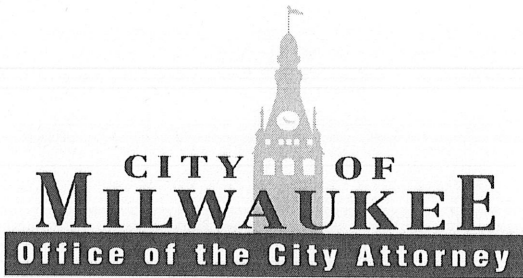


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RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2024-694
Communication from MY VANG

Dear Sir or Madam:

My Vang alleges that on January 13, 2024, a tree branch fell on her 2005 Toyota Sienna while it was parked at 3422 N. 79th Street. Ms. Vang has submitted a damage claim for \$11,604.81.

Our investigation reveals that on January 16, 2024, the Forestry Section responded to a call they received regarding a broken tree branch that had fallen on a vehicle at 3422 N. 79th Street. They found a large branch that had fallen from the City tree adjacent to 3229 North 79th Street, and onto Ms. Vang's vehicle. The branch that failed was from the tree adjacent to 3422 North 79th Street. The tree branch was alive with no decay evident at the point of failure.

Further investigation reveals that on January 12-13, 2024, Milwaukee had a major snow event with winds averaging 20.3 MPH and peak winds of 48MPH. The City received 8.4 inches of snow from January 12, 2024, through January 13, 2024, according to General Mitchell. The Forestry section received 920 calls for tree damage and storm related issues.

It is our view that the tree failure was not a result of any negligence caused by the City Forestry Section. As such, we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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