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

Re: Communication from LOUCREAZIA JINKINS
C.I. File No. 1068-2025-497

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant alleges that she sustained damage to her property as a result of a branch from a City tree hanging over and making contact with the roof of her home located at 911 North 37th Street.

Our investigation revealed that on October 11, 2024, the Forestry Department was notified of a request for tree pruning at the above location, stating that a tree branch was making contact with the roof, causing damage. Forestry staff inspected the tree and assigned it as high priority for pruning as it was in contact with the house. A Forestry crew began pruning the subject tree on October 14, 2024, and quickly determined that the tree should be removed because of its proximity to the power lines and other factors. For safety reasons, WE Energies was notified to remove the majority of the tree before Forestry could complete the removal. The work was scheduled for their earliest possible time, and the tree was removed on October 31, 2024.



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The service request history was reviewed for this address going back to October 2017, and no other Forestry related service requests were placed for this tree. It is our view that Forestry acted responsibly and as quickly as possible upon receiving the service request on October 11, 2024. Accordingly, we believe the City is not liable for damages in this case, and we recommend that this claim for \$12,957.00 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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