

James and Iyanura Lindsey C.I. File NO. 1068-2025-562

3018 N 26<sup>th</sup> Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206

November 11, 2025

To the City Clerk:

I am writing to appeal the city's decision to not reimburse my wife and me for the damage that we sustained to my front yard fence. The tree is a very large city tree and several branches have fallen on our property on other occasions and we have done our best to report this to neighborhood services. On February 10<sup>th</sup> several branches fell onto our front fence knocking the entire left side down covering about 25 feet of damage. Forestry cut off about 5 very large branches. My wife and I have called the city with concerns about this tree appearing to have dead branches and dangerously hovering above our yard and was told, "We would have to wait until something happened" before anything could be done. The calls were documented. I am asking in good faith that the claims adjuster take another look at our claim and reconsider this decision because there was literally nothing we could have done to prevent this unfortunate event.

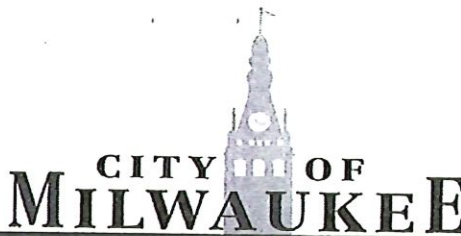
Thank You for your consideration.

P.S. It is now November 14, 2025 but we did not receive this communication near September 30, 2025. I opened the mailing on November 7, 2025 therefore I am submitting my appeal which would be late.

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September 30, 2025

James and Iyanura Lindsey  
3018 North 26th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53206

RE: Communication from JAMES AND IYANURA LINDSEY  
C.I. File No. 1068-2025-562

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lindsey:

We are in receipt of your claim for damages sustained to your fence, when a branch from a city tree fell on it, located at 3018 N. 26th Street, on February 11, 2025.

Our investigation revealed that on February 11, 2025, Forestry Services responded to a call regarding a broken branch that was down, blocked the sidewalk, and landed on a fence at 3018 N. 26th Street. The Forestry crew noted that the tree branch had fallen from a city tree at 3022 N. 26th street, and the branch was removed.

On February 11, 2025, the City experienced peak wind gusts of 24 MPH and sustained speeds of 17 MPH, and Forestry Services responded to eight calls regarding issues relating to downed trees, that same day.

Maintenance records were reviewed and on July 2, 2024, there was one trimming request for dead branches on a tree at 3018 N. 26th Street, which is south of the subject tree that failed. There were no other requests for pruning of branches of the subject tree that failed. It is our view that the City is not liable for damages and your claim is denied.

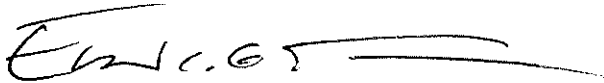
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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a written statement requesting a hearing within 21 days of the postmarked date of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202. Please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