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September 3, 2008

Louise Lenno
3966 South Herman Street
Milwaukee, WI 53207

RE: Louise Lenno
C.I. File No: 08-S-641

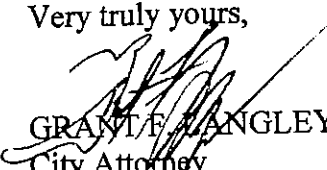
Dear Ms. Lenno:


We have received your claim in the amount of \$150.00, relating to damage sustained to your gutter at 3966 South Herman Street when a branch from a City tree allegedly fell on it on June 30, 2008.

Our investigation reveals that the Forestry Section responded to a downed branch at 3972 South Herman Street on June 30, 2008 while completing this assignment a crew member saw a hanging branch in the City tree at your location. The crew removed the branch from the upper portion of the tree. When the branch hit the ground it made the "thud" noise you heard. The crew noted the branch landed across the tree border and sidewalk. They indicated the branch did not strike your gutter or downspout. Since the City did not cause your loss, it cannot accept liability and we are denying your claim.

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

Very truly yours,


GRANT F. LANGLEY
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