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September 3, 2008

Hopeton Blair  
7924 West Winfield Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53218

RE: Hopeton Blair  
C.I. File No: 08-S-625

Dear Mr. Blair:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$3,500.00, relating to damage sustained to your property located at 2713-15 North 45<sup>th</sup> Street on July 7, 2008 when a limb from a City tree fell on it.

Our investigation reveals that the Forestry Section responded to an emergency request for service on July 8, 2008 regarding a tree branch down at this location. The branch came from a tree that was alive and showed no signs of decay. The records also noted the trees in the area were last pruned in February 2005 pursuant to the City's programmed pruning schedule. They also searched the DPW Call Center records for the last 7 years and found no requests for service for this tree prior to this incident. The Section followed its standard procedures and this loss occurred during windy conditions, as such, we are denying your claim.

If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

  
GRANT P. LANGLEY  
City Attorney

  
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