



CITY OF CHICAGO

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable Jason Ervin
Chairman, Committee on the Budget and Government Operations

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CC: Elizabeth Beatty
Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

Date: **November 8, 2023**

Re: Request for Information from Annual Appropriation Committee Hearing

ID#: 31-01 Request for Information: Number of Small Claims Filed 2021 - 2023

The following information is provided in response to questions posed at our department's hearing on October 27, 2023 to discuss the proposed 2024 budget.

Vice Chairman Lee asked for a breakdown of how many small claims are filed by residents against the City for things like potholes, broken down by type of claim, by ward, over the past two years.

The current case management system does not have the ability to track by ward. See attachment for the rest of the requested information.

As always, please let me know if you have any further questions.

Number of Small Claims Filed Against City 2021 - 2023 (10.30.23)

Claim Categories	Closed Claims	Open Claims	Total
2021	1264	5	1269
AUTO LIABILITY - BODILY INJURY	182		182
AUTO LIABILITY - PROPERTY	399	1	400
GENERAL LIABILITY - BOD INJ	131	1	132
GENERAL LIABILITY - PROPERTY	552	3	555
2022	690	501	1191
AUTO LIABILITY - BODILY INJURY	74	99	173
AUTO LIABILITY - PROPERTY	173	102	275
GENERAL LIABILITY - BOD INJ	41	52	93
GENERAL LIABILITY - PROPERTY	402	248	650
2023	413	854	1267
AUTO LIABILITY - BODILY INJURY	49	112	161
AUTO LIABILITY - PROPERTY	90	149	239
GENERAL LIABILITY - BOD INJ	29	67	96
GENERAL LIABILITY - PROPERTY	245	526	771