



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS AGENDA ACTION REQUEST

DATE: April 14, 2026

TO: Mayor David LaGrand & City Commissioners

Committee Fiscal Committee
Liaison: Molly Clarin, Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Max Frantz, City Comptroller

SUBJECT: Small Claims Report – 1st Quarter 2026

In the first quarter (January-March) of 2026 the city paid out a total of 33 small claims totaling an amount of \$40,411.16. 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. 2026		
Category	# of Claims	Amount Paid
Fire	1	\$1,334.00
Forestry	1	561.07
Public Safety	1	3,584.00
Refuse	7	9,341.60
Sewer	6	3,289.00
Snowplow	15	20,758.81
Water	2	1,542.68
Total	33	\$40,411.16

**Small Claims 1st Quarter 2026
January 1 - March 31**

Incident Date	Category	Claimant	Loc.	Amount Paid	Description
8/20/2025	Refuse	Timothy Lyle	Grand Rapids	\$ 930.00	Refuse truck damaged portion of vinyl fence when it set bin down
9/11/2025	Sewer	Lindsey Hansen	Grand Rapids	836.00	Sewer backup in basement; sanitary lateral in poor condition on City side
9/24/2025	Refuse	River House at Bridgewater Place Condominiums	Grand Rapids	3,619.10	Refuse truck damaged claimant's trash compactor
9/30/2025	Water	DTE Energy C/O The Claims Center LLC	Grand Rapids	1,192.68	DTE Energy 4" main was damaged during excavation work
10/16/2025	Sewer	Ryan VanderMeer	Grand Rapids	940.00	Sewer backup due to asphalt blocking drain connection
10/25/2025	Forestry	Keith Rench	Grand Rapids	561.07	Tree branch fell on vehicle damaging windshield
11/3/2025	Water	Ottawa County Sheriff Office	West Olive	350.00	City work truck struck FOCK camera pole damaging said pole
11/13/2025	Refuse	Kevin Mersman	Grand Rapids	330.28	Garbage truck struck claimant's mailbox
11/13/2025	Sewer	Carol Pomranky	Grand Rapids	150.00	Claimant had to pay plumber to clear pipes after City flushed sewer line
11/21/2025	Refuse	Dustin Colwell	Grand Rapids	520.00	Refuse truck damaged claimant's fence; panel needed to be replaced
11/25/2025	Refuse	Mathew Naylor	Grand Rapids	67.48	Refuse truck sped around into illegal lane striking claimant's passenger mirror
11/25/2025	Sewer	Ryan Brady	Grand Rapids	508.00	Sewer back up due to broken pipe near road
11/29/2025	Snowplow	Nancee Siehling	Grand Rapids	100.15	Mailbox damaged by snowplow
11/30/2025	Snowplow	Bernadine Kloska	Grand Rapids	257.04	Snowplow struck mailbox
12/10/2025	Snowplow	Doug Doornbos	Grand Rapids	71.89	Snowplow struck mailbox
12/10/2025	Public Safety	Giovanni Cruz	Grand Rapids	3,584.00	Police cruiser struck claimant's vehicle damaging driver side door
12/13/2025	Snowplow	Gustavo Vicario	Grand Rapids	3,805.00	Parked vehicle struck by snowplow; damage to back driverside tailgate
12/14/2025	Sewer	Miranda Browning	Grand Rapids	425.00	Reimbursement for plumber's fee due to sewer backup
12/17/2025	Snowplow	Celesta Vanderveen	Grand Rapids	131.39	Snowplow struck mailbox
12/17/2025	Snowplow	Brady Vanderveen	Grand Rapids	197.10	Snowplow truck hit tire of claimant's vehicle; the rim and tire were damaged
12/24/2025	Sewer	Timothy Davis	Grand Rapids	430.00	Sewer backup in basement due to roots in sanitary main
1/3/2026	Snowplow	Lindsay Hilla	Grand Rapids	105.99	Snowplow struck mailbox
1/3/2026	Refuse	Adela Nunez-Ruano	Grand Rapids	931.77	Arms of refuse truck made contact with parked vehicle damaging front bumper
1/16/2026	Refuse	Keiwonna McKinney	Grand Rapids	2,942.97	Refuse truck struck parked vehicle; damaged fender and side view mirror
1/17/2026	Snowplow	Kayla Fisher	Grand Rapids	105.99	Snowplow struck mailbox
1/18/2026	Snowplow	Ashleigh Jones & Quincy Jones	Grand Rapids	10,060.00	Snowplow struck parked vehicle damaging left rear and side
1/19/2026	Fire	Adam Lubbers	Grand Rapids	1,334.00	GRFD vehicle backed into parked car causing bumper damage
1/20/2026	Snowplow	Julie Hankinson	Grand Rapids	257.24	Snowplow struck mailbox
1/22/2026	Snowplow	Progressive Marathon Insurance A/S/O Marquisha Myles	Grand Rapids	5,359.00	Snowplow struck a parked vehicle
1/27/2026	Snowplow	Michael and Linda Jaracz	Grand Rapids	43.09	Snowplow struck mailbox
1/27/2026	Snowplow	Dan Jaracz	Grand Rapids	20.00	Snowplow damaged mailbox
1/28/2026	Snowplow	Samantha Orozco	Grand Rapids	34.93	Snowplow damaged mailbox
2/3/2026	Snowplow	Mary Beth Binder	Grand Rapids	210.00	Snowplow struck mailbox
33 Total Claims				Total \$ 40,411.16	