



IMPORTANT NOTICE: A \$35 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPEAL, WITHIN THE DEADLINE REFERENCED BY THE BILL.

Checks should be made payable to: City of Milwaukee and a copy of the bill should be included with your appeal

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CUSTOMERS PAYING BY CHECK

When you provide a check as payment, you authorize us either to use information from your check to make a one-time electronic fund transfer from your account, or to process the payment as a check transaction.

IF THE CHARGES HAVE ALREADY APPEARED ON YOUR TAX BILL, THIS APPEAL CANNOT BE FILED.

TO: Administrative Review Board of Appeals
City Hall, Rm. 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2231

DATE: 7-3-2025

RE: 1512 N. 39th
(Address of property in question)

Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.

I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by

Dept of Public Work - Forestry Division
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$?

Charge relative to:

PWCF-25-01941, etc, et al

I find the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached my supporting evidence, including city employee's memoranda which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

SINCE I NEVER RECEIVED ORIGINAL bill or notice I don't know the cost of work.

BUT SINCE I qualify for low income Neighborhood SERVICES programs Compliance loan, NIT + REDUCE milw, and I am currently RECEIVING all their services, the speedy contractors providing this SERVICE; which FREE to me, I should not have to pay whatever the costs

Laurinda Cole
Signature

Laurinda Cole
Name (please print)

PO Box 80051
Milw, WI 53208
Mailing address and zip code

(414) 210-8416
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Form 321/2002

1 of 2

These city procedures were violated in retaliation by Investment Real Estate/buyers after work started on my property

Laurinda Cole
Post Office Box 80051
Milwaukee, WI 53208
July 21, 2025

Office of the City Treasurer
Post Office Box 514062
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3462

RE: Record ID PWCF-25-01941

I was in the process of having this work done for free to me, when one of my 'neighbors' or better stated, one of the many investment property companies noticed that after 18 years of my not doing anything to the trees on my property or in front of my property that I was preparing my yard for the work to begin. I started trimming branches and tying them back in November of 2024, since I am elderly and disabled, I can only do so much at one time. My brother is also elderly and my young son does not know how to do the needed work. I have the promises of several charities, Neighborhood Services loan programs that are trying to assist me to increase the curb appeal of my property, for free to me. But legal processes, they cannot work as fast as these wildcat contractors. We Energies has a program where they will pay for tree trimmers to come to your home and cut the trees back from the property line

Since I have qualified for the low income services of Neighborhood Services Compliance Loan, NIP and Revitalize Milwaukee, I cannot afford to have all of the needed repairs and steps to increase the curb appeal of my 118 yr old house, to be done quickly and piled onto my property taxes. Unless the goal is to make me unable to afford to pay my property taxes and homeless. I cannot afford to pay the rent currently being charged in my neighborhood. And I do not have 10 or 12 relatives, like some of the new renters to help me pay the rent.

Please don't add this to my property taxes, because I am appealing the \$467.30 the contractor is charging to quickly do what I could have had done, for free. \$500 is a mortgage payment for me.

Sincerely,


Laurinda Cole



Department of Public Works - Operations Division
Zeidler Municipal Building - 841 N. Broadway, Room 620 - Milwaukee, WI 53202
TELEPHONE: 414-286-CITY (2489)

Make check payable to the City of Milwaukee. Check payments must be payable in U.S. dollars and be drawn on a U.S. bank. Payment receipt is only valid after check payment clears all banks.
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July 15, 2025

LAURINDA KAY COLE
POST OFFICE BOX 80051
MILWAUKEE, WI 53208

Record ID: **PWCF-25-01941**
Violation: **Row Encroachment**
Address: **1512 N 39TH ST**
Taxkey: **3661840000**
Notice Date: **06/05/2025**
Amount Due: **\$467.30**

Your property has been found in violation of City of Milwaukee Ordinance No. 116-55, overhanging branches, and 116-56, special assessment for trimming.

\$467.30 is now due. Future violations of this ordinance will result in escalating fees.

Pay Online

(Credit /Debit Card or E-Check)
milwaukee.gov/dpwpayment
Enter the Record ID # found on the coupon below.

Pay In Person

(Cash or Check only)
Present coupon below with payment during normal working hours:
OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
AT CITY HALL
200 E WELLS ST

Pay by Mail

(Check or Money Order only)
Send coupon below with check or money order to:
OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
200 E WELLS ST
MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

If not paid within 30 days, an additional \$25 administrative fee will be incurred and added to your next property tax bill. If you fail to pay the full amount of your property tax bill, including the special assessments and charges, your property will be eligible for in rem tax foreclosure action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 75.521, Wisconsin State Statutes, or you may be subject to a personal civil action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 74.53, Wisconsin State Statutes.

To appeal these charges, print the appeal application available online at milwaukee.gov/appealform. You may also request an appeal application by calling (414) 286-CITY(2489). Return the appeal application along with the \$25 appeal filing fee to the Administrative Review Appeals Board, 200 E Wells St, Rm 205, within 120 days of the date of this letter.

By law, written notification to property owners/tenants in violation of this ordinance is not required. As a courtesy, a notice was posted on your property (unless that property is a vacant lot) for compliance. To sign up for email notifications of Forestry and Sanitation Services property violations; visit milwaukee.gov/enotify and subscribe to location based service notifications.

If you have any questions regarding these charges, please contact the City of Milwaukee Call Center at (414) 286-CITY (2489). You can search for current charges against your property and pay online at milwaukee.gov/lms.

Please detach and return with payment for City of Milwaukee DPW Row Encroachment Charge

A \$25 administrative fee will be added if not paid by: 08/14/2025

Bill To
LAURINDA KAY COLE
POST OFFICE BOX 80051
MILWAUKEE, WI 53208

Record ID PWCF-25-01941

Amount Due \$467.30

City of Milwaukee

Make Checks
Payable To

Office of the City of Treasurer
PO Box 514062
Milwaukee, WI 53203-3462

In person payments can be made at:
Office of the City of the Treasurer
City Hall, Room 103
200 E Wells Street

Mail To

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NOTICE

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

City Hall, Rm. 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
July 31, 2025

Effective September 25, 2004, per Common Council File 040610, all appeals to the Administrative Review Board of Appeals must include a \$25 fee at the time the appeal is filed. The fee may be paid in cash, money order or by check (made payable to the City of Milwaukee).

Your appeal is being returned to you because the \$25 filing fee was not included and, therefore, the Board cannot accept your appeal. **Your appeal must be submitted, with the \$25 filing fee, within the time constraints on the original notice.**

If you feel the department is acting in error, please contact that department directly. If you speak with them and get no satisfaction, you may appeal to the Board, but it must be within the original deadline to file the appeal (i.e. there is no "extension" because you were waiting to hear back from the department).

Linda Elmer
Staff Assistant
Administrative Review Board of Appeals
414-286-2231



Office of the City Clerk

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Dana J. Zelazny
Deputy City Clerk
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August 8, 2025

Laurinda Cole
PO Box 80051
Milwaukee, WI 53208

Dear Ms. Cole:

Your appeal for overhanging branches trimming of \$467.30 was accepted. You will be notified when it is scheduled.

Linda Elmer
Staff Assistant
Administrative Review Board of Appeal

