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June 4, 2019

Alvin C. Johnson
2007 W. Rogers Street
Milwaukee, WI 53204

Mailed
6/10/19

RE: C.I. 1068-2018-2361
Communication from Alvin Johnson

Dear Mr. Johnson:

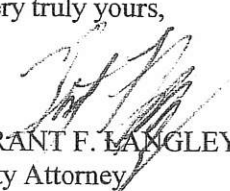
We are in receipt of your claim for property damages in the amount of \$932.00 that resulted from a City owned tree branch falling on your fence at 2007 W. Rogers Street on October 3, 2018.

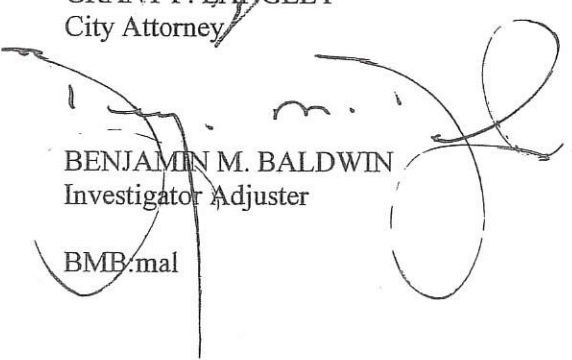
We have conducted and concluded our investigation of this matter. Our investigation revealed that the branch that broke from the tree and damaged your fence did not show any visible defects (ex. fungal fruiting bodies/etc.) that would indicate disease, decay, or likelihood of failure. Also, due to poor branch structure, accompanied with the near-gale force winds at 28 mph recorded on the date of loss, this could be considered a contributing factor for the breakage of the tree branch in question.

Our investigation concluded that the City bears no liability for the property damages at 2007 W. Rogers that occurred on October 3, 2018. 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 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,


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Investigator Adjuster

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C: Erin Stoekl (Forestry)

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