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

Re:

Communication from Eric Young

C.I. File No. 1068-2022-1642

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 he sustained damage to his house located at 4769 North Sherman Boulevard when a large branch from a City tree fell on it on July 27, 2022.

Our investigation revealed that on July 27, 2022, the Forestry Department received a request for emergency service regarding a tree on the home at 4769 North Sherman Boulevard and blocking the sidewalk. The crew arrived and found that a large branch from the city tree in front of 4761 North Sherman Boulevard had fallen across the sidewalk and onto the neighboring property to the north. The Forestry team removed the branch from the home and the remaining portion of the tree was completely removed on July 28, 2022. There was decay present at the site of the tree failure but it was not visible from the outside of the tree. Forestry did not receive any service requests for this address in the past six years.

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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 Eric Young in the amount of \$8,300.00 be denied.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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