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January 21, 2025

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

Re: Communication from ANNA HARMAN
C.I. File No. 1068-2023-1917

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 she sustained damage to her vehicle while it was parked in the area of 1020 East Pleasant Street when a large branch from a City tree fell on it on July 29, 2023.

Our investigation revealed that on July 29, 2023, the Forestry Department received a request for service regarding a tree that fell into the road and on a vehicle at 1020 East Pleasant Street. The Forestry crew arrived and located the fallen branch. The crew noted that the tree appeared to be in good health, but there was decay present at the point of failure. The decay was not evident or visible from the outside of the tree. Forestry received no other service requests for this address in the past six years.



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On July 28 to July 29, 2023, the City of Milwaukee experienced a severe thunderstorm which brought 1.31 " of rainfall and sustained wind speeds of 33 MPH and peak winds of 49 MPH. Forestry received 280 calls for tree damage on July 23, 2023. 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 Anna Harman in the amount of \$7,422.02 be denied.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Evan C. Goyke

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Enclosures

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