



# GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIM AGAINST THE CITY OF PORTLAND

\* for damages to persons or property \*

File Number: 2022-011813-20



A claim must be filed with City of Portland Risk Management within 180 days after the occurrence of the incident or event.

Normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. Closed on official holidays.

Claims received during regular business hours will be recorded on the date received.

Faxed or emailed claims received after business hours will be recorded on the next working day.

Please be sure your claim is against the City of Portland, not another public entity.

Where space is insufficient, please use additional paper and identify information by section number and letter.

Completed forms may be mailed, emailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to:

Risk Management/Liability, 1120 S.W. Fifth, Room 709, Portland, OR 97204-1912, Ph: 503-823-5101, Fax: 503-823-6120  
LiabilityClaims@portlandoregon.gov

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1. Claimant (Circle: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss) Debra Cameron Russell Date of Birth [REDACTED]
  - a. Address 3114 SW VanBuren Wy. City Gresham State OR Zip 97080
  - b. Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone 503-522-0513
  - c. Occupation dental recept. d. Marital Status: Single ( ) Married ☒ Divorced or Widowed ( )
  - If married, name of spouse Gerry Russell
  - d. E-mail address [REDACTED]
2. If claim involves a vehicle: a. Year, make and model 2018 Audi S3
  - b. License Plate Number [REDACTED] Driver's License Number [REDACTED] State OR
  - c. At time of accident, were you (check all that apply) Owner: ☒ Driver ☒ Passenger \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Name and address of owner if different from claimant (1. Above)  
Gerry Russell
3. Occurrence or event from which the claim arises:
  - a. Date 1/4/22 Time 7:45 Circle (AM) / PM
  - b. Place (exact and specific location) on Foster Rd between 108<sup>th</sup> and 103<sup>rd</sup> inside Lane WEST BOUND
  - c. Specify the particular occurrence, event, act, or omission by the City that you believe caused the injury or damage (use additional paper if necessary): I hit a HUGE Pothole that slit my tire & flattened it instantly. I had called the Pothole line 2x and left messages regarding the Potholes in the last 2 months. They were never fixed. I drive that road daily for work. My new tire is costing \$245
  - d. State how the City of Portland or its employees were at fault: They did not repair after repeated calls to inform them. that cannot afford. It was only 1 yr old
  - e. Were you on the job at the time of the accident? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No ☒

If yes, what is the name / phone number of employer \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Description:** Describe the injury, property damage or loss so far as is known at the time of this claim. Slit my R front tire that cannot be repaired.  
Cost for new tire \$245.00

5. **\*We are required to report all claims for injuries to Medicare/Medicaid Services\***

If you were injured please provide the following: Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare/Medicaid Beneficiary? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

6. Give the name(s) of the City employee(s) and/or City Bureau causing the damage or injury \_\_\_\_\_

Portland Bureau of Transportation

7. Name and address of any other person injured \_\_\_\_\_

8. Name and address of the owner of any damaged property if different from claimant \_\_\_\_\_

9. **Damages claimed:**

a. Amount claimed as of this date:

the rim was nicked but  
hoping it won't show / no reimburse  
\$ 245.00

b. Estimated amount of future costs:

\$ 0

c. Total amount claimed:

\$ \$ 245

d. Basis for computation of amounts claimed (include copies of all bills, invoices, estimates, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

10. Names, addresses / phone #s of all witnesses \_\_\_\_\_

Gerry Russell, Bruce Russell  
503-502-4984 503-830-6557

11. Any additional information that might be helpful in considering your claim \_\_\_\_\_

I pulled into Foster Feed <sup>03/2</sup> Garden. 2 Employees  
saw me w/ flat tire. One female who I told why I was  
in their lot, and one man.

**WARNING: IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO FILE A FALSE CLAIM! (ORS 162.085)**

I have carefully read the statements made in this claim, including any attached sheets, and I know them to be true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters stated upon information or belief and to such matters I believe the same to be true. I understand and acknowledge that all statements made in this claim are made to a public servant of the City of Portland, and that the statements are in connection with an application for a benefit from the City of Portland.

Date: 1/16/2022

Debra Cameron Russell  
Claimant's Signature

Debra Cameron Russell  
Print Name

I was very upset the day my tire hit a VERY large pothole on Foster Road for more then one reason. It is the fastest route for me to get to work each day and I have called and complained about its condition at least twice. My car was new to me 2 years ago and I take special care of it. Actually, I have never had this nice of a car and I love it.

The first time I called about the potholes was another time I hit a large pothole on Foster and hit Really hard. I am not so sure that there isn't damage done to my car underneath somewhere. I really am hoping that is not the case.

When I called the first time you may remember the message because I was so upset and said our roads are worse than a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country and I did go on and on and on. I also asked what are they using the extra funds from the government for, if not for road repair. For that I apologize. I was very angry and half crying. I was so scared something somewhere got broke by the sound of the hit to my car.

The second time I called to report a pothole was not so dramatic. I didn't hit a hole as hard as the first and simply said in the message that I had already called once and the road was worse not better.

Hopefully you will recognize these two calls I left because apparently they are important to my claim. At the time I called I did not know I could even make a claim. I was told this on the 4<sup>th</sup> last week when I hit the pothole that was so big and DEEP I was shocked. When I called, I was angry and told the receptionist that I had called before etc. She then explained I could file a claim. I am hoping you are paying some of the claims received especially from Foster Rd. People are hitting those holes daily and I am sure there has been a lot of damage done to others vehicles. I saw on the news we were allotted 3 million dollars to use for roads and repairs from the Covid Fund. I am hoping you will use that wisely and fix some of the HORRIBLE roads we have here in Portland.

I have lived here my entire life (66 yrs) and never imaged I would see our once beautiful city become what it is now. It looks like something I would see in a war zone. Its horrible and Portland does not deserve to now become a City no one wants to come to visit anymore. I know several people who are leaving the area for just these reasons.

Sorry I got carried away in this note. It's the frustration of watching Beautiful City of Portland disappear.

Sincerely,

Debra Cameron Russell

*Debra Cameron Russell*  
503-522-0513

