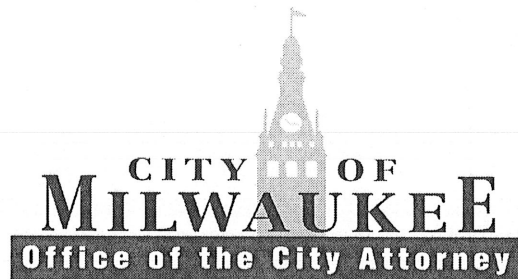


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February 17, 2022

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

Re: C.I. File No. 1068-2021-965
Communication from: Franklin Easley
2743 North 36th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53210

Dear Council Members:

Franklin Easley alleges that on August 10, 2021 he sustained damages to his vehicle when a city tree fell onto his vehicle while parked at the curb at or near 2746 North 36th Street. Mr. Easley submitted a damage estimate for the amount of \$7,100.41.

The Forestry Section records indicate that they were notified on August 11, 2021 of two trees down blocking the road and one tree down on a vehicle at 2751 North 36th Street. A Forestry crew responded and found a branch from a City tree lying in front of a vehicle with damage on the front of the vehicle. The tree was inspected and found to be in good health. The branch that failed was inspected and found to be healthy with no signs of decay. The damage was documented, and the branch was subsequently removed.

Per Forestry, the City of Milwaukee experienced a strong thunderstorm event which produced winds averaging 8.2 MPH, sustained wind speeds of 35 MPH and peak winds of 50 MPH. The storm also brought 0.13 inches of rain on top of the 3.29” received over the previous 4 days. The excessive rain over a short period of time created saturated soils which contributed to catastrophic tree failures. As a result of the storm, Forestry responded to 3,242 emergency calls regarding broken branches, downed trees, and other storm related issues from the event.

Section notes indicates trees in quarter section 308 were last pruned in January 2014. The service request history for this property shows that there were two calls for the same hanging branch in August 2015.

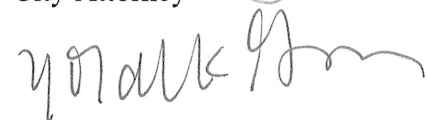


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There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.



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Enclosure

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