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

RE: Communication from PRECIOUS MCINTYRE
C.I. File No. 2025-001555

Dear Council Members:

Precious McIntyre submitted a claim for sustained damage to her vehicle. She alleges that while it was parked in the area of 4675 N 19th Place, a large branch from a City tree fell on it on July 31, 2025 causing damage.

Our investigation revealed that on July 31, 2025, the Forestry Department received a request for emergency service regarding a tree branch down on a vehicle at 4675 N 19th Pl. The Forestry crew arrived and found a large tree branch had struck the claimant's vehicle and was lodged in the windshield. The failed branch was alive, and there was no external evidence of decay at the point of failure.

Reviewing records for this property going back six years, Forestry found no related service requests. The pruning of all trees growing in this area was completed in December of 2014. The next scheduled inspection of all trees in the area will occur in fall 2025 based on the new 6-year inspection cycle of all city trees. However, after this incident it was determined the tree should be removed due to poor health. The tree was removed down to stump and scheduled to have stumped removed.

On July 31, 2025, Milwaukee had winds peaking at 33 MPH. Forestry Section received 71 calls for tree damage this day. 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 Precious McIntyre in the amount of $19,944.84 be denied.

Very truly yours,

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