



City of Lincoln  
**CITY COUNCIL**

**No Directors' Meeting this week due to evening Council Meeting**  
**This report is in lieu of an agenda for March 30, 2026**

Next Directors' Meeting – 2 p.m. Monday, April 6

**City Correspondence**

LTU	40 <sup>th</sup> from "A" to "O" Improvements
LONM	Legislative Bulletin #11
Planning & Development	Administrative Approvals
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City Clerk	City Council Action 3/23/26
LES	LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 3.20.26
Property Management	Carriage Park Closure
City Law	Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 3/30/2026

**Constituent Correspondence**

Lindsey Clausen	Support – University Place Subarea Plan
Autumn Crable/ Lincoln Lutheran School Association Board of Directors	Traffic & Safety Concerns Near 56 <sup>th</sup> & Holdrege
Dr Priscilla Handy	Support – Rokeby Energy Center
Karen Buell	Medicaid questions
Raina Engelhard	Please Prioritize ADUs in HOA Areas

# 40TH FROM "A" TO "O" IMPROVEMENTS

## COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION

Progress on the installation of the new 16-inch water main and street improvements will resume soon. To date, crews have completed:

- Water main replacements and street widening between "A" and Randolph streets
- Street improvements from "A" to "D" streets including mill and overlay, base repairs, and curb ramp reconstruction.

## ACCESS DURING CONSTRUCTION

Temporary lane and full street closures will be required to complete improvements. Access to local properties will be maintained to the fullest extent possible but may be limited at times.

## SCHEDULE

Construction is anticipated to resume in spring 2026 and be completed in fall 2026.



**November 2025:** New asphalt laid from "A" to "D" streets.

## UPCOMING IMPROVEMENTS

**Crews will begin work in spring 2026 to complete the following:**

Between "D" and Randolph streets:

- Street improvements including mill and overlay, base repairs, and curb ramp reconstruction.

Between Randolph and "O" streets:

- Installation of a new 16-inch water main, fire hydrants, and connection to the existing system.
- Street improvements including widening, base repairs, mill and overlay, and curb ramp reconstruction.



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**From:** [noreply@lonm.org](mailto:noreply@lonm.org) on behalf of [Ashley Wolfe](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** 2026 Legislative Bulletin #11  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2026 4:13:59 PM

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**From:** [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [David R. Cary](#)  
**Subject:** Administrative Approvals  
**Date:** Friday, March 20, 2026 4:22:31 PM  
**Attachments:** [BP260320-1 Administrative Approvals.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

I've attached the Administrative Approvals for this week.

Thank you,



**Laura Tinnerstet**  
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## Memo

**DATE:** March 18, 2026  
**TO:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** Clara McCully  
**SUBJECT:** Administrative Approvals

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This is a list of City administrative approvals by the Planning Director from March 10, 2026, to March 16, 2026:

Administrative Amendment 25011, to Special Permit 19006B, Grandview Estates Community Unit Plan, was approved by the Planning and Development Services Director on March 12, 2026, to adjust lot lines in Blocks 7, 8, 22, and 26, generally located at S 80<sup>th</sup> Street & Augustine Avenue.

**From:** [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [Steve S. Henrichsen](#); [David R. Cary](#)  
**Subject:** Administrative Approvals  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 8:50:16 AM

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Good morning,

There were no Administrative Approvals this week.

Thank you,



**Laura Tinnerstet**  
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**From:** [Kimberly N. Behrens](#)  
**To:** "[KOLN/KGIN](#)"; [Aishah S. Witte](#); [Angela S. Quinn](#); [Anthony J. Leetch](#); [Barb D. McIntyre](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Bennie R. Shobe](#); [Brenda J. Thomas](#); [Brodey B. Weber](#); [Carl J. Steffen](#); [Chad D. Mohr](#); [Cheri L. Howard](#); [Chris J. Connolly](#); [Chris S. Jones](#); [City Clerk All](#); [Claire Y. Oglesby](#); [Cynthia J. Roth](#); [Daley C. ElDorado](#); [Daniel K. Marvin](#); [David R. Cary](#); [David T. Engler](#); [Elizabeth D. Elliott](#); [Hallie E. Salem](#); [Holly L. Lewis](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [Jamie Phillips](#); [Jenni R. Ryan](#); [Jennifer L. Mommens](#); [Jessica Loos](#); [Jocelyn W. Golden](#); [Jon D. Carlson](#); [Joseph P. Dondlinger](#); [Justin P. Carlson](#); [Kasey L. Simonson](#); [Katie N. Herrunzie](#); [Kerry L. Kernen](#); [Kristi K. Nydahl](#); [Laura A. Tinnerstet](#); [Lin Quenzer](#); [Liza A. Alderman](#); [Maggie J. Stuckey-Ross](#); [Marcia L. Huenink](#); [Mary E. Lowe](#); [Mayor](#); [Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml](#); [Michele M. Abendroth](#); [Michon Morrow](#); [Peter A. Kroll](#); [Philip L. Dush](#); [Randall S. Jones](#); [Rhonda M. Haas](#); [Ron L. Cane](#); [Ryan S. Wieber](#); [Sandra J. Washington](#); [Sara J. Hoyle](#); [Scott Parker](#); [Sharon R. Mulder](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Shelly L. Dostal](#); [Sherry Wolf](#); [ssahling](#); [ssprackling](#); [Steve R. Owen](#); [Tammy B. Wissing](#); [Thomas A Schaffer](#); [Tim L. Byrne](#); [Tom Duden](#); [Tom J. Beckius](#); [Vanessa A. Cruz](#)  
**Subject:** City Council Action 3/23/26  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:07:18 AM  
**Attachments:** [Action032326.pdf](#)  
[Action032326.docx](#)

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Hi,

Please see the attached for the action from the City Council meeting of 3/23/26.

Thank you,



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**ACTION FROM THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 3:00 PM**

**ALL MEMBERS PRESENT**

**PUBLIC HEARING - CONSENT AGENDA**

Anyone wishing to address an item on the Consent Agenda may do so at this time.

**1. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS**

- 1.a.** 26R-125  
Reappointing Jim Johnson and Dan Worth to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms to expire April 15, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95631)**
  
- 1.b.** 26R-126  
Reappointing Doug Kreifels to the Board of Mechanical Examiners for a term to expire April 4, 2029. **(ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95632)**

**2. PETITIONS & COMMUNICATIONS**

- 2.a.** **PLACED ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK:**  
Administrative Amendment 26009, to Pre-Existing Use Permit 9U, Edgewood/Vandervoort Regional Shopping Center, was approved by the Planning and Development Services Director on March 9, 2026, to increase floor area in Building Envelope 9 on Lot 6 to 14,000 square feet has been approved, increasing the total floor area of the Vandervoort Addition to 113,888 square feet, generally located northeast of S. 59th Street and Old Cheney Road.

**3. MISCELLANEOUS REFERRALS – NONE.**

**- VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS -**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS**

- 4.a.** 26R-127  
Application of Show Stoppers Family Dining & Entertainment, LLC dba Show Stoppers Family Dining & Entertainment for a Class I Liquor License located at 2077 N Street. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95633)**
  
- 4.b.** 26R-128  
Manager Application of Kevin Witcher for Show Stoppers Family Dining & Entertainment, LLC dba Show Stoppers Family Dining & Entertainment located at 2077 N Street. **(ADOPTED FOR APPROVAL, 7-0; A-95634)**

**- VOTE ON LIQUORS -**

**5. PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCES 2ND READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEMS 5.a. THROUGH 5.c. HAD 2ND READING)**

- 5.a.** 26-27  
Approving the Public Market Contract between the City of Lincoln and Lincoln Haymarket Development Corporation to operate and regulate a Saturday Public Market in the Haymarket area for a two-year term from May 2, 2026 through and including October 9, 2027.
- 5.b.** 26-28  
Change of Zone 26004 - Application of Centerpointe to change the zoning designation from P Public District to R-4 Residential District on property generally located at 2220 S 10th Street.
- 5.c.** 26-29  
Text Amendment 26002 - Request of the City of Lincoln Planning and Development Services Department to revise the conditions for Accessory Dwelling Units in the R-1 through R-4 zoning districts, by amending the following Lincoln Municipal Code Chapters: 27.02 Definitions; 27.06 Use Groups; 27.60 Planned Unit Development District; 27.62 Conditional Uses; 27.64 Use Permits; 27.65 Community Unit Plan; and 27.72 Height and Lot Regulations.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING - LIQUOR RESOLUTIONS SECTION 2**

- 6.a.** 26R-103  
Public Hearing for the cancellation of the Class C Liquor License of BSR Inc. dba The Office located at 640 West Prospector Court, Suite 200. **(3/16/26 - Public hearing continued one week to 3/23/26) (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95635)**
- 6.b.** 26R-104  
Public Hearing for the cancellation of the Class C Liquor License of RSB Volleyball Inc. dba Playmakers Sports Bar & Grill located at 640 West Prospector Court, Suite 300. **(3/16/26 - Public hearing continued one week to 3/23/26) (ADOPTED, 7-0; A-95636)**

**- END PUBLIC HEARING -**

**7. ORDINANCES - 3RD READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS**

- 7.a.** 26-26  
Amending Lincoln Municipal Code Chapter 20.06, Lincoln Building Code, to add a new section numbered 20.06.265 relating to Section 406.3.1 Classification of the International Building Code governing private garages and carports. **(PASSED, 7-0; #21857)**

**8. RESOLUTIONS - 1ST READING (ITEMS 8.a. THROUGH 8.f. HAD 1ST READING)**

- 8.a.** 26R-129  
Appointing Christopher Maly to the Veterans Memorial Garden Advisory Council for a term to expire November 1, 2028.
- 8.b.** 26R-130  
Appointing Diane Gonzolas to the Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board for a term to expire July 1, 2026.
- 8.c.** 26R-131  
Reappointing James Lange to the Building Code Board of Appeals for a term to expire April 1, 2029.
- 8.d.** 26R-132  
Reappointing Jim Johnson to the Telecommunication/Cable Television Advisory Board for a term to expire July 1, 2028.
- 8.e.** 26R-133  
Approving a Professional Services Agreement No. 3 for preliminary engineering services between the City of Lincoln and WSP USA, Inc., for the A Street, 40th - 56th Street Rehabilitation Project, Project No. LCLC-5220(6), Control No. 13439, City Project No. 702977.
- 8.f.** 26R-134  
Accepting and approving the report of new and pending claims against the City for March 1 through March 15, 2026.

**9. ORDINANCES - 1ST READING & RELATED RESOLUTIONS (ITEM 9.a. HAD 1ST READING)**

- 9.a.** 26-30  
Street and Alley Vacation 26001 - Application of Austin Realty Co. and Goodwill Industries Serving Southeast Nebraska, Inc., to vacate a portion of right-of-way generally located along the east side of N. 84th Street between Market Drive and Adams Street.

**10. PENDING LIST (EXTENDED ONE WEEK)**

- 10.a.** 24-130  
Change of Zone 24018 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to change the zoning designation from AG Agricultural District to H-4 Highway Commercial District, on approximately 15 acres on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527)**

**(11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

**10.b. 24R-526**

Special Permit 24030 - Application of Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., to allow a planned service commercial development with associated waivers on the property generally located north of the O Street and Anthony Lane intersection. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

**10.c. 24R-527**

Approving the Conditional Zoning Agreement between the City and Sesostris Temple Holding Corp., for the property generally located at 95th and O Street. **(Related Items: 24-130, 24R-526, 24R-527) (Action Date: 12/2/24) (11/18/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/2/24) (12/2/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay with continued Public Hearing & Action two weeks to 12/16/24) (12/16/24 - Verbal Motion to Delay and Move to Pending List No Date Certain)**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Anyone wishing to address the council on a matter not on this agenda, and not planned to appear on a future agenda, may do so at the open microphone session. Individuals are allowed a total of 5 minutes to speak regardless of the number of topics. For the month of March, open microphone sessions will be held on March 9 & March 30, 2026.

## **ADJOURNMENT 6:00P.M.**

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**From:** [Kellie Cave](#)  
**Subject:** LES Administrative Board Meeting Minutes 3.20.26  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 1:50:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [03-March 20, 2026 Administrative Board Meeting Minutes.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Please see the attached meeting minutes from the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thank you,  
Kellie

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## MINUTES OF LINCOLN ELECTRIC SYSTEM ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Minutes of the regular meeting held at 9:30 a.m., Friday, March 20, 2026, at the Kevin Wailes Operations Center, 9445 Rokeby Road, Lincoln, Nebraska. Public notice of today's meeting was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on March 13, 2026.

Board Members Present: Kate Bolz, Carl Eskridge, Donna Garden, Andy Hunzeker, Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Board Members Absent: None.

LES Staff Present: Emeka Anyanwu, Emily Koenig, Jason Fortik, David Malcom, Lisa Hale, Katie Lechner, Jim Rigg, Matt Andersen, Richard Grabow, Paul Ladd, JD Linscott, Amy Svoboda, Keith Snyder, Denise Parrott, Kellie Cave.

Others Present: Ken Winston, Nathan Svatora, and numerous virtual participants via Microsoft Teams.

News Media Present: None.

Chair Lucas Sabalka declared a quorum present and called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. A safety briefing was provided. Sabalka noted that LES conducts its meetings in compliance with the Nebraska Open Meetings Act and noted that a copy of the Act is located on the wall at the back of the room and with the Assistant Secretary. Shelley Sahling-Zart, General Counsel, reviewed duties and responsibilities of LES Board members.

### **Call to Order, Safety Briefing, and Board Member Duties and Responsibilities**

Chair Sabalka asked for approval of the minutes of the February 20, 2026, Board meeting. David Spinar moved approval of the minutes. Carl Eskridge seconded the motion. The vote for approval of the minutes was:

### **\*Approval of Minutes**

Aye: Carl Eskridge, Donna Garde, Andy Hunzeker, Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Nay: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Kate Bolz

Ken Winston, speaking on behalf of the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club, expressed his concern regarding climate change, and encouraged LES to make decisions to limit greenhouse gas emissions. He referenced the wildfires in western Nebraska, which he attributed to the warm/dry winter, as well as the high temperatures predicted for the next few days (another risk of wildfires) due to global warming. After expressing his gratitude for LES and public power, he highlighted his unease with LB1175, to which he is opposed. Winston also referenced LB1261 and detailed the potentially negative impacts of data center energy use including water usage, impact on the cost of natural gas, and greenhouse gas emissions. His suggestions to help offset costs in low-income neighborhoods included resilience hubs with battery storage and solar panels, as well as a pilot plug-in solar project.

**Comments from Customers**

Chelsea Johnson, Chair of the Operations & Power Supply Committee Meeting reported on committee discussions held on March 9, 2026, including: 1) Terry Bundy Generating Station Expansion Project Update, 2) Value of Solar Study. (Exhibit I)

**Operations and Power Supply Committee Report**

Matt Andersen, Specialist, Government Relations, briefed the Board on the final weeks of the 2026 legislative session and highlighted the following legislative bills:

- LB 964 requires a public hearing and notice before a political subdivision sells, leases or purchases real property. An unofficial amendment (AM 1952) adjusts the threshold to avoid burdening routine, low-dollar transactions while keeping larger deals subject to the act. The bill remains in committee. LES supports the bill as amended.
- LB 1010 defines energy storage resources, requires Nebraska Power Review Board approval and mandates consent and contractual arrangements with a Nebraska public power utility for privately owned standalone storage. Prioritized by the Natural Resources Committee, it has advanced from General File with an amendment that incorporates provisions from LB 1064 (large-load interconnection standards) and LB 1111 (data-center reporting over 10 MW). LES is neutral on LB 1010 overall, supports the LB 1064 provisions and remains neutral on LB 1111. Discussions are ongoing regarding appropriate safeguards.
- LB 1096, introduced at the governor's request, creates state-

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level restrictions and reporting to the attorney general related to access to critical infrastructure and foreign-adversary technologies. Sen. Bostar has made it a personal priority. Amendment AM 2313 narrowed the bill's applicability to LES by addressing duplication with existing NERC standards and avoiding conflicts with federal oversight. With the amendment, LES is now neutral.

- LB 1261 aims to address short-term challenges by allowing public electric utilities to contract with privately owned generation to serve a single large load exceeding 1,000 MW. Guardrails are intended to protect exclusive retail territories, avoid cost-shifting and limit the bill to short-term needs. Prioritized by Sen. Moser, it has advanced to Select File with amendments requiring governing-body approval of contracts and eminent-domain waivers. The bill has drawn extensive debate, including on labor standards, PRB composition, contract provisions and tax issues. It is expected to take the full four hours of Select File debate.

David Spinar requested confirmation that LES is still monitoring other bills (outside of those reviewed today), which Andersen provided. The full tracking table is available to employees on PowerNet and publicly on LES.com (Exhibit II)

Chair Sabalka inquired about a news article that came out regarding LB 1261. Andersen indicated he's spent time researching to clarify the details of the bill as well as answer questions received about the article.

Richard Grabow, Associate General Counsel, Legal & Governmental Services, provided a review of recently concluded labor negotiations. He described the process for labor negotiations which apply to roughly 1/3 of full-time LES employees. Represented employees are divided into two labor unions under the IBEW 1536 Local group: Trades & Crafts and Rokeby Generation Station (which includes District Energy Corporation employees). The existing contract took effect in 2023 and ends April 30, 2026. In October 2025, the group indicated their preference to negotiate new terms. Grabow then reviewed the process and logistics. After thanking the Labor Negotiations Committee members for their generous time and input, he detailed key language changes including:

- New discipline procedure
- Emergency management operations event pay changes

## **Report on IBEW Negotiations**

- Personal leave accrual rate to match that of unrepresented employees.

He then reviewed wage increases for the Trades and Crafts group including background information on market comparison. Multiple members of the board inquired about budget impacts, to which CFO, Emily Koenig, Kate provided clarity.

Grabow then detailed the key language changes for the Rokeby Generation Station agreement:

- Grievance procedure and who would be involved
- Streamlined minimum rest period language
- Personal leave accrual rate to match that of unrepresented employees.

Secretary Eskridge commended the management teams and participants during the negotiations process. CEO Anyanwu expressed gratitude for the labor negotiations representation team from LES. Board Member Eric Schafer encouraged the group to explore budget impacts and ensure that the financial metrics are considered prior to approval.

It was determined an Executive Session to discuss specific details of the contract was not necessary.

(Exhibit III)

Shelley Sahling Zart, General Counsel, requested a motion to amend IBEW Local 1536 Trades & Crafts Union Ratification, LES Resolution 2026-1 to correct the fifth whereas clause. David Spinar made the motion. Chelsea Johnson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was:

Aye: Kate Bolz, Carl Eskridge, Donna Garde, Andy Hunzeker, Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Nay: None

Absent: None

David Spinar moved approval of the IBEW Local 1536 Trades & Crafts Union Ratification, LES Resolution 2026-1 (Exhibit IV). Chelsea Johnson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was:

**\*Approval of IBEW Local 1536 Trades & Crafts Union Ratification, LES Resolution 2026-1**

Aye: Kate Bolz, Carl Eskridge, Donna Garde, Andy Hunzeker, Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Nay: None

Absent: None

David Spinar moved approval of the IBEW Local 1536 Rokeby Generation Station Union Ratification, LES Resolution 2026-2 (Exhibit V). Chelsea Johnson seconded the motion. The vote for approval was:

**\*Approval of IBEW Local 1536 Rokeby Generation Station Union Ratification, LES Resolution 2026-2**

Aye: Kate Bolz, Carl Eskridge, Donna Garde, Andy Hunzeker, Chelsea Johnson, Alyssa Martin, Lucas Sabalka, Eric Schafer, David Spinar.

Nay: None

Absent: None

The next regular meeting of the LES Administrative Board will be **Next Meeting** Friday, April 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Without further business before the Board, Chair Sabalka declared **Adjournment** the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:28 a.m.

Carl Eskridge, Secretary

BY: Kellie Cave  
Kellie Cave, Assistant Secretary

# **Exhibit I**



## Operations and Power Supply Committee Meeting Summary March 9, 2026

**Attendees:** C. Johnson (Committee Chair), A. Martin, L. Sabalka, D. Spinar  
S. Benson, P. Crist, J. Dagerman, D. Florom, J. Fortik, E. Koenig, A. Nelson, S. Sahling-Zart, N. Wischhof

### **Terry Bundy Generating Station Expansion Project Update (Nick Wischhof, Andrew Nelson):**

- Staff provided a status update on the project to add two aeroderivative based combustion turbines at the existing Terry Bundy Generating Station.
- Major items either completed or underway include signing a contract with General Electric to procure the combustion turbines, reaching 60% design review completion for the overall engineering design, and signing contracts and issuing bid packages for several major pieces of equipment.
- A number of large equipment procurement and construction work packages still need to be finalized and placed under contract and the effect of tariffs is still uncertain. Current projections indicate that the turbines will be placed in service by the summer of 2029 to meet expected generating resource adequacy requirements.

### **Value of Solar Study (Scott Benson, Joel Dagerman):**

- Staff provided a second review of the Value of Solar Study results that included additional clarifying information requested by the Committee.
- Amongst other methodology questions, staff provided system analysis results for summer and winter electrical loading on distribution facilities in certain parts of the LES service area.
- Based on discussion at the meeting, staff will be performing further analysis and will share these results with the Committee at its April meeting.

# **Exhibit II**

**From:** [Margaret L. Bohy](#)  
**To:** [Amy L. Jones](#); [Amy Schweitzer](#); [Angela C. Zocholl](#); [Angela M. Franssen](#); [Angela Y. Lemke](#); [Anita K. Leonard](#); [Austin C. Rhodes](#); [Beau A. Wolfe](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [Brandi R. Lehl](#); [Brenda K. Bourelle](#); [Building & Grounds Maint](#); [Cara J. Jondle](#); [Carmen J. Flynn](#); [Cheri L. Howard](#); [Chris S. Jones](#); [Connie J. Ahlschwede](#); [County Clerk](#); [Courtney J. Lyons](#); [Dean A. Daniel](#); [Debra Haeffner](#); [Denise K. Pearce](#); [Francisca L. Beltran](#); [Jenni R. Ryan](#); [Jessica M. Yesilcimen](#); [Jill Cook](#); [Justin J. Meyer](#); [Kathleen M. Chadwick](#); [Kerin L. Peterson](#); [Kirsten C. McMann](#); [Kristi K. Nydahl](#); [Kristi L. Merfeld](#); [Kristy R. Bauer](#); [Mailroom](#); [Malerie McCullough](#); [Mary Anne Prinkkila-Rogers](#); [Matt V. Hansen](#); [Melissa M. Fuller](#); [Mental Health Psychologist](#); [Michele M. Abendroth](#); [Michelle M. Leaver](#); [Mirna Mendez](#); [Pam J. Hoffman](#); [Pat Posey Ribeiro](#); [Rachel M. Garver](#); [Raven L. Collier](#); [Rhonda M. Haas](#); [Roni R. Olander](#); [Saige Rasmussen](#); [Sanat K. Roy](#); [Sara J. Hoyle](#); [Sarah A. Price](#); [Scott E. Etherton](#); [Shelli K. Reid](#); [Shelly R. Madison](#); [Soulinnee Phan](#); [Tina M. Schilz](#); [Vicki M. Hansen](#); [Victoria L. Keating](#)  
**Subject:** Please send to all staff who utilize Carriage Park garage  
**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2026 10:24:26 AM

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I wanted to inform you that the L Street entrance to Carriage Park garage will be temporarily closed on March 30th beginning at 9:00 AM to complete necessary entry column repairs. The work is expected to be completed within one day.

To minimize disruption, the entrance will remain open until 9:00 AM to accommodate parkers arriving earlier in the morning. After 9:00 AM, all parkers will need to use the 11th Street entrance for the remainder of the day.

We will have staff stationed at the entrance to assist and help ensure traffic flows smoothly.

Thank you,



**Nakemm Evans**  
Operations Manager  
City of Lincoln  
Parking Services

Office: 402-326-7409

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[parkandgo.org](http://parkandgo.org)

**From:** [Sue K Burgason](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Cc:** [Yohance L. Christie](#); [Nicholas T. Bussey](#); [Sarah J. Rada](#)  
**Subject:** Claims against the City set for Public Hearing 3/30/2026  
**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2026 11:20:06 AM  
**Attachments:** [26R-134 Resolution.pdf](#)  
[26R-134 Claims Report.pdf](#)  
[Letter to National General re Claim 250948737 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Marc Odgaard re Claim 3.12.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Bradley Wendelin re Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Lisa Marquardt re 11.30.2025 Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Lisa Marquardt re 1.25.2026 Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Quentin Lazaro re Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to United Equity LLC re Claim 3.12.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Troy Einspahr re Claim 3.12.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Travis Schroer re Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Mariella Rodriguez Gutierrez re Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Ross Berot re Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Sharon Meints re Claim 3.11.2026.pdf](#)  
[Letter to Pie Insurance re Claim \(Houser Refuse, Insured\) 3.11.2026.pdf](#)

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Ben: Attached is Resolution and Claims Report that is set for public hearing on March 30, 2026, and letters to claimants that are on the list of denied claims.



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RESOLUTION NO. A-\_\_\_\_\_

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lincoln, Nebraska:  
 2 That claims against City of Lincoln listed in attached report marked as Exhibit  
 3 "A" dated March 16, 2026, of new and pending tort claims filed with the Office  
 4 of City Attorney or the Office of City Clerk, as well as claims which have been  
 5 disposed of, are hereby received as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-905  
 6 (Reissue 1997). The dispositions of claims by the Office of City Attorney as  
 7 shown in attached report are hereby approved:

<u>DENIED CLAIMS</u>	<u>SETTLED CLAIMS</u>
9 National General a/s/o	Dylan Kitchen \$ 185.52
10 Olman Herrera Unspecified Amount	JCJ Holdings LLC 1,300.00
11 Marc Odgaard \$ 297.29	Donna Akiyama 980.00
12 Bradley Wendelin 139.00	Cristian Lopez 1,671.00
13 Lisa Marquardt 89.08	CenterPointe 10.00
14 Lisa Marquardt 89.08	Stephens & Smith Construction 330.00
15 Quentin Lazaro 1,250.00	Clotaire Eloume Akoua 6,407.27
16 United Equity LLC Unspecified Amount	
17 Troy Einspahr 521.08	
18 Travis Schroer Unspecified Amount	
19 Mariella Rodriguez Gutierrez 554.16	
20 Ross Bergt Unspecified Amount	
21 Sharon Meints Unspecified Amount	
22 Pie Insurance a/s/o	
23 Houser Refuse 477.52	

24 The City Attorney is hereby directed to mail to claimants listed herein a  
 25 copy of this resolution which shows final disposition of their claim.

Introduced by:

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Approved as to Form and Legality:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2026:  _____ Mayor
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March 16, 2026

Mayor & City Council  
Lincoln, Nebraska

RE: Report of Claims Against City of Lincoln for March 1 through March 15, 2026

Dear Mayor & Council:

The following is a report of claims against City of Lincoln which have been disposed of, or are pending, for period of March 1 through March 15, 2026. This report will describe claims and dispositions or status of these claims.

**DENIED CLAIMS:**

**National General as subrogee of Olman Herrera** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Marc Odgaard** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$297.29 for damage to tire as the result of street defect. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Bradley Wendelin** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$139.00 for damage to tire as the result of street defect. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Lisa Marquardt** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$89.08 for damage to mailbox as the result of snow removal activity on November 30, 2025. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Lisa Marquardt** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$89.08 for damage to mailbox as the result of snow removal activity on January 25, 2026. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Quentin Lazaro** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,250.00 for damage to mailbox as the result of snow removal activity. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**United Equity LLC** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to sod as the result of snow removal activity. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Troy Einspahr** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$521.08 for damage to tires as the result of pothole. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Travis Schroer** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to sod as the result of snow removal activity. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Mariella Rodriguez Gutierrez** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$554.16 for damage to windshield allegedly caused by rock or debris thrown from snowplow. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Ross Bergt** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to sod as the result of snow removal activity. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Sharon Meints** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to sod and mailbox as the result of snow removal activity. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Pie Insurance as subrogee of Houser Refuse** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$477.52 for medical expenses related to injury incurred to Houser Refuse employee when he slipped and fell on unplowed street. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

#### **ALLOWED AND SETTLED CLAIMS:**

**Dylan Kitchen** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$185.52 for damage to fence as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$185.52.

**JCJ Holdings LLC** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$1,300.00 for damage to property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$1,300.00.

**Donna Akiyama** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$980.00 for tree limb removal expense and damage to property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$980.00.

**Cristian Lopez** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,671.00 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$1,671.00.

**CenterPointe** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$50.00 for loss of keys during an arrest by Lincoln police. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **settled** in the amount of \$10.00.

**Stephens & Smith Construction** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$330.00 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$330.00.

**Clotaire Eloume Akoua** filed claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$6,407.27 for damage to vehicle when struck by StarTran bus. This claim has been **settled** by the Risk Management Office in the amount of \$6,407.27.

#### **PENDING CLAIMS:**

**Joshua James Smallfoot** filed claim during the month of February 2023 in the amount of \$50,000 alleging excessive force by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of June 2023 in an unspecified amount for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of electrical lines. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of August 2023 in an unspecified amount for alleged damage to Windstream cable during installation of electrical lines. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Jack Wickline** filed claim during the month of October 2023 in the amount of \$50,100 for alleged injury incurred when arrested by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jamaal McNeil** filed claim during the month of March 2024 in the amount of \$25,050,000 for alleged damages relating to his arrest. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Theresa Lemons** filed claim during the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$100,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant's scooter tipped over while she was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kyra Miller** filed claim during the month of April 2024 in the amount of \$12,500 for vehicle sold at police auction. This claim is under review and is pending.

**RG Hall LP** filed claim during the month of May 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to property as the result of fallen tree. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Evan LaBouef** filed claim during the month of June 2024 in the amount of \$50.00 for loss incurred due to disconnection of electrical power in error. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Mackenzie Quinn** filed claim during the month of June 2024 in an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of accident involving a Health Department vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Optum on behalf of Auto Owners Insurance as subrogee of Laurie Chrastil** filed subrogation claim during the month of August 2024 in the amount of \$28,859.16 for damage to insured's vehicle when struck by fallen tree near Pioneers Park Golf Course. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lucas Long** filed claim during the month of August 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Joelle Paige** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant fell as she was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Eric Baer** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lisa Study** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for damage allegedly incurred to property during police investigation. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Laura Marshall** filed claim during the month of September 2024 in an unspecified amount for alleged damages incurred due to claimant's arrest by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Foundation for Education Services** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$10,305.32 for damage incurred in basement of building due to flooding that occurred in an L.E.S. vault during a heavy rainstorm. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Kayla Lee** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$11,357.00 for property damage and alleged emotional distress incurred as the result of no-knock warrant executed by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lee Cosby** filed claim during the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$800,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of his arrest. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kristopher Cody Koebel** filed nine claims during the month of December 2024 totaling \$26,500,000 alleging excessive force and unlawful conduct by Lincoln police and other law enforcement agencies. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Old Dominion Freight Line** filed claim during the month of February 2025 in the amount of \$12,195.79 for property damage incurred as the result of the accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kathleen Pfeffer** filed claim during the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$110.00 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as the result of claimant's fall as she was getting on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**First Dakota Indemnity Company as third party administrator of The Bridge of Nebraska Inc.** filed claim during the month of March 2025 for workers compensation benefits paid on behalf of injured employee LaNita Nelson as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**William Burda** filed claim during the month of April 2025 in the amount of \$105.50 for damage to sprinkler system during L.E.S. pole installation. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Pamela Prater** filed claim during the month of May 2025 in the amount of \$8,218.09 for damage to property as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

**CMR on behalf of Windstream** filed claim during the month of May 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to Windstream property. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Christine Grandgenett** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving Lincoln police vehicle. **Progressive Insurance as subrogee of Christine Grandgenett** filed a subrogation claim during the month of March 2026 in the amount of \$5,000 for medical payments made on behalf of insured as a result of the accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Allstate Insurance as subrogee of Hoi Wong and Er Fong Wong** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in an unspecified amount for medical payments on behalf of insured's driver as the result of accident involving Parks vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Claudia Perez** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Arianna Banspach** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$201.30 for damage to tire as the result of pothole. This claim is under review and is pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Derek Harris** filed claim during the month of July 2025 in the amount of \$6,716.40 for damage to insured's property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Mark Bosak** filed claim during the month of August 2025 an unspecified amount for injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Geury Brito** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$1,680.00 for damage to windshield of vehicle that claimant was transporting when it was struck by tree limb overhanging street. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jeffrey Luis Lopez** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$250,000 alleging unlawful arrest and excessive force by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Yosha Brown** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$6,500 for injury incurred to daughter when scooter she was riding flipped on an uneven sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**James William Quinn** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$284.95 for damage to fence as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Trenton Rohde** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Lionel Brown** filed claim during the month of August 2025 in the amount of \$1,300.00 for proceeds from sale of vehicle at auction. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hannah Middleton** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Joe Miller** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$12,708.91 for damage to fence and shed as the result of fallen tree. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Lannette Griffin-Mack** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$1,250.00 for tree limb removal expense and damage to two vehicles as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Richard Brown** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,118.76 for injury incurred as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hunter Robertson** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,065.74 for medical expenses incurred while claimant was in police custody. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ronald Pointer** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged illegal tow of vehicle and false incarceration. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ronald Pointer** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in an unspecified amount for alleged failure by Lincoln police to investigate an assault that claimant reported to Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Charles Rethmeier** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$2,027.89 for damage to vehicle when struck by mower. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jack Kirkland Jr.** filed claim during the month of September 2025 in the amount of \$5,170.00 for tree limb removal expense and damage to property as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Nathaniel Furr and Ryaan Walker** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$8,242.43 for damage to vehicle as the result of fallen tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kenneth Burley** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$150,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Dillon Ballagh** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of fall from wheelchair while claimant was passenger on StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Olga Kanne** filed claim during the month of October 2025 in the amount of \$1,452.00 for damage to driveway and sidewalk as the result of tree removal. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Sharon Schmidt** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**David Donald** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$5,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jackie Prater** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in an unspecified amount for damage to fence when allegedly struck by City mower. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ace Electric** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$1,986.00 for damage to property by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Terry Herman** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$2,317.05 for damage to vehicle when struck by concrete. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Lakeisha Thomas** filed claim during the month of November 2025 in the amount of \$500,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was exiting StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Betty Rodriguez** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$5,000 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was passenger on StarTran bus that was involved in an accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Farmers Union Insurance as subrogee of Kenton Carlson** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$7,630.20 for damage to insured's vehicle when struck by City snowplow. **Tanner Carlson** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in the amount of \$1,439.05 for out-of-pocket expenses incurred as the result of the accident. These claims are under review and are pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Beverly Higgins** filed claim during the month of December 2025 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jade and Alex Wolfe** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$9,830.46 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving Lincoln Fire and Rescue vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Marc and Jennifer Odgaard** filed claim during the month of December 2025 in the amount of \$700.00 for loss of use of driveway and garage during street repairs. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Marcos Green** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to vehicle when struck by City vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**American Family as subrogee of Susan Zabloski** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Quinton Thew** filed claim during the month of January 2026 in an unspecified amount for loss of income as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Casa Property Management** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$993.00 for expense incurred to restore water service at rental property. This claim is under review and is pending.

**FMNE Insurance as subrogee of Robert and Sheri Wolfe** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$10,327.41 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kevin Lindquist** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in an unspecified amount for damage to mailbox when struck by tree limb. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Janice Thomas** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$5,000 for injury incurred when claimant was passenger on StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Hitomi and Thomas Robinson** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages incurred as the result of alleged failure to provide and maintain adequate security measures at parking garage. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Estate of Eleazar Ocegüera** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 alleging wrongful death due to alleged negligence by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Eleazar Antonio Ocegüera and Aliya Jo Ocegüera** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$1,000,000 alleging wrongful death due to alleged negligence by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Ivan Kring** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$546.54 for expense incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Carl Armstrong** filed subrogation claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$3,997.17 for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Addam Frei** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$2,000.00 for damage incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jason Varga** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$4,197.87 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving Building and Safety vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Akil Awad Al-Dhary** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$3,600.00 alleging description of vehicle purchased at police auction was incorrect. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jennifer Bryan** filed claim during the month of February 2026 in the amount of \$4,159.95 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is pending.

#### **NEW CLAIMS FILED DURING PERIOD OF MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 15, 2026:**

**Katie Black** filed claim in the amount of \$500.00 for damage to fence when struck by tree limb from tree that was being trimmed by City Forestry personnel. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Caden Dirkes** filed claim in the amount of \$3,054.87 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran van. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Max Westerholt** filed claim in the amount of \$4,432.35 for damage to sewer line by L.E.S. This claim is pending review and ratification by L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Rebecca Bramer** filed claim in the amount of \$225.00 for damage to mailbox as the result of snow removal activity. This claim is under review and is pending.

**FMNE Insurance as subrogee of Stephen and Katherine Dietz** for damage to insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving Lincoln Fire and Rescue vehicle. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Kurt Kodad** filed claim in the amount of \$1,000 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving City snowplow. This claim is under review and is pending.

**Jeffrey Luis Lopez** filed claim in the amount of \$1,000,000 for damages arising from alleged unlawful seizure, impoundment and sale of vehicle by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is pending.

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

**Marc Timmins** filed claim during the month of February 2024 in the amount of \$500,000 for damages incurred as the result of motor vehicle accident that claimant alleges occurred due to lack of signage and street lighting at a roundabout. Claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Kalyn Thomson and Adam Thomson** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$500,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving police vehicle. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Fernando Figueroa** filed claim during the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$50,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. **Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. on behalf of Old Dominion Freight Line** filed a subrogation claim in the amount of \$27,767.86 for workers compensation benefits paid as the result of injury sustained by Fernando Figueroa who was an employee/driver of semitruck owned by Old Dominion Freight Line that was involved in the accident. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Brendan Welch** filed claim during the month of March 2025 in the amount of \$2,342.58 for damage to vehicle as the result of accident involving StarTran bus. Suit was filed in Lancaster County Court. Litigation is pending.

**Nathan Hinds** filed claim during the month of October 2024 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury incurred as the result of accident involving an alleged vehicle pursuit by Lincoln police. Suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is pending.

**Jordan Tyrance** filed suit in Lancaster County Court for injury incurred as the result of accident involving a Parks vehicle. Litigation is pending.

Submitted by City Law Department



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 11, 2026

Laura Tolotti  
National General Insurance



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE  
Your Claim #: 250948737  
Your Insured: Olman Herrera  
Date of Loss: 11/14/2025

Dear Ms. Tolotti:

This is in response to the above-referenced claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on December 9, 2025, related to damage incurred to insured's vehicle as the result of an accident involving a Lincoln police vehicle on November 14, 2025.

Per your voice message of March 9, 2026, stating that National General did not handle the damages incurred to insured's vehicle because the damages were below insured's deductible, the subrogation claim of National General against the City of Lincoln is denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider the denial of the subrogation claim of National General at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112, Lincoln, NE.

Sincerely,

Sarah J. Rada  
Assistant City Attorney



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 12, 2026

Marc Odgaard  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Odgaard:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on December 28, 2025, for damage to a tire in the vicinity of Blackstone Rd. and Truchard Rd. that occurred on November 8, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate claims against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

I have reviewed your claim with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities personnel. The street construction that allegedly caused damage to your tire was performed by an independent contractor, Bauer Infrastructure, LLC. It appears that any damage incurred to your tire would have been caused by the contractor, rather than by actions of the City or its employees. When the City of Lincoln enters into a contract with a private contractor, the contractor is responsible for fulfilling the terms of the contract, and in this case, Bauer Infrastructure would be responsible for any damage referenced in your claim. Therefore, your claim against the City of Lincoln will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that your claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

By copy of this letter I am advising Bauer Infrastructure concerning your claim.

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Bauer Infrastructure, 18570 SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Martell, NE 68404



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 11, 2026

Bradley Wendelin  


RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Wendelin:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 12, 2026, for damage incurred to a tire in the vicinity of North 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Baldwin Avenue on February 11, 2026. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that there exists a legal basis for such authorization. Under Nebraska law, the mere occurrence of an incident resulting in damage on a roadway, in and of itself, is not sufficient to establish that a city is liable. A city can only be held liable for payment of damages due to defects in a roadway if the city had actual or constructive notice of the defect within a reasonable time to allow repair prior to the incident giving rise to the claim.

The City of Lincoln understands the financial impact you have incurred as the result of this incident; however, because taxpayer funds are used to pay claims of this type, this office can only recommend payment of claims when there is legal basis to establish liability. After receipt of your claim, Lincoln Transportation and Utilities personnel inspected the area described in your claim and could not locate a defect. Therefore, your claim will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that your claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,



Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 11, 2026

Lisa Marquardt  


RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Marquardt:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 20, 2026, for damage to mailbox at 5000 Randolph Street as the result of snow removal activity on or about November 30, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. The City of Lincoln is responsible for maintaining City streets during winter weather, which includes the removal of snow. In recognition that damage may occur to mailboxes or other structures in the sidewalk space during snow removal, ordinances have been enacted that exempt the City from liability for damage that occurs in the City's public right-of-way. Lincoln Municipal Code § 14.80.020(f) provides in relevant part:

The City of Lincoln is released from any and all liability and responsibility for any damage to any non-organic mulch, **mailboxes and supporting structures**, surfacing materials, and/or any item or material not authorized pursuant to this section, located in the sidewalk space by the abutting property owner which might occur during maintenance or repair work performed by the City, . . . including, but not limited to, street maintenance and repair, [or] **snow removal** . . . .

The City of Lincoln understands the inconvenience and financial impact from this incident. However, because the City is not liable for this type of claim under the above Lincoln Municipal Code section, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

  
Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 11, 2026

Lisa Marquardt  


RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Marquardt:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 20, 2026, for damage to mailbox at 5000 Randolph Street as the result of snow removal activity on or about January 25, 2026. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. The City of Lincoln is responsible for maintaining City streets during winter weather, which includes the removal of snow. In recognition that damage may occur to mailboxes or other structures in the sidewalk space during snow removal, ordinances have been enacted that exempt the City from liability for damage that occurs in the City's public right-of-way. Lincoln Municipal Code § 14.80.020(f) provides in relevant part:

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The City of Lincoln understands the inconvenience from this incident. However, because the City is not liable for this type of claim under the above Lincoln Municipal Code section, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

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Sincerely,



Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



City of Lincoln  
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March 11, 2026

Quentin Lazaro  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Lazaro:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 23, 2026, for damage to a mailbox at [REDACTED] as the result of snow removal activity on or about February 19, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. The City of Lincoln is responsible for maintaining City streets during winter weather, which includes the removal of snow. In recognition that damage may occur to mailboxes or other structures in the sidewalk space during snow removal, ordinances have been enacted that exempt the City from liability for damage that occurs in the City's public right-of-way. Lincoln Municipal Code § 14.80.020(f) provides in relevant part:

The City of Lincoln is released from any and all liability and responsibility for any damage to any non-organic mulch, **mailboxes and supporting structures**, surfacing materials, and/or any item or material not authorized pursuant to this section, located in the sidewalk space by the abutting property owner which might occur during maintenance or repair work performed by the City, . . . including, but not limited to, street maintenance and repair, [or] **snow removal** . . . .

The City of Lincoln understands the inconvenience from this incident. However, because the City is not liable for this type of claim under the above Lincoln Municipal Code section, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



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March 12, 2026

Ryan Bouc  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Bouc:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 24, 2026, for damage to sod at [REDACTED] as the result of snow removal activity on or about February 20, 2026. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. The location of the sod referenced in your claim is between the sidewalk and the street, which is an area that is commonly referred to as the public right-of-way. When a public street is developed, the City not only acquires the property for the roadway but also acquires the right-of-way. The purpose of the right-of-way is to ensure a buffer between private property and the City roadway and to reserve an area for the City to perform many necessary functions without infringing upon private property. In addition, Lincoln Municipal Code § 14.80.020(f) provides a release of liability for any damage to non-organic mulch, mailboxes and supporting structures, surfacing materials and related items located in the sidewalk space that occurs during maintenance or repair work, including snow removal.

Because the area damaged was within the City's right-of-way and because the City is not liable for this type of claim under the above Lincoln Municipal Code section, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



City of Lincoln  
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March 12, 2026

Troy Einspahr  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Einspahr:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 23, 2026, for damage to tires as the result of a pothole in the vicinity of 56<sup>th</sup> Street and Pioneers Blvd. on February 23, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. Nebraska law is specific regarding when a city is liable for the damage referenced in your claim. The mere occurrence of an incident resulting in damage on a roadway, in and of itself, is not sufficient to establish that a city must assume responsibility for the damage. A city can only be held liable for payment of damages due to defects in a roadway if the city had actual or constructive notice of the defect within a reasonable time to allow repair prior to the incident giving rise to the claim. Even if a city had notice of the defect, there must be evidence that the city's actions were negligent in addressing the defect or in making repairs.

A review of the City of Lincoln's Street Maintenance records indicates that the pothole referenced in your claim was first reported on Saturday, February 22, 2025, and the pothole was filled Monday morning, February 24, 2025. Since I cannot determine that the City's actions were negligent in addressing the defect or in making repairs, your claim will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



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March 11, 2026

Travis Schroer



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Schroer:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 25, 2026, for damage to sod as the result of snow removal activity on February 19, 2026. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. I have reviewed this claim with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities personnel. The location of the sod that was damaged is apparently between the sidewalk and the street, which is an area that is property of the City of Lincoln and is commonly referred to as the public right-of-way.

When a public street is developed by the City of Lincoln, the City not only acquires the property for the roadway, but also acquires the right-of-way. The purpose of the right-of-way is to ensure a buffer between private property and the City roadway and to reserve an area for the City to perform many necessary functions, without infringing upon private property. In addition, Lincoln Municipal Code, section 14.80.020(f) provides a release of liability for damage that occurs during maintenance in the right-of-way, including snow removal.

The City is unable to determine whether any damage was caused by City personnel or a private contractor performing snow removal, as both LTU personnel and K2 Construction were performing snow removal during the timeframe of your claim. However, to the extent any damage was caused by City personnel, the damage appears to be within the City's right-of-way and Lincoln Municipal Code § 14.80.020(f) exempts the City for such damages during snow removal. If you wish to pursue your claim with the contractor, you may do so by contacting K2 Construction directly. By copy of this letter, I am advising K2 Construction of your claim.

For those reasons noted above, your claim against the City will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied. The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicholas T. Bussey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: K2 Construction, 7701 Cornhusker Highway, Lincoln, NE 68507



City of Lincoln  
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March 11, 2026

Mariella Rodriguez Gutierrez  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Gutierrez:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 26, 2026, for damage incurred to the windshield of your vehicle when struck by debris while traveling near I-80 and Airpark on February 19, 2026, which you alleged came from an orange truck apparently operated by the City of Lincoln. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

I have reviewed your claim with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities personnel. City of Lincoln equipment was not being operated in the area described in your claim and the description of the snowplow—an orange truck—does not match the City of Lincoln's equipment. Therefore, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that your claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



City of Lincoln  
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March 11, 2026

Ross Bergt  
[REDACTED]

RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Mr. Bergt:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on February 27, 2026, for damage to sod and sprinkler system as the result of snow removal activity on February 19, 2026. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order for a claim to be authorized for payment from public funds, it must be shown that there exists a legal basis for such authorization. I have reviewed your claim with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) personnel. LTU indicates that Rutalkin, Inc., an independent contractor, was performing snow removal in the area of [REDACTED] on February 19, 2026. The City of Lincoln is not responsible for damage caused by a contractor performing snow removal. Moreover, it appears that the reported damage occurred on City property, as the area affected was within the City's right-of-way. Therefore, your claim against the City of Lincoln will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied. You may contact Rutalkin directly should you wish to pursue this claim with Rutalkin. By copy of this letter, I am advising Rutalkin of your claim.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by emailing the City Council, at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Rutalkin Inc., Attn: Ryan Anderson, 716 346<sup>th</sup> Street, Avoca, NE 68307



City of Lincoln  
**OFFICE of THE  
CITY ATTORNEY**

March 11, 2026

Sharon Meints  


RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln

Dear Ms. Meints:

This is in response to your claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on March 2, 2026, for damage to mailbox and sod as the result of snow removal activity on December 29, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. I have reviewed your claim with Lincoln Transportation and Utilities (LTU) personnel. LTU reports that LTU equipment was spreading material on streets in the area on December 28, 2025, but were not in the area on December 29, 2026, and were not performing any snow removal activities. According to LTU records and equipment operator, LTU did not cause any damage to a mailbox or sod while spreading material on December 28, 2025. Therefore, your claim will be forwarded to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that it be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider your claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10th Street, Suite 112. You may appear in person at that date and time to discuss your claim and/or you may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov). **If you do intend to appear at the City Council meeting in person, please advise this office prior to Friday, March 27, 2026, by phone at 402-441-7281.**

Sincerely,



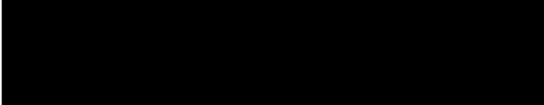
Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney



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March 11, 2026

Pie Insurance Company



RE: Claim Against the City of Lincoln, NE  
Your Insured: Houser Refuse LLC  
Insured Employee: David Leafy  
DOL: 12/05/2025

This is in response to above-referenced claim against the City of Lincoln received in this office on March 3, 2026, for medical expenses paid on behalf of your insured due to fall on a City of Lincoln street on December 5, 2025. It is this office's responsibility to investigate the merits of claims that are filed against the City of Lincoln and make a recommendation to the Lincoln City Council.

In order to recommend payment of a claim from public funds, the claim and underlying facts must demonstrate a legal basis for such authorization. While only limited information was provided to support your claim, even based on the information that was provided, it is clear there is no merit to your claim that the City of Lincoln or its employees are liable for the alleged damages. Among other reasons, claims arising out of snow or ice conditions on public roads are specifically exempt from liability claims under Nebraska law. Therefore, this claim will be referred to the Lincoln City Council with a recommendation that the claim be denied.

The Lincoln City Council will consider this claim at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 30, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 555 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 112. You may contact the City Council in writing prior to that date by email at [council@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:council@lincoln.ne.gov).

Sincerely,

Nicholas T. Bussey  
Assistant City Attorney

**From:** [OpenForms](#)  
**To:** [Benjamin A. Sobel](#)  
**Subject:** Council Comment - Lindsey Clausen  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 10:30:49 AM  
**Attachments:** [SubmissionReceipt-SubmitAComment-245.pdf](#)



## Council Comment - Lindsey Clausen

Lindsey Clausen has submitted a comment for Council. Please see the attached comment

Name	Lindsey Clausen
Phone number	[REDACTED]
Email address	[REDACTED]
	<p>Dear City Council Members,</p> <p>I am writing in strong support of the University Place Subarea Plan. It embraces creativity, small businesses, and a strong sense of community—and this plan builds on that identity and was created in conversation with the community that lives and works in Uni Place</p> <p>I appreciate that this plan recognizes our input and includes space for arts, gathering, and community-driven development as part of its vision. That alignment matters, and it's a big reason why this plan feels like a good fit for this neighborhood. I also want to emphasize the importance of traffic calming and pedestrian safety as this plan moves forward.</p>

Your  
comment

I have personally witnessed a pedestrian fatality in this corridor. It is not an abstract issue; it is a real and urgent safety concern. As we bring more activity, more businesses, and more people into the area, it becomes even more critical that the infrastructure supports that safely.

If we are serious about creating a walkable, vibrant district, especially one centered around arts and community life, then traffic calming, safer crossings, and pedestrian-first design need to be prioritized alongside development.

This plan sets the right direction. My hope is that its implementation continues to reflect the character of University Place while making it safer and more accessible for the people who live, work, and gather here.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Lindsey

**From:** [Lincoln Lutheran Board of Education](#)  
**To:** [Mayor](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [Benjamin A. Sobel](#); [tammyjoward@gmail.com](mailto:tammyjoward@gmail.com); [Max Hubka](#); [Elizabeth D. Elliott](#); [Thomas S. Shafer](#); [Brandon B. Bugarin](#); [Matt C. Hopper](#); [Shane R. Dostal](#); [Andrew M. Jenkins](#); [Melissa M. Ramos-Lamml](#)  
**Cc:** [Sheila Wallingford](#); [Jeremy Geidel](#); [David Kumm](#); [jbjorkm@lps.org](mailto:jbjorkm@lps.org); [mtrumb12@lps.org](mailto:mtrumb12@lps.org); [nkruse@lps.org](mailto:nkruse@lps.org); [besters@lps.org](mailto:besters@lps.org)  
**Subject:** Community Safety Concern - Letter from the Lincoln Lutheran School Association Board of Directors  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 25, 2026 8:05:19 AM  
**Attachments:** [Traffic and Safety Concerns Near 56th & Holdrege.pdf](#)

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Good morning,

On behalf of the Board, I am sharing the attached letter regarding a matter of community safety and traffic considerations that we believe warrants your attention.

We appreciate your time in reviewing this and your continued service to our community.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Autumn Crable  
LLSA Board President



March 25, 2026

Dear Community and Public Service Leaders,

On behalf of the Lincoln Lutheran School Association Board of Directors, I am writing to express our growing concern regarding traffic flow and safety at the intersection of 56th Street and Holdrege Street.

With four schools located within one half-mile of this intersection - Brownell, Riley, and Trinity Elementary Schools, as well as Lincoln Lutheran Middle and High School, all of which have similar daily start and dismissal times, traffic congestion at this intersection has increased significantly. The current traffic signal configuration has created significant delays for drivers attempting to navigate the intersection. More concerning, however, is the increased risk to safety, as this congestion has contributed to an increase in traffic accidents and close calls with pedestrians.

Our priority, first and foremost, is the safety of students, families, and all members of the community. The current conditions present a preventable risk during peak traffic periods. We are aware that Lincoln has ongoing street surfacing projects, and each time a nearby street closes, Holdrege and 56th bear the brunt of increased traffic flow, which adds stress to an intersection that's already working at capacity.

We respectfully ask the Planning Department to reevaluate the current traffic signal design and explore alternative solutions that would better manage traffic flow. Specifically, a left-turn signal arrow would allow drivers to turn safely without feeling pressured to rush through the intersection before the light changes.

We would welcome the opportunity to continue to partner with your team to identify a solution that serves the needs of our shared community. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued work in supporting safe and effective infrastructure throughout our city.

Sincerely,

*Autumn Crable*

Autumn Crable  
Board President

*Samith Kollipara*

Samith Kollipara  
Board Vice President

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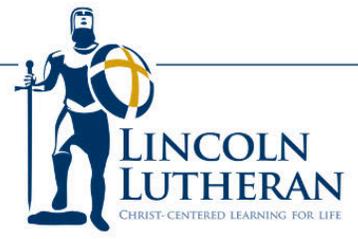
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Head of School

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Assistant Head of School

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**TO: City and Public Service Officials**

Leirion Gaylor Baird, Mayor  
James Michael Bowers, City Councilman, District 1  
Ben Sobel, City Council Secretary  
Tammy Ward, Policy Aide to Councilman Bowers  
Max Hubka, Police Captain – Lincoln Police Department  
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Thomas Shafer, Assistant Director for Transportation – Lincoln Transportation and Utilities  
Brandon Bugarin, Operations Group Leader – Transportation Team  
Matt Hopper, Transportation Operations Focus Area Leader – Transportation Team  
Shane Dostal, Right of Way Superintendent – Transportation Team  
Andy Jenkins, Senior Engineer for Traffic Management – Transportation Team  
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Molly Trumble, Assistant Principal – Riley Elementary  
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I support the proposed  
**Rokeby Energy Center.**

The project is good for the city of Lincoln  
and Lancaster County.

*Ideally, I'd like to see the Energy  
Center allow for use of the land underneath.  
Perhaps geothermal underground and grazing  
small scale ag or pollinator planting  
on the ground. Priscilla Handy*

Lincoln City Council  
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Sincerely,

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Priscilla Handy

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



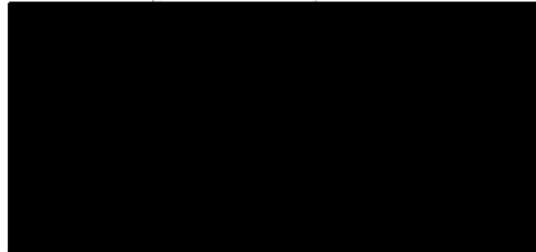
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Raven Buell

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Lincoln City Council  
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Lincoln, NE 68508

To whom it may concern

I would like to know the answer to the following questions,

Why do medicaid guidelines stay the same and everything else keeps going up in price?

How can medicaid use your life insurance cash value against you?

How come medicaid guidelines don't adjust with the cost of living?

How can medicaid keep cutting food stamp benefits when food prices keep going up?

I would like a response to the above questions asap

Yours Truly  
Kaven Buell

The medicaid program doesn't adjust to the cost of living

**From:** [Raina Engelhard](#)  
**To:** [Council Packet](#); [James M. Bowers](#); [Tom Duden](#); [Justin P. Carlson](#); [Brodey B. Weber](#); [Bennie R. Shobe](#); [Sandra J. Washington](#); [Tom J. Beckius](#)  
**Subject:** Please Prioritize ADUs in HOA Areas  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 24, 2026 9:12:29 PM

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Historically, old central Lincoln neighborhoods like Near South have shouldered the bulk of city density “experiments.” While density is essential for Lincoln’s future, other areas must share the noble responsibility. I urge the city to prioritize ADUs in HOA areas, HOA areas being the biggest culprits of sprawl, increased carbon footprints per capita, and shortsighted/harmful land and resource use. The city needs to be able to supersede HOAs when it comes to allowing ADUs. Why not do it now while we’re at it?

While ADUs offer a promising solution, we must address vacant, neglected, slumlord-owned homes already saturating historic central Lincoln and Building & Safety’s capacity. Despite reports and registry listings, these properties remain boarded up for years (check UPLNK), a glaring missed opportunity for housing. How can we ensure that housing solutions aren’t only employed for headlines and press conferences? How can the same motive for more housing be applied to the 4 boarded up multifamily homes within two blocks that I pass every time I go to Russ’s? The city undermines community trust with their lack of teeth to hold landlords with long term vacancies/violations accountable, especially when delays are always blamed on bureaucracy when you ask about it. Will this worsen with more concentration of housing in this area? Property owners will be relied upon to build these ADUs, generating tax revenue. So what will City Council do to help after voting is done?

I fully support of the owner occupancy rule. Katt saying “most rentals today are by responsible landlords” is misguided. Spend one hour with Lincoln Tenants United, as their meetings only just started up, it’s quite the contrary.

I know some council members don’t live in central Lincoln and don’t want ADUs in their backyards. Central Lincoln represents your home though too. Our neighborhood is what you see as residential Lincoln when you look south from the Capitol tower. Central Lincoln is the heart of our city, home to many of your constituents. If poor decisions are made for this area and not revisited, it impacts the core of Lincoln, downtown, and tourist impressions. Near South is the best, and thoughtful density and walkability over the decades is a part of what makes it a true community! We’ve done our part, suburbia has a lot to gain from some gentle density of their own.

Spread the ADU wealth! Thanks for all you do!

Raina Engelhard

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