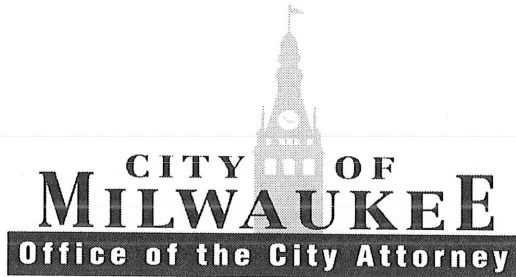


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Honorable Common Council
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RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2024-324
Communication from KAYLA SANDERS

Dear Sir or Madam:

Kayla Sanders, alleges that on January 12, 2024, a tree branch fell on her 2014 Chevrolet Malibu when it was parked at 4026 N. 85th Street. Ms. Sanders submitted a damage claim for \$7,676.57.

Our investigation reveals that on January 14, 2024, the Forestry Section responded to a call they received on January 13, 2024, regarding a broken tree branch that was blocking the street at 4026 N. 85th Street. The subject tree was 15 inches' diameter, 40-foot-long, and the tree branch was alive with no decay evident at the point of failure. The broken tree branch was removed. Based on the extent of damages, the subject tree has been marked for removal.

Further investigation reveals that on January 13, 2024, Milwaukee had a major snow event with winds averaging 20.3 MPH and peak winds of 48MPH. The City received 8.4 inches of snow from January 12, 2024, through January 13, 2024, according to General Mitchell. The Forestry section received 920 calls for tree damage and storm related issues.

It is our view that the tree failure was not a result of any negligence caused by the City Forestry Section. As such, we recommend that the claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

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