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To the Honorable Common Council  
Of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

RE: Communication from TYI AND ARLENE CARTER  
C.I. File No. 2025-001683

Dear Council Members:

Tyi Carter submitted a claim for sustained damage to his vehicle. He alleges that on August 12, 2025 while his vehicle was parked in the area of 4805 North Sherman Boulevard a large branch from a City tree fell on his vehicle causing damage.

Our investigation revealed that on August 12, 2025, the Forestry Department received a request for emergency service regarding a tree branch down on a vehicle at 4805 North Sherman Blvd. The Forestry crew arrived and found the top of a city tree fell on claimant's vehicle. The failed branch was alive, with minor decay evident at the point of failure.

Reviewing records for this property going back six years, Forestry found no related service requests. The pruning of all trees growing in this area was completed in May of 2023. The next scheduled inspection of all trees in the area will occur in 2029 based on the new 6-year inspection cycle of all city trees.



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On August 12, 2025, Milwaukee had winds peaking at 46 MPH and 1.08-inches of water. Forestry Section received 286 calls for tree damage this day. It is our position that the Forestry Department followed standard operating procedures in this case, and were not negligent in this matter. Therefore, we recommend that the claim submitted by Tyi Carter in the amount of \$13,000.00 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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