



**City of Racine, Wisconsin
Common Council**

AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM

INTRO TO COUNCIL DATE: August 19, 2025

STANDING COMMITTEE DATE: August 25, 2025

FINAL ACTION COUNCIL DATE: September 2, 2025

DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office

Prepared By: Deputy City Attorney Marisa L. Roubik

SUBJECT: Communication sponsored by Alder Land on behalf of the City Attorney's Office submitting the claim of Kelly Rainey for consideration for disallowance.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Kelly Rainey filed a claim with the City requesting reimbursement in an unspecified amount for personal injuries and damage to his vehicle allegedly caused by a driver who was attempting to flee from a traffic stop made by Racine Police on or about April 19, 2025, in the 1100 block of Pearl Street in Racine. The City of Racine is not liable for alleged damages that result from the illegal acts of other drivers. For this reason, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be disallowed.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

Kelly Rainey, of 1784 Sheridan Road, Lot #1, Kenosha, Wisconsin, 53140, filed a claim with the City requesting reimbursement in an unspecified amount for personal injuries and damage to his vehicle allegedly caused by a driver who was attempting to flee from a traffic stop made by Racine Police on or about April 19, 2025, in the 1100 block of Pearl Street in Racine.

According to the accident report for this incident, Adonis Jamel Martin was allegedly trying to flee a traffic stop initiated by a Racine Police Officer when he collided with a parked vehicle and the claimant's vehicle, and Mr. Martin then proceeded to leave the scene of this accident to continue his flight from law enforcement.

31 Mr. Martin himself, not the City, would be liable for any property damage that allegedly resulted
32 from his own illegal acts (i.e., fleeing from the police). The City of Racine is not liable for alleged damages
33 that result from the illegal acts of other drivers.

34 As such, the City Attorney's Office is requesting that the disallowance of this claim be
35 recommended for approval.

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37 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

38 Assuming the recommendation to disallow this claim is adopted, this item would have a \$0.00
39 impact on the City's budget.

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41 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

42 That the disallowance of this claim be recommended for approval.

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