



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: April 29, 2025

TO: Mayor David LeGrand & City Commissioners

Committee Fiscal Committee
Liaison: Scott Saindon, Interim Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Max Frantz, City Comptroller

SUBJECT: Small Claims Report – 1st Quarter 2025

In the first quarter (January-March) of 2025 the city paid out a total of 21 small claims totaling \$71,819.52. A summary of the claims by category is shown below. Detail for each individual claim is included on the following page ranked by incident date (oldest to newest).

Small Claims January-March 1st Qtr. 2025		
Category	# of Claims	Amount Paid
Compliance	1	\$ 1,000.00
Forestry	1	\$ 1,145.00
Public Safety	4	\$ 7,120.59
Refuse	6	\$ 6,754.27
Sewer	2	\$ 48,606.96
Streets	1	\$ 490.00
Snowplow	4	\$ 6,168.10
Water	2	\$ 534.60
Total	21	\$ 71,819.52

**Small Claims 1st Quarter 2025
January 1 - March 31**

Incident Date	Category	Claimant	Loc.	Amount Paid	Description
5/6/2024	Water	Christopher Knappe	Grand Rapids	\$ 365.00	City digging damaged a connection which caused leak - basement flooded
8/7/2024	Compliance	Richard Garbrecht	Ravenna	1,000.00	City Inspector aquired bedbugs from an inspection performed on behalf of City
8/13/2024	Public Safety	Stephen Conson	Grand Rapids	400.00	Door damaged by GRPD
9/13/2024	Public Safety	Johnnie King	Grand Rapids	2,391.00	Legally parked truck was struck by GRPD cruiser
10/16/2024	Forestry	Alissa Baker	Grand Rapids	1,145.00	Power line to house damaged by tree during removal by City
10/17/2024	Sewer	James Kampfschulte	Grand Rapids	610.96	Tree roots caused sewer backup in basement
10/17/2024	Public Safety	Jennifer and Robert Bartleson	Grand Rapids	1,000.00	Vehicle damaged by PD cruiser
10/17/2024	Public Safety	The Hartford Ins. A/S/O Jennifer and Robert Bartleson	Grand Rapids	3,329.59	Vehicle damaged by PD cruiser (insurance co.)
10/18/2024	Streets	Ronald McIntosh	Grand Rapids	490.00	Damage to truck due to sunken manhole
10/27/2024	Refuse	Jenrry Jeraldo / Ralda Calderon	Grand Rapids	3,018.00	Vehicle hit by refuse truck
11/1/2024	Water	Christopher Drost	Grand Rapids	169.60	Condensation pump was broken during City work on water meter
11/9/2024	Sewer	Bradley Busscher	Grand Rapids	47,996.00	Sewer backup in basement due to lift station issues
11/20/2024	Refuse	Jacquelyn Grachtrup	Grand Rapids	243.62	Street sweeper went up over curb and hit mailbox
11/21/2024	Refuse	Christiaan Van Der Westhuizen	Grand Rapids	260.00	Vehicle mirror damaged by street sweeper
11/21/2024	Refuse	Michael Wright	Grand Rapids	362.52	Vehicle mirror damaged by refuse truck
11/30/2024	Snowplow	Kathryn and Michael Pikaart	Grand Rapids	5,704.15	Legally parked vehicle totalled by snowplow
12/9/2024	Refuse	Anthony & Kalei Polega	Grand Rapids	2,796.00	Vehicle damaged by refuse truck
12/19/2024	Snowplow	Morey Bowman	Grand Rapids	89.54	Mailbox damaged by snowplow
12/28/2024	Refuse	Thomas Frakie	Grand Rapids	74.13	Mailbox damaged by refuse truck
1/15/2025	Snowplow	Julie Otterbein	Grand Rapids	339.30	Mailbox damaged by snowplow
1/21/2025	Snowplow	Laura Pearce	Grand Rapids	35.11	Mailbox damaged by snowplow
21 Total Claims				Total \$ 71,819.52	