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

Re: Communication from Rocio Perez Caballero  
C.I. File No. 1068-2025-222

Dear Council Members:

Ms. Rocio Perez Caballero alleges that on October 31, 2024, a branch from a city tree had fallen and blocked the street and caused damage to her vehicle in the amount of \$11,002.91.

Our investigation revealed that on October 31, 2024, Forestry Services crew responded to a call at 2953 N. 11th Street, and confirmed a city tree fell into the street and onto the claimant's parked vehicle and caused damage to the roof, hood, and driver's side. The tree was removed.

Forestry Services records indicated that the subject tree was a 19" Norway Maple tree that appeared to be in good health, and there was some decay at the point of failure, but it was not visible from the exterior of the tree.

On October 31, 2024, Forestry Section responded to 146 calls for downed trees and broken branches as a result of high peak winds of 53 MPH and sustained speeds of 37 MPH in the City of Milwaukee as reported by General Mitchell International.



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Maintenance records were reviewed and the subject tree was last pruned in February of 2021, while the pruning for all trees in quarter section 312 were last pruned or inspected in March of 2021.

It is our view that the tree failure was a result of a severe weather related event and was not a result of any negligence caused by the City Forestry section.

Very truly yours,



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