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November 23, 2015

Ms. Mary Anderson-Gee
4741 West Leon Terrace
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*mailed
11/24/15*

RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2015-2408
Communication from MARY ANDERSON-GEE

Dear Ms. Anderson-Gee:

We have received your claim for the amount of \$439.09 in relation to the property damage and injury you allege you sustained on either August 13, 2015 or August 14, 2015 at 4741 W. Leon Terrace.

The Forestry Section of the Department of Public Works reports the City experienced high winds gusts on August 13, 2015. As a result, there were numerous requests to remove broken branches and trees. A request was received to remove a broken branch blocking a sidewalk at 4741 W. Leon Terrace. A crew responded and removed the tree. At that time, no one communicated to the crew that there was property damage or bodily injury involved.

On August 14, 2015, a crew responded to a request to inspect the tree at 4741 W. Leon Terrace. The tree was inspected from the ground and found to be healthy and did not have any signs of decay. The pruning of trees in this area occurred back in November 2010. Prior to this incident, there was one service request to remove the tree on July 1, 2014. A forestry manager inspected the tree on July 7, 2014 and found the tree to be healthy. The tree was then pruned on September 5, 2014.




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Our investigation reveals this loss occurred solely as a result of high winds and was not in any way related to negligence by the City of Milwaukee. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please include a photocopy of this letter's envelope, showing the postmark, and retain the original in the event further proof is needed.

Very truly yours,



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