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March 17, 2017

Mr. Steve Adamczyk
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RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2016-2411
Communication from STEVE ADAMCZYK

Dear Mr. Adamczyk:

We have received your claim for the amount of \$4,000.00 in relation to the property damage you sustained on or around September 23, 2016 at 4901 North 37th Street.

Our investigation determined a City of Milwaukee forestry contractor removed a tree stump on the West Stark Street side of the property between the curb and sidewalk on September 16, 2016. After the stump removal was completed, debris was removed and replaced with clean fill, top dressed and seeded. A forestry inspector checked the site on September 20, 2016 and verified the work was completed. The inspector did not observe water leaking anywhere near the property at that time.

On September 23, 2016, your tenant contacted the Department of Public Works to report a water leak. A utility investigator went to your property and confirmed there was an active leak on the owner's side of the water service lateral and notified you of the leak. The lateral where the leak occurred is 45 feet away from the tree stump that was removed. Milwaukee Water Works also hired Mid-City Plumbing to replace the city side of the lead water service lateral pipe at the same time the private side of the water service lateral was replaced.



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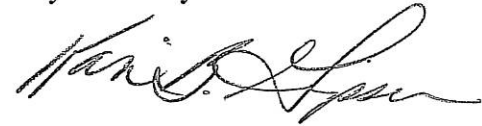
The damage to your property was not the result of any negligence of the City of Milwaukee. When the City received notice of your problem, an investigator was immediately dispatched to the area. Because Milwaukee Water Works exercised the appropriate and standard procedures to minimize damages in this situation, the City cannot be held liable. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

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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