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

Re: Communication from Susan Templin
C.I. File No. 1068-2023-1709

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 damages to her vehicle while it was parked at 2550 North Dousman Street when a City tree fell on it on July 29th, 2023.

Our investigation revealed that on July 29th, 2023, the City of Milwaukee Call Center received a call that a City tree had fallen on two parked cars in the area of 2551 - 2547 North Dousman Street, causing damages. A Forestry manager was routed to the location and documented the damages. A Forestry crew removed the fallen tree on the same day.

The tree was alive with some decay on the interior of the tree that was not visible from the exterior of the tree. In checking their records for this property going back to July of 2014, Forestry found no other service requests regarding this tree.


On July 28, 2023, the City of Milwaukee experienced a severe thunderstorm event with wind gusts to 49 MPH. The Forestry section received 277 calls for broken branches and other storm related issues from that event.




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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 Susan Templin in the amount of \$11,090.93 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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