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To the Honorable Common Council
Of the City of Milwaukee
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: Communication from LINDEN REID
C.I. File No. 1068-2024-1713

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find a proposed resolution. We ask that it be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Legislation with the following recommendation.

Claimant alleges that he sustained damage to his vehicle while it was parked in the area of 2118 East Kenilworth Place when a large branch from a City tree fell on it on June 29, 2024.

Our investigation revealed that on June 29, 2024, the Forestry Department received a request for emergency service regarding a tree branch that fell on a vehicle at 2118 East Kenilworth Place. The Forestry crew arrived, noted the damage to the vehicle, and removed the branch from the scene. The failed branch was alive, and there was no external evidence of decay at the point of failure.

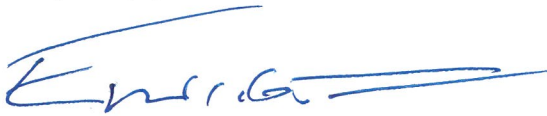
Reviewing records for this property going back to June of 2017, Forestry found four other related service requests. Two were placed in April of 2023 and two were placed in August of 2021. All were for storm related damage. Follow up inspections were completed each time and the tree determined to be in good health.



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On June 28-29, 2024, Milwaukee had a weather system move through the City with 1.75 inches of rain and winds peaking at 33 MPH. Forestry Section responded to 25 calls for downed and broken trees and branches over this period. It is our position that the Forestry Department followed standard operating procedures in this case, and were not negligent in this matter. Therefore, we recommend that the claim submitted by Linden Reid in the amount of \$8,760.98 be denied.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures

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