

## Exhibit "A"

April 16, 2014

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

RE: Report of Claims Against the City of Lincoln for April 1 through April 15, 2014

Dear Mayor & Council:

The following is a report of claims against the City of Lincoln which have been disposed of, or are pending, for the period of April 1 through April 15, 2014. This report will describe the claims and the dispositions or status of these claims.

### **DENIED CLAIMS:**

**Don Andrews and Amy Svoboda** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$300.00 for damages allegedly incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Elisa O'Dell and John O'Dell** filed a claim during the month of April, 2014, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident which claimants allege was caused by malfunctioning traffic signal lights. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

**Gary and Paula Bohaty** filed a claim during the month of April, 2014, in the amount of \$342.00 for expenses allegedly incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **denied**.

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

**Alison Wick** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$550.00 for damage incurred to mailbox when it was struck by a StarTran bus. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **settled** in the amount of \$325.00.

**Daniel Bousek** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$50.00 for bicycle sold at police auction. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **settled** in the amount of \$15.00.

**William Irwin** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$2,621.39 for damages incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$2,621.39.

**Benjamin Cosier** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$4,163.57 for damage incurred to vehicle when struck by a trash dumpster while parked in the employee parking lot at 949 W. Bond. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$4,163.57.

**Michael Policky** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$1,929.60 for damage incurred to vehicle when struck by a trash dumpster while parked in the employee parking lot at 949 W. Bond. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **allowed** in the amount of \$1,929.60.

**Daniel Bousek** filed a claim during the month of April, 2014, in the amount of \$200.00 for loss of bicycle. This claim has been reviewed by this office and has been **settled** in the amount of \$60.00.

**PENDING CLAIMS:**

**Raymond Strozier** filed a claim during the month of May, 2012, in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred while claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Leonard Hill** filed a claim during the month of June, 2012, in the amount of \$2,178.23 for expenses incurred for repair of water service which claimant alleges was caused by storm sewer installation and subsequent improper repair of water service. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Sharon Joyce** filed a claim during the month of July, 2012, in an unspecified amount for injury incurred when claimant allegedly fell due to a hole in grass near street. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Priestcellius R. Brown Jr.** filed a claim during the month of July, 2012, in the amount of \$25,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of an accident involving police vehicles. **Priestcellius Brown Sr.** filed a separate claim for medical expenses incurred for his son arising from the accident. These claims are under review and **pending**.

**Cynthia Gustafson** filed a claim during the month of November, 2012, in the amount of \$17,000 for alleged injury incurred while claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Floyd Brown** filed a subrogation claim during the month of February, 2013, in an unspecified amount for medical benefits paid as the result of an accident involving a StarTran bus. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Blanca Rincon-Flores** filed a claim during the month of March, 2013, in the amount of \$8,000 for injury allegedly incurred as the result of accident involving a snowplow. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Robert T. Murray** filed a claim during the month of April, 2013, in an unspecified amount for alleged damage incurred to sod/groundcover by L.E.S. equipment. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Dixie Koch** filed a claim during the month of April, 2013, in an unspecified amount for injury allegedly incurred when she tripped on a sign that was lying on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Leslie Barry** filed a claim during the month of April, 2013, in the amount of \$200,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of claimant's arrest. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Titus DeBoer** filed a claim during the month of April, 2013, in an unspecified amount for damage allegedly incurred to tire as the result of a pothole. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Dean and Lynda O'Connell** filed a claim during the month of May, 2013, in the amount of \$513.60 for damage allegedly incurred to sod and sprinkler by City Water personnel. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Carla Brassell** filed a claim during the month of July, 2013, in the amount of \$25,000 for injury allegedly incurred when claimant fell on ice outside the Lincoln Children's Museum. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Jeffrey L. Kirkland** filed a claim during the month of July, 2013, in the amount of \$1,966.21 for medical billings incurred when claimant was taken to hospital by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Phoenix Loss Control on behalf of Time Warner** filed a claim during the month of October, 2013, in the amount of \$1,743.27 for damage allegedly incurred to underground cable. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Larry Day** filed a claim during the month of November, 2013, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred to a tree during installation of underground electrical utility. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Travis Hoveling** filed a claim during the month of November, 2013, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred as the result of an accident that occurred in the roundabout at 14th and Superior. Claimant alleges that the accident was proximately caused by the negligent development, construction, improvements, regulations and operation of the roundabout by the City. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Anthony Baumert and Angela Boule** filed a claim during the month of December, 2013, in the amount of \$1,580.00 for damage allegedly incurred to sewer pipe as the result of trenching by L.E.S. personnel. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**James McCown** filed a claim during the month of December, 2013, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred to vehicle when allegedly struck by either a Lincoln Electric System vehicle or a Lincoln Water System vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Shawnadee and Mark Morris** filed a claim during the month of January, 2014, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred as the result of water main break. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Black Hills Energy** filed a claim during the month of January, 2014, in the amount of \$292.58 for damage incurred to gas line during excavation by L.E.S. at 8801 South 33rd Street. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Jordan Kaiser** filed a claim during the month of January, 2014, in an unspecified amount for damage incurred as the result of water main break. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Doralu Streeter** filed a claim during the month of January, 2014, in an unspecified amount for injury allegedly incurred when claimant fell on the 10th Street pedestrian overpass. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Charlie and Bonnie Huff** filed a claim during the month of January, 2014, in the amount of \$20,647.18 for alleged damages incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Mary E. Earley** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$16,051.22 for alleged damages incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Shere Lynn Sieckmeyer** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in an unspecified amount for injury allegedly incurred as the result of fall on sidewalk. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Miller-Long V.F.W. Post 3606** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$2,112.09 for damage allegedly incurred to electrical equipment due to power surges. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Phoenix Loss Control on behalf of Time Warner Cable** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$438.75 for damage allegedly incurred to cable during trenching. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Jerry Spale** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$21,500 for alleged injury incurred when claimant was a passenger on a StarTran bus that was involved in a motor vehicle accident. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Del Lienemann Sr.** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$357.00 for damage allegedly incurred to fence during construction at Sunburst Park. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Jeffrey and April Morrison** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$7,259.00 for damage incurred as the result of water main break. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Phoenix Loss Control on behalf of Time Warner Cable** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$3,384.08 for damage allegedly incurred to cable during installation of street lights by L.E.S. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Kyle Fischer** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$234.89 for repair of electrical power allegedly incurred as the result of L.E.S. equipment failure. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Brian Bennetzen** filed a claim during the month of February, 2014, in the amount of \$16,051.22 for damages incurred as the result of sewer back-up. **National Subrogation Services as agent for Horace Mann Insurance Company** has filed a subrogation claim in the amount of \$3,000.00 for payment made to its insured Brian Bennetzen as a result of the sewer back-up. These claims are under review and are **pending**.

**Manzitto Bros.** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$1,600.00 for repair of stop box that was allegedly damaged during trenching. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Shayla Funk** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$1,200,000 alleging she was falsely arrested by Lincoln police. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Mary Brown** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of fall in right-of-way. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Bert Gaines, Betty Gaines and Jabar Laramore** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in an unspecified amount for alleged injuries incurred as the result of accident involving an L.E.S. vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Joyce Bumstead** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in the amount of \$12,121.50 for damages incurred as the result of sewer back-up. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Jennifer Woodard and Joseph Rolenc** filed a claim during the month of March, 2014, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred when overhead traffic signal pole fell on claimant's vehicle. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

#### **NEW CLAIMS FILED APRIL 1 THROUGH APRIL 15, 2014:**

**Kenneth Turner** filed a claim in an unspecified amount for alleged loss of property seized by Lincoln police when claimant was arrested. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Steven and Kerry Kotchwar** filed a claim in the amount of \$28,526.32 for damages incurred as the result of water main break. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Troy Hough** filed a claim in the amount of \$175.00 for damage allegedly incurred to fence when struck by L.E.S. equipment. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Denis Jensen and Lynette Bunde Jensen** filed a claim in the amount of \$543.20 for alleged damage incurred as the result of water main repair in the vicinity of claimant's home. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Phoenix Loss Control on behalf of Time Warner Cable** filed a claim in the amount of \$645.93 for damage allegedly incurred to cable by L.E.S. This claim is **pending** review and ratification by the L.E.S. Administrative Board.

**Jackie Sidders** filed a claim in the amount of \$4,400.00 for damages incurred as the result of water main break. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**Cheever Construction** filed a claim in the amount of \$85,526.00 for payment of roof repair at 6117 Havelock Avenue resulting from Urban Development loan activities involving the property. This claim is under review and is **pending**.

**PENDING TORT LITIGATION:**

**Lailoma Ayubzai** filed a claim during the month of April, 2010, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of a motor vehicle accident. Claimant's vehicle was struck by a vehicle operated by an individual who was fleeing from police. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Candace Polfus, individually and on behalf of her minor child, Robert M. Polfus,** filed a claim in February, 2012, in the amount of \$50,000 for alleged injury incurred to Robert Polfus at Uni Pool. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial was approved by the Lincoln City Council on July 30, 2012. Suit was filed in the Lancaster County Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Arok Atem** filed a claim during the month of March, 2012, in the amount of \$1,000,000 for injury allegedly incurred when claimant was arrested and transported to the Lancaster County Jail. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. The case has been transferred to the U.S. District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Angela Schmohr** filed a claim during the month of July, 2012, in the amount of \$175,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving a police vehicle. Suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Leroy Duffie** filed a claim during the month of August, 2012, in the amount of \$200,000 alleging that he was injured during an incident involving Lincoln police. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. The case has been transferred to the U.S. District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Ben and Leigh Lewis on behalf of Nathan Lewis** filed a claim during the month of October, 2012, in the amount of \$220,000 for injury incurred when Nathan Lewis was riding his bicycle on railroad bridge at Wilderness Park and the wheel of his bicycle got caught between two railroad ties causing him to fall. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial was approved by the Lincoln City Council on February 25, 2013. Suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**State Farm Insurance as subrogee of Insured, David Tarrence** filed a claim during the month of October, 2012, in the amount of \$17,615.65 for damage incurred to Insured's truck when it collided with an alleged low hanging tree limb. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial was approved by the Lincoln City Council on February 25, 2013. Suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Dawn Amory** filed a claim during the month of November, 2012, in the amount of \$250,000 for alleged injury incurred as the result of trip and fall on sidewalk. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial was approved by the Lincoln City Council on December 17, 2012. Suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Michael Lecher** filed a claim during the month of December, 2012, in the amount of \$250,000 alleging that Lincoln police officers used excessive force when arresting him. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial was approved by the Lincoln City Council on March 25, 2013. Suit was filed in Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Nationwide Insurance Co. as subrogee of Insured, James and Marti Harris** filed a claim during the month of April, 2013, in the amount of \$9,799.42 for damage incurred to Insured's vehicle as the result of accident involving a police vehicle. This claim was reviewed by this office and denial was approved by the Lincoln City Council on June 17, 2013. Suit was filed in Lancaster County Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Nicole Ulm** filed a claim during the month of April, 2013, in the amount of \$200,000 for alleged damages incurred as the result of an accident involving a vehicle that was being operated by an individual who was fleeing from Police. This claim was withdrawn and suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Matthew Thomas** filed a claim during the month of March, 2013, in an unspecified amount for damages incurred as the result of accident involving a Public Works vehicle. Suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

**Stephanie Bussinger** filed a claim during the month of March, 2013, in an unspecified amount for alleged injury incurred as the result of accident involving a Public Works vehicle. Suit was filed in the Lancaster County District Court. Litigation is **pending**.

Submitted by City Law Department  
c: Risk Management