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Ms. Cynthia Calderon 1326 South 25th Street Milwaukee, WI 53204

RE:

C.I. File No. 1068-2015-2576

Communication from CYNTHIA CALDERON

Dear Ms. Calderon:

We have received your claim for the amount of \$3,788.16 in relation to the property damage you sustained on August 14, 2015 between South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and South 24<sup>th</sup> Street near West Pierce Street.

The Department of Public Works reports the Forestry Division received a call for service on August 14, 2015 concerning a broken branch blocking the street on West Pierce Street. A crew leader responded and found a Milwaukee County tree had fallen across the sidewalk and into the street and on your vehicle. The Department of Public Works has a policy in place that requires the crew to clear the right of way for emergency services, so the tree was removed from your vehicle.

Our investigation determined the City of Milwaukee right of way on the north side of West Pierce Street is 13 feet from the face of the curb going north. The failed tree was located within Mitchell Park, a Milwaukee County property.

The damage to your vehicle was not the result of any negligence of the City of Milwaukee and therefore the City is not legally liable for your damage. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.



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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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