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October 17, 2002

State Farm Insurance Companies  
as subrogee of Frank Smith  
Attn: Mitzi McDowell  
P.O. Box 370568  
Decatur, GA 30037-0568

02-R-1685

Dear Ms. McDowell:

I sincerely regret that you have been adversely affected by the circumstances raised in your claim for damages against the City of Atlanta. Your time and patience in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

However, I must notify you that the Atlanta City Council Adopted an Adverse Report on your claim at its regular meeting on October 7, 2002. In consultation with the City's Law Department, who conducted an investigation of the situation, the Council has determined that the City cannot accept responsibility for this matter and therefore cannot pay this claim.

If you desire any further information, please contact the City Attorney's Office/Claims Division at (404) 330-6400.

Sincerely,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

cc: Claims Division/Law Department

DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Claim No. 01L0748

Date: September 17, 2002

Claimant /Victim FRANK SMITH
BY: (Atty) (Ins. Co.) STATE FARM INSURANCE COMPANIES
Address: P. O. Box 370568, Decatur, Georgia 30037-0568
Subrogation: X Claim for Property damage \$ 16,711.28 Bodily Injury \$
Date of Notice: 11/15/01 Method: Written, Proper X Improper
Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X
Date of Occurrence 06/29/01 Place: Edgewood Avenue, SE & Bell Street, SE
Department POLICE Division
Employee involved Jack Varnard Snowden Disciplinary Action:

NATURE OF CLAIM: Claimant alleges that his vehicle sustained damage when it was struck by a City vehicle that "failed to obey a traffic-control device". However, the claimant's insurance company has filed a lawsuit to resolve the issues of this claim.

INVESTIGATION:

Statements: City employee Claimant Others Written Oral
Pictures Diagrams Reports: Police X Dept Report Other
Traffic citations issued: City Driver X Claimant Driver X
Citation disposition: City Driver Claimant Driver

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Function: Governmental X Ministerial
Improper Notice More than Six Months Other X Damages reasonable
City not involved Offer rejected Compromise settlement
Repair/replacement by Ins. Co. Repair/replacement by City Forces
Claimant Negligent City Negligent Joint Claim Abandoned

Respectfully submitted,

Gwendolyn Burns
INVESTIGATOR GWENDOLYN BURNS

RECOMMENDATION:

Pay \$ Adverse X Account charged: 1A01 2J01 2P01 2H01
Claims Manager: Concur/date 09-18-02
Committee Action: Council Action

RCS# 4099  
10/07/02  
5:15 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I                   0613;1695;1544;1562;1581;1666;1551  
                                  1668; Except CDHR #6-#10  
                                  RECON/READOPT

YEAS: 10  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 5  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	B Martin	Y Norwood
NV Young	Y Shook	NV Maddox	NV Willis
Y Winslow	NV Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

CONSENT I

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**10/07/02 Council Meeting**

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**ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT  
AGENDA**

1. 02-O-1538
2. 02-O-1549
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5. 02-O-1253
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7. 02-O-1576
8. 02-O-1582
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45. 02-R-1701

**ITEMS ADVERSED  
ON CONSENT AGENDA**

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74. 02-R-1697

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Consent I Vote: 10Yeas; 0 Nays (See RCS #4099; Reconsidered See RCS #4043)

Items Removed from Consent: 02-R-1613; 02-R-1695; 02-O-1544; 02-O-1562; 02-O-1581; 02-R-1666;  
02-O-1551; 02-R-1668; 02-O-1598; 02-O-1599; 02-O-1600; 02-O-1601; 02-O-1602