



1 **City of Racine, Wisconsin**
2 **Common Council**

3 **AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORANDUM**
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5 **INTRO TO COUNCIL DATE: June 2, 2026**

6 **STANDING COMMITTEE DATE: June 8, 2026**

7 **FINAL ACTION COUNCIL DATE: June 16, 2026**
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9 **DEPARTMENT: City Attorney's Office**

10 **Prepared By: Deputy City Attorney Marisa L. 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 Jakeem Cole, Sr. for consideration for disallowance.
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15 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

16 Jakeem Cole, Sr. filed a claim with the City of Racine for an unspecified amount in damages
17 allegedly arising from a vehicle accident involving a City of Racine Police squad car at or near the
18 intersection of Albert Street and Geneva Street in Racine, on or about October 23, 2025. This claim is not
19 actionable against the City due to defects in the claim as filed. Furthermore, on March 25, 2026, the
20 claimant signed a Release of Liability, which released and forever discharged the City and its employees
21 from all liability arising out of this incident.

22 For these reasons, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be
23 disallowed.
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25 **BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

26 Jakeem Cole, Sr., of 1529 Villa Street, Racine, WI 53403, filed a claim with the City of Racine for
27 an unspecified amount in damages allegedly arising from a vehicle accident involving a City of Racine
28 Police squad car at or near the intersection of Albert Street and Geneva Street in Racine, on or about October
29 23, 2025.

30 This claim is not actionable against the City due to defects in the claim as filed. Specifically, this
31 claim did not include an itemized statement of the relief sought, as required by
32 Wis. Stat. § 893.80(1d)(b). As such, the City would argue that the claimant did not satisfy the statutory
33 requirements for filing a timely claim in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 893.80(1d), and, in turn, he does not
34 have a right to maintain an action against the City.

35 Furthermore, on March 25, 2026, the claimant signed a Release of Liability, which released and
36 forever discharged the City and its employees from all liability arising out of this incident. Therefore, the
37 claimant waived his right to bring additional claims against the City arising from this incident.

38 For these reasons, it is the recommendation of the City Attorney's Office that this claim be
39 disallowed.

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41 **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

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

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45 **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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

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