



INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A CLAIM

Failure to complete all sections of the Claim Form will result in the return or denial of your claim. Such delays will count against the deadline to file your claim. Claims filed after the deadline will be returned.

- 1. Claimant's Name, Address and Telephone** - State the full name, mailing address, and telephone numbers of the person claiming personal injury, damage or loss.
- 2. Official Notices and Correspondence** - Provide the name, mailing address, and telephone numbers of the person to whom all official notices and other correspondence should be sent, if other than claimant. This official contact person can be the claimant or a representative of the claimant. If this section is completed, all official notices and correspondence will be sent to the person listed.
- 3. Date of Birth** - State claimant's date of birth including month, day, and year.
- 4. Social Security Number** - State the claimant's social security number. The Federal Government requires the City to report settlements for present or future medical care. This information will be kept confidential and only shared with the Federal Government. The City is unable to process payment without this information.
- 5. Date of Incident** - State the exact month, day, and year of the incident giving rise to the claim.
- 6. Time of Incident** - State the exact time, including A.M. or P.M., of the incident giving rise to the claim.
- 7. Location of Incident of Accident** - Include the city and exact street address or intersection where the incident occurred.
- 8. Claimant Vehicle License Plate Number** - Provide license plate number of vehicle driven by claimant or in which claimant was a passenger.
- 9. Basis of Claim** - State in detail all facts supporting your claim, including all facts and circumstances of the incident, all alleged injuries, property damage and loss, all persons, entities, property and City departments involved, and why you believe the City is responsible for the alleged injury, property damage or loss. In the appropriate boxes, provide the name, I.D. number and City department of the City employee(s) who allegedly caused the injury or property damage, the type of City vehicle involved (if any), and the license and number of the City vehicle involved (if any). For accidents involving a bus or other vehicle, please provide description and vehicle number.
- 10. Description of Injury, Property Damage or Loss** - Provide in full detail a description of the injury, property damage or loss that allegedly resulted from the incident. If claimant's vehicle was involved, provide the make, model, mileage, and year. You may attach additional material including photographs of damages and incident area or location.
- 11. Amount of Loss and Method of Computation** - State the total amount of money you claim in damages. Provide a breakdown of each item of damages and how that amount was computed. You may include future, anticipated expenses or losses. Please attach copies of all bills, receipts and repair estimates. If the claim involves property damage, please provide two repair estimates. The Government Code provides that if the claim is for less than \$10,000, the claimant must state the total amount claimed and the basis of this computation. If the claim exceeds \$10,000, no dollar amount need be provided, but the claimant must indicate the applicable court jurisdiction. Limited civil jurisdiction cases are those involving damages under \$25,000; unlimited civil jurisdiction cases are those involving damages of \$25,000 or more.
- 12. Witnesses** - State the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of any persons who witnessed the incident. Attach list of additional names if necessary.
- 13. Signature of Claimant or Representative** - Please sign and date. Print name of signatory and relationship to claimant. The claim must be signed by the claimant or by the official representative of the claimant.

Claims for death or injury to persons or damage to personal property must be filed within six months after the incident giving rise to the claim. All other claims must be filed within one year.

Personal service of claims can be accomplished during regular business hours. If you want a time stamped copy of your claim returned to you, please present an original and copy of the claim, and include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Deliver/Mail To: City of Novato, City Clerk's Office, 922 Machin Avenue, Novato, CA 94945: (415) 899-8900

WARNING

Please be advised that, pursuant to Sections 128.7 & 1038 of the California Code of Civil Procedures, the City will seek to recover all costs of defense in the event that an action is filed in this matter and it is determined that the action was not brought in good faith and with reasonable cause.



CITY OF NOVATO CLAIM FORM

Before completing this form please read the instructions. Late claims will be returned. Please submit this form and supporting documentation to the **City Clerk's Office, 922 Machin Ave., Novato, CA 94945** in person or by mail.

*** = REQUIRED ** = REQUIRED IF KNOWN**

1. Claimant's Name and Home Address (Please Print Clearly) *			

City	State	Zip	
Telephone <small>Daytime</small>	<small>Evening</small>	<small>Cellular</small>	

2. Send Official Notices and Correspondence to: *			

City	State	Zip	
Telephone <small>Daytime</small>	<small>Evening</small>	<small>Cellular</small>	

3. Date of Birth

4. Social Security Number

5. Date of Incident *

6. Time of Incident (AM or PM) **

7. Location of Incident or Accident **

8. Claimant Vehicle License Plate #, Type, Mileage, and Year **
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9. Basis of Claim. State in detail all facts and circumstances of the incident. Identify all persons, entities, property and City departments involved. State why you believe the City is responsible for the alleged injury, property damage or loss. *

Name, I.D. Number and City Department of City Employee who allegedly caused injury or loss **	Type of City Vehicle **	Vehicle License Number and Bus or Train Number **
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10. Description of Claimant's injury, property damage or loss *

11. Amount of Claimant's property damage or loss and method of computation. Attach supporting documentation. (See Instructions)	
ITEMS	
* _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT	\$ _____
Court Jurisdiction: Limited (up to \$25,000)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unlimited (over \$25,000)	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Witnesses (if any) Name	Address	Telephone
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

13. *	
Signature of Claimant or Representative	Date
_____	_____
Print Name	Relationship to Claimant
_____	_____

Do Not Write In This Space - FOR CITY CLERK'S STAMP	
DATE RECEIVED: _____	

CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING A FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIM IS IMPRISONMENT OR FINE OR BOTH. (PENAL CODE §72)