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January 21, 2010

Willie Ellis
2245 West Walnut Street
Milwaukee, WI 53205

RE: Willie Ellis
C.I. File No.: 09-S-383

Dear Mr. Ellis:


We have received your claim in the amount of \$495.00, relating to damage sustained to your fence when a City tree fell on it on or about October 7, 2009 at 2245 West Walnut Street.

Our investigation reveals that the Forestry Section responded to a request for service on October 7, 2009 involving a City tree branch down at this location. The branch came from a tree that was alive and showed no external signs of decay. The records also noted the trees in the area were last pruned in April, 2004 pursuant to the City's programmed pruning schedule. They also searched their records for the last 5 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 of receipt 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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Investigator Adjuster

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