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**City of Racine, Wisconsin  
Common Council**

**AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**

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5 **INTRO TO COUNCIL DATE: July 15, 2025**

6 **STANDING COMMITTEE DATE: July 28, 2025**

7 **FINAL ACTION COUNCIL DATE: August 6, 2025**

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9 **DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office**

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

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12 **SUBJECT:** Communication sponsored by Alder Land on behalf of the City Attorney's Office submitting  
13 the claim of the Estate of Joseph Lee for consideration for disallowance.

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15 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

16 The Estate of Joseph Lee through Alyssa Sura, PR, by and through its attorney, B'Ivory LaMarr of  
17 The LaMarr Firm, PLLC, claims reimbursement in the amount of \$20,000,000.00 for damages allegedly  
18 arising from an attack on Joseph Lee by a fellow inmate at the Racine County Jail on or about December  
19 31, 2024. The City denies liability for these alleged events, injuries, and damages. As such, it is the  
20 recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be disallowed.

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22 **BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

23 The Estate of Joseph Lee through Alyssa Sura, PR c/o The LaMarr Firm, PLLC, 3100 Interstate N  
24 Circle SE, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA, 30339, by and through its attorney, B'Ivory LaMarr, The LaMarr Firm,  
25 PLLC, 3100 Interstate N Circle SE, Suite 200, Atlanta, GA, 30339, claims reimbursement in the amount of  
26 \$20,000,000.00 for damages allegedly arising from an attack on Joseph Lee by a fellow inmate at the Racine  
27 County Jail on or about December 31, 2024.

28 On the date in question, Joseph Lee was incarcerated at the Racine County Jail, under the  
29 supervision of Racine County employees. The City of Racine does not operate, staff, or otherwise oversee  
30 incarcerated individuals in the Racine County Jail, and neither the City of Racine nor any of its employees  
31 were involved in the alleged events, injuries, and damages at issue. Therefore, the City denies liability for

32 these alleged events, injuries, and damages, and it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that  
33 this claim be disallowed.

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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.