



# City of Santa Barbara

Finance Department

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## **Instructions for filing a Claim for Damages against the City of Santa Barbara**

Any claim seeking monetary damages from the City of Santa Barbara must be submitted on the City-produced claim form. The completed claim form must be delivered to the office of the City Clerk as required by California law.

The completed claim form must be submitted with an original signature. Please include any documentation of the damage claimed, include estimates, receipts and/or photographs supporting the loss.

In general, a claim seeking damages from the City must be filed no later than six months or 182 days, whichever is longer, from the date of occurrence. A claim seeking damage to real property must be filed within one year of the occurrence. A claim relating to any cause of action other than personal injury, wrongful death, property damage and crop damage must be presented no later than one year after the incident date. (See Government Code Section 911.2.)

If you decide to file a claim for damages with the City, then please return the original claim form along with documentation of the amount claimed to City's office of record – the office of the City Clerk.

To submit a claim form via US mail please use this address:

City Clerk  
City of Santa Barbara  
P.O. Box 1990  
Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990

To submit a claim form by personal delivery please use this address:

City Clerk  
City of Santa Barbara  
735 Anacapa Street  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

The Risk Management staff will investigate and process the claim upon receipt of the formal documents from the Clerk's office. Risk Management staff will contact you upon receipt of the claim and at the conclusion of the investigation. Please direct any questions about these instructions or an existing claim for damages to the Risk Management Division at (805) 897-2585.



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For Risk Management Use Only:

Received by \_\_\_\_\_ via \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Interoffice Mail

Over the Counter

For City Clerk Use Only:

## CLAIM FOR DAMAGES AGAINST THE CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

Be sure your claim is against the City of Santa Barbara and not another public entity. Where space is insufficient, please use additional paper and identify by paragraph number. Submit completed claims by mail to: City Clerk, City of Santa Barbara, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102. Submit completed claims by personal delivery: City Clerk, City of Santa Barbara, 735 Anacapa Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Please check [SantaBarbaraCA.gov](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov) for City Hall hours.

The undersigned respectfully submits the following claim and information relative to damage to persons and/or property against the City of Santa Barbara in accordance with the provisions of CA Government Codes § 910.

1. Name of Claimant: \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Address of Claimant: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name, phone number and address to which claimant desires notices to be sent (if other than above):  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Occurrence or event from which claim arises:
  - a. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ b. Time: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Place (specify or describe to allow investigator to locate; attach diagram, if possible):  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. How and under what circumstances did damage or injury occur? Specify the particular occurrence, event, act or omission you claim caused the damage or injury:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. What particular action by the City or its employees caused the alleged damage or injury?  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Describe property damage, injury or loss, so far as is known at the time of this claim. If none, state "no injuries" or "no property damage."  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Name(s) of the City employee(s) causing the damage and/or injury:  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Name and address of any other person injured:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Name and address of the owner of any damaged property:  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. a. Amount of damages claimed as of this date: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Estimated future damages: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Total damages claimed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Attach and describe the basis for calculation of damages claimed, including medical bills, invoices, estimates, payroll records, photographs, etc.:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- e. If total damages exceed \$10,000, jurisdiction is in (*check one*):  
 Municipal court (claims up to \$25,000) or Superior court (claims over \$25,000)
9. Names, addresses and phone numbers of all witnesses, hospitals, doctors, etc.:  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_
10. Any additional information that might be helpful in considering claim (attach any photographs and/or diagrams):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. If this is a claim for indemnity, on what date were you served with the underlying lawsuit?  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. Does your claim include a claim for bodily injury? Check one: Yes      No
13. If you checked yes to Question #12, please provide the following information as required by federal law. Section 111 of the Medicare, Medicaid and SCHIP Extension Act of 2007 (MMSEA) requires the reporting of specific information about Medicare beneficiaries who have other insurance coverage.
- a. Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ b. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Sex: Male      Female
14. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Claimant or Attorney for Claimant or Legal  
 Guardian or Parent of Minor or Incapacitated Claimant

WARNING: IT IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO FILE A FALSE CLAIM (Penal Code §72)