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November 10, 2017

Mr. Jed Hunter  
1538 N. 50th Place  
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*mailed  
11/14/17*

RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2017-1869  
Communication from Jed Hunter

Dear Mr. Hunter:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$425.00, relating to damage from a loss on June 28, 2017

Forestry Section records indicate that on June 30, 2017 they received a call from you regarding a "broken branch down" which was to be collected at the curb at 1538 North 50<sup>th</sup> Place. They responded and removed a branch which had fallen from a 22-inch diameter Norway Maple street tree. Forestry was not notified that the branch had caused any property damage. From the photographs later supplied by you, they noted that the branch that failed was alive. A subsequent photograph taken by Forestry does not indicate any decay in the stub, left from the broken branch, on the tree.

Forestry notes that on June 28, 2017 Milwaukee experienced peak wind speeds of 35 miles per hour. They also reviewed their records for the last 6 years at this location for tree-related issues and found no other requests for service. The trees in this area are on a regular pruning schedule and were last pruned in May 2014.

There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

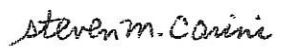


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53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT F. LANGLEY  
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STEVEN M. CARINI  
Investigator Adjuster

c: Randy Krouse (Forestry)

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