



IMPORTANT NOTICE: A \$25 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

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

This Board may only determine if the City Department followed proper administrative procedures. It cannot hear appeals as to whether a Building Order is valid or not (those must be appealed to the Standards and Appeals Commission).

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

DATE: 12/12/2024

RE: 9400 W Melvina St 53222
(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 DPW
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 303.57

Charge relative to: overhanging branches + trimming

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

I did not speak with anyone about this. I had some weeds growing along my fenceline on the alley side. I received a notice about it and was not given an opportunity to remove the weeds as they were mowed 7-10 days later. I am disabled (as proof you may look up my disabled parking permit for my address) and had to hire someone to tend to alleyway/fenceline. I contacted someone in my neighborhood but the city took action before they were →

Sarah S. Sterling
Signature

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Name (please print)

9400 W Melvina St 53222 262-391-7969
Mailing address and zip code Daytime phone numbers

Sarahschleicher@gmail.com
E-Mail Address(s)

scheduled to come to my property. I also want to add that I purchased a spray to remove the weeds and applied it within 3 days of receipt of the notice. The weed killer did not have great results. None of the weeds were at a height to impede traffic. In fact, I have parked my vehicle in the spot where they grow to put things in my garage. I do not drive a truck or large SUV and was easily able to park 2 wheels on this small stretch of my property; the area is not big enough to fit a full vehicle. I pay someone to cut my grass in the summer, as well as clean my gutters and take care of other maintenance as my physical condition inhibits my ability to do so. Yes, weeds grow along the fenceline but they were not out of control or causing anyone (myself included) a problem. If you were to fine and punish every residence that has some burdocks and thistles along their alleyway, the city would have all the money it could ever desire. I am astonished by the amount of this fine as whoever mowed over the section in question did about a 10 inch wide strip along the approx 15 ft. fenceline. It probably took a city employee with a riding mower about 30 seconds. How that results in a \$303.57 fine is inconceivable. I lovingly maintain my property and request this decision be overturned. I dispute that the weeds 1) were impeding traffic and 2) were impeding lighting. There are NO trees, shrubs, or flowers in this part of my property. Just some weeds.

Thank you for your consideration.

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: 11/22/2024

Record ID PWCF-24-08399

Bill To

SARAH S STERLING
9400 W MELVINA ST
MILWAUKEE, WI 53222

Amount Due \$303.57

City of Milwaukee

Make Checks
Payable To

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

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

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Receipt of ARBA Fee

Date:	12/18/24
Received Of:	Sarah Sterling
Property at:	9400 W. Melvina St.
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	2170
Amount:	\$25.00