

From: [Rubik's Mind](#)
To: [Mercedes Ravenscroft](#)
Subject: Re: Acct#000-2025-23 Appeal
Date: Friday, May 23, 2025 11:53:34 AM



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Good Morning,

I apologize for the delay in response, I have been crazy busy at work.
Attached is my filled out appeal.
Let me know if you need anything further from me.
Thank you!



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"Don't have a good day. Have a great one!"

On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 3:25 PM Mercedes Ravenscroft <mravenscroft@mauston.com> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

The form was attached in the first email I sent. You can email me the form filled out, which would be faster than mailing it in. The next PFC meeting is May 21st @ 5:30pm. Once you send the form, we can get back to you to for the following PFC meeting.

Thank you

Sadie Ravenscroft

Accounting Assistant

City of Mauston

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From: Rubik's Mind <cjbarebo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 2:10 PM
To: Mercedes Ravenscroft <mravenscroft@mauston.com>
Subject: Re: Acct#000-2025-23 Appeal

Good afternoon,

Ya know, I was wondering if you went by a nickname.

Alright, I can do that. I know I saw contacting you by email as an option on the form, and figured it would obviously be the easiest, and fastest, way to communicate with you, but I will do as you mentioned.

I noticed that the invoice was dated for the 25th. Crazy that it took 11 days to make it one town over, but I can get stuff from China in about a week lmao. Wild.

I'll be sure to have it in before then.

I do have three questions for you though.

1. If possible, could you, please, email me a copy of the form I need to submit for an appeal?
2. Where can I turn the form in?
3. How can I find out when the next PFC meeting is, or do you know when the next PFC meeting is?

Thank you for your hastily response.

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On Wed, May 7, 2025 at 1:12 PM Mercedes Ravenscroft <mravenscroft@mauston.com> wrote:

Good morning,

If you want to appeal your bill, you'll need to fill out the attached appeal form and return it to the City within 30 days of your invoice date. For you, that means the form must be received by 05.25.25, since your bill was dated 04.25.25.

Once the City gets your completed form, your appeal will be scheduled for a public hearing at the next PFC meeting. Please note that you must attend this hearing for your appeal to be considered.

If you have any other questions in the meantime, feel free to reach out. Thank you

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From: Rubik's Mind <cjbarebo@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 8:24 PM

To: Mercedes Ravenscroft <mravenscroft@mauston.com>

Subject: Acct#000-2025-23 Appeal

Hello Mercedes Ravencroft,

This is Christopher J. Barebo, and I am contacting you with regards towards the emergency fire call that happened on 3/13/25.

I'd like to appeal the invoice. Whether that be for something as simple as entire invoice waiving, a cost reduction, or even just interest rate removal is all up to you, or the city of mauston, I suppose. I am not sure who makes that decision.

It's not like I can make this incident just go away, so charging interest to an invoice for a past emergent event where no one was injured apart from my own vehicle just seems morally wrong to do, in my opinion.

The reason why I believe it is morally wrong to charge interest is because, essentially, I am being told that I will be charged more if I don't pay on time for a past action that would be considered a city protection..

That's legalized extortion.

Now, the city did put out the fire that I called about. The protection level was met, and I'm grateful, but I just don't have the funds, and almost certainly won't have the amount needed within 90-days, so I'd like to appeal the fee.

I wouldn't say that I'm direly struggling financially, but I'm also definitely not swimming in money by any means. I did have my truck burn down less than two months ago.. which means I needed to buy a new vehicle.. which means I needed to register a new vehicle.. And not to mention all of the property that I had within the vehicle, or that I also have plenty of other financial obligations that have to be met in our damn near collapsing economy.. I know you feel that pain as well when you're standing at the grocery checkout.

I don't make a lot of money.. in fact, I'm barely making it by on \$17.50per hour, but I am, and I would definitely be open to working something out, but it'll take time. Something that is being taken from me.

Thank you for your time, and also any genuine consideration on the matter.

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