filed a claim during the month of June, 2003, in the amount of \$454.75 for damage incurred to his vehicle when it was allegedly sprayed with paint that was being used to mark manholes in the area of the 70<sup>th</sup> and "O" street construction project. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Samuel Salguero** filed a claim during the month of July, 2003, in an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of an accident involving a Lincoln police vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Suzanne Cain** filed a claim during the month of July, 2003, in the amount of \$500,000 for injury allegedly incurred as the result of a trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**John Newland** filed a claim during the month of August, 2003, in an unspecified amount for injury incurred when claimant was riding his bicycle on a sidewalk and allegedly fell as the result of a section of the sidewalk that had been removed due to street construction. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Pam Brady** filed a claim during the month of August, 2003, in the amount of \$2,085.00 for alleged damages incurred as the result of a broken water main. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Ray Hill** filed a claim during the month of September, 2003, in the amount of \$430.16 for damage incurred to his vehicle when it was struck by debris from a broken water main. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Juanita Williamson** filed a claim during the month of September, 2003, in the amount of \$53,797.47 for alleged damages incurred to two of her rental properties as the result of a damaged water main. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Steve and Patsy Meyer** filed a claim during the month of September, 2003, in the amount of \$9,851.86 for alleged damages incurred as the result of storm water flooding the basement of their residence. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Williamsburg Partnership d/b/a Williamsburg Apartments** filed a claim during the month of September, 2003, in the amount of \$47,311.76 for alleged damages incurred as the result of a water main break. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Todd Johns** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$1,321.62 for alleged damages incurred as the result of a damaged water main. L.E.S. contractor allegedly struck water main causing damage. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Ron Hinkley** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$449.40 for expenses incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up at his rental property. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Pat McCoy and David McCoy** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$100 for injury incurred to David McCoy at Ballard swimming pool. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Deborah Dilbeck, on behalf of her minor child, Morgan Dilbeck,** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, for injury incurred when Morgan tripped and fell on a sidewalk near Rousseau Elementary School. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**KLKN-TV** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$3,637.00 for damage incurred to camera equipment at a motor vehicle fatality accident scene. The camera equipment was allegedly struck by a vehicle driven by a chaplain for Lincoln Police and Fire Departments. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Justin Wills** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in the amount of \$525.92 for damage incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Sue Gilleland** filed a claim during the month of October, 2003, in an unspecified amount for injury incurred when she fell after exiting a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

#### **PENDING TORT LITIGATION:**

**Cindy Schumacher** filed a claim during the month of December, 2000, in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was allegedly struck by a water bottle that was thrown into the stands by a cheerleader at a Lincoln Lightning football game at Pershing Auditorium. Counsel for claimant withdrew his client's claim on August 13, 2001, and filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on August 15, 2001. Litigation is **pending**.

**Sharon Mitchell** filed a claim during the month of March, 2001, in an unspecified amount for damages allegedly incurred as the result of a pothole in an alley. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on June 4, 2001. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County Court on September 24, 2001. Plaintiff prays for special damages in the amount of \$4,014.13, general damages, interest, and costs of action. Litigation is **pending**.

**Jason Blair** filed a claim during the month of December, 2000, for injuries incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident which was allegedly related to a police chase. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on September 17, 2001. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on September 26, 2001. Plaintiff prays for judgment in the amount of \$10,875.23, general damages, and costs of action. Litigation is **pending**.

**Robert Blankenship** filed a claim during the month of December, 2000, for injuries incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident which was allegedly related to a police chase. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on September 17, 2001. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on December 20, 2001. Litigation is **pending**.

**Leonard Hernoud d/b/a Century Towing** filed a claim during the month of December, 1998, in the amount of \$4,590.00 for alleged damages resulting from an incident wherein claimant alleges he was instructed by Lincoln police to release a vehicle to an individual without payment of towing and storage charges. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of the claim was approved by the City Council on July 12, 1999. Counsel for claimant filed a petition in the Lancaster County Court on July 27, 1999. The case was dismissed by the court for lack of prosecution on April 5, 2000. Counsel for claimant refiled a petition in the Lancaster County Court on March 25, 2002, captioned Leonard Hernoud II v. Officer Kocian #940. Pursuant to Defendant's motion for summary judgment, the court found that the Defendant in this case (Officer Kocian) is immune from being sued for damages and that the statute of limitations has run. Counsel for Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal with the court on July 1, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

**State Farm Insurance Co.** filed a subrogation claim during the month of November, 2000, regarding an accident involving a vehicle driven by their insured, Robin Baker, and a StarTran bus. This claim was

reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on July 2, 2001. Counsel for Robin Baker filed a petition in the Lancaster County Court on June 5, 2002. Litigation is **pending**.

**Rex Miller** filed a claim during the month of October, 2001, in the amount of \$20,000 for alleged injury incurred when the swing that claimant was swinging on at Ballard Park allegedly failed and dropped claimant to the ground. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on January 14, 2002. Counsel for Rex Miller filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on June 27, 2002. Litigation is **pending**.

**The Estate of J. Michael Lawlor and Sue Lawlor individually** filed claims during the month of February, 2001, in unspecified amounts alleging negligence by Lincoln Fire Department personnel in their care and treatment of J. Michael Lawlor. Counsel for claimant withdrew his client's claim on February 20, 2002, for the purpose of initiating legal action. A petition was filed in the Lancaster County District Court on August 13, 2002. Litigation is **pending**.

**Lois Lockman** filed a claim during the month of June, 2002, in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of a trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on December 2, 2002. Counsel for Lois Lockman filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Sue and Bill Wilson** filed a claim during the month of April, 2002, in an unspecified amount for alleged damages incurred when Sue Wilson tripped on a mat at the Ager Play Center. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on April 29, 2002. Litigation was filed in the Lancaster County District Court and is **pending**.

**Patricia and James Dodson** filed a claim during the month of March, 2002, on behalf of their minor daughter, Jean Dodson, who was playing keyboard with her high school pep band at State basketball tournaments at Pershing Auditorium, when she allegedly received an electrical shock while adjusting an amplifier which was connected to an extension cord supplied by Pershing Auditorium. Claimants alleged that the extension cord was faulty. This claim was referred to the insurer for Pershing Auditorium. Claimants withdrew their claim on January 21, 2003. A petition was filed in the Lancaster County District Court on January 30, 2003. Plaintiffs are praying for special damages in the amount of \$29,478.26 for medical expenses incurred to date, future medical expenses, temporary and permanent disability, pain and suffering to date and likely to be suffered in the future and loss of future earning capacity. Litigation is **pending**.

**Steven Shelor** filed a claim during the month of August, 2002, for alleged injury incurred when claimant was playing catch with a softball in the vicinity of a culvert. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on September 16, 2002. Counsel for Steven Shelor filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on February 3, 2003, naming the Lincoln Airport Authority and the City of Lincoln as defendants. Plaintiff is praying for special damages in the amount of \$1,270.00 and general damages. Litigation is **pending**.

**Merlyn H. Pohlmann** filed a claim during the month of July, 2002, in the amount of \$11,172.20 for alleged damages incurred as the result of a sanitary sewer back-up at his rental property at 420 North Cotner Blvd. A review of the claim showed that the stoppage that caused the sanitary sewer back-up was caused by an improperly installed segment of the sanitary sewer line which had been modified by General Excavating. This claim was referred to General Excavating and denial of the claim against the City of Lincoln was approved by the City Council on September 9, 2002. Counsel for Merlyn Pohlmann filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on May 22, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

**Sandra Mueller** filed a claim during the month of January, 2003, in the amount of \$650,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of an alleged incident involving a vehicle operated by a Lincoln Electric System employee. Sandra Mueller's husband, **Duane Mueller**, has filed a claim in the amount of \$250,000 for alleged damages incurred as a result of the alleged incident. These claims were referred to counsel for Lincoln Electric System. Counsel for the Muellers filed a petition in the Lancaster County District Court on August 5, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

**Norval D. Emery** filed a claim during the month of June, 2003, in the amount of \$965.50 for damages incurred to a door and a window of his trailer when Lincoln police were serving an arrest warrant for claimant's grandson. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on July 28, 2002. Claimant filed a claim in the Small Claims Court of Lancaster County on July 31, 2003. The case is being transferred to the Civil Docket of the Lancaster County Court and is **pending**.

**Ella Banks Barbee** filed a claim during the month of May, 2002, in the amount of \$75,000. Claimant alleges that she was wrongfully arrested. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on June 17, 2002. Counsel for claimant filed a complaint in the U.S. District Court on September 8, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

**James Blake** filed a claim during the month of March, 2002, in the amount of \$10,139.77 for injury incurred when claimant fell into a water meter pit. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on April 29, 2002. Counsel for claimant has filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court naming Kwik Shop, Inc., Lincoln Lease Partners, and the City of Lincoln as Defendants. Litigation is **pending**.

**Elizabeth Tufts** filed a claim during the month of October, 2002, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages incurred when claimant was a passenger in a police vehicle that was involved in an accident. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on November 25, 2002. Counsel for claimant filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on September 26, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

**Leo M. Weiler** filed a claim during the month of July, 2003, in the amount of \$150,000. Claimant alleged that Lincoln police officers violated his rights under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 20-152 and the Americans With Disabilities Act. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved the City Council on September 15, 2003. Claimant filed suit in the Lancaster County District Court on October 15, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

**Nancy K. Carpenter** filed a claim during the month of October, 2002, in an unspecified amount for injury allegedly incurred while a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial of this claim was approved by the City Council on November 25, 2002. Counsel for claimant filed suit in the Lancaster County Court on October 23, 2003. Litigation is **pending**.

Respectfully submitted,

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c: Risk Management