

## Claim for Damages Packet

*Please read all of the information contained in the packet prior to completing and submitting your Claim for Damages*

### Documents Contained in the Packet

- Instructions for Completing the Standard Tort Claim Form
- Standard Tort Claim Form

### Legal Requirements for Submitting a Claim Form

In order to verify the claim and additional supporting information, the law requires that the Standard Tort Claim form be signed by:

- Claimant; or
- Person holding a written power of attorney from the Claimant; or
- Attorney in fact for the Claimant; or
- Attorney admitted to practice in Washington State on the Claimant's behalf; or
- A court-approved guardian or guardian ad litem on behalf of the Claimant

### Important

- State Law requires an original signature on the form which means that they cannot be submitted electronically (by fax or email). While not required by law, we ask that the form be notarized.
- The length of the Claim for Damages investigation varies greatly depending on the complexity of the issues and the availability of evidence to support the claim. All relevant information and documents should be provided for consideration.
- The completed form may be subject to public disclosure.

### Present in Person or Mail the Claim Form and Supporting Documents to:

Town of Steilacoom  
Paul Loveless, Town Administrator  
1030 Roe Street  
Steilacoom, Washington 98388

Voice: 253-581-1912      Fax: 253-582-0651

Business Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM  
(Closed noon – 12:30 PM)  
Closed on weekends and official holidays

## **Instructions for Completing a Standard Tort Claim Form**

- Type or print clearly in ink and sign the Form
- Provide all requested information and any available documents or evidence supporting your claim such as damage estimates, receipts, bills, photographs, etc
- If requested information cannot be supplied in the space provided, please use additional blank sheets.
- How to complete the Standard Tort Claim Form:
  - If the incident that caused the damages occurred over a period of time, please provide the beginning time and ending time
  - Provide the dollar amount for your damages that should represent your opinion of total compensation.
  - Location should be specific.
  - Please describe the incident that you are claiming damages for specifically answering the questions: who, what, where, when and why.
  - List all witnesses having knowledge of the incident in question with their names, addresses and phone numbers.
  - If the incident was reported to law enforcement please provide a copy of the report or the contact information for the report.
  - If you are claiming damages to an automobile please complete information regarding the driver and owner of the vehicle.
  - If a claim has been submitted to your insurance carrier please provide their information.

## Claim for Damages Form

*For Official Use Only*

City/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date Received from Claimant \_\_\_\_\_

### Claimant Information

Claimant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Current residential address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Residential address at the time of the incident (if different from current address): \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's daytime phone number (work, home or cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Claimant's email address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Incident Information

Date of the incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

am/pm

If the incident occurred over a period of time, date of first and last occurrences:

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons involved in or witness to this incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of all of our employees having knowledge of this incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, addresses and telephone numbers of all individuals not already identified above that have knowledge regarding the issues involved in this incident or knowledge of the claimant's resulting damages. Please include a brief description as to the nature and extent of each person's knowledge. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Describe the cause of the injury or damages. Explain the extent of the property loss or medical, physical or mental injuries. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

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Has this incident been reported to law enforcement? If so, which agency and name of officer (if known).

Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier? If so, what is their name, phone number and claim number?

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Name address and telephone numbers of treating medical providers. Please attach billings and records if available.

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Please attach any other documentation that you believe support your claim's allegations

<b>*Additional Information Required for Automobile Claims Only*</b>
License Plate # _____ Year/ Make/ Model _____
Driver Name, Address & Phone _____
Owner Name, Address & Phone _____
Passenger(s) Name, Address & Phone _____

I am claiming damages in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington the foregoing is true and correct. This Claim form must be signed by the Claimant, a person holding a written power of attorney from the Claimant, by an attorney admitted to practice in Washington State on the Claimant's behalf or by a court-approved guardian or guardian ad litem on behalf of the Claimant.

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Signature of Claimant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(If notarized, for notary to complete)*

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that \_\_\_\_\_ is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that (he/she) signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be (his/her) free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

My appointment expires: \_\_\_\_\_