



**City of Racine, Wisconsin  
Common Council**

**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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**INTRO TO COUNCIL DATE: December 2, 2025**

**STANDING COMMITTEE DATE: December 8, 2025**

**FINAL ACTION COUNCIL DATE: December 16, 2025**

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**DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office**

**Prepared By: Deputy City Attorney Marisa Roubik**

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

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Julia Palmer filed a claim with the City requesting reimbursement for \$243.47 in damages to her fence and a bench allegedly caused by a law enforcement officer who was pursuing a criminal suspect during a foot chase wherein a suspect was attempting to flee from law enforcement on or about August 1, 2025. The City of Racine is not liable for alleged damages that result from the illegal acts of criminal suspects. For this reason, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be disallowed.

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**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

Julia Palmer, of 28 McKinley Street in Racine, Wisconsin, 53404, filed a claim with the City requesting reimbursement for \$243.47 in damages to her fence and a bench allegedly caused by a law enforcement officer who was pursuing a criminal suspect during a foot chase wherein a suspect was attempting to flee from law enforcement on or about August 1, 2025. The suspect himself, not the subject law enforcement agency, would be liable for any property damage that allegedly resulted from his own illegal acts (i.e., fleeing from the police). After reviewing the circumstances of this claim, the City Attorney's Office contends that the City is not liable for this damage.

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

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35 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

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

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39 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

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