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Ms. Mary Reardon  
3724 South Alabama Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53207

RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2016-63  
Communication from MARY REARDON

Dear Ms. Reardon:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$940.00, relating to damage on November 12, 2015 when a branch from a City tree fell onto your residence at 3724 South Alabama Avenue.

The Forestry Section records indicate that they received a call on November 12, 2015 from you regarding a broken branch down blocking the sidewalk at 3724 South Alabama Avenue. You also stated that the branch had caused damage to your home. They responded that day. Upon arrival, their crew found that a 6-inch diameter 20-foot long branch from an approximately 30-inch diameter Norway Maple Street tree had broken and fallen. The tree was alive with no decay noted. The branch was removed.

Forestry notes that on this date the City had windy conditions, with a peak wind speed of 33 miles per hour. They received 14 calls for broken branches and other storm related issues on November 11 and November 12, 2015. Forestry reviewed their records for the last 5 years at this location for tree related issues and found no other requests for service. The trees in this area are on a regular pruning schedule and were last pruned in January 2014. No decay was noted for the tree at that time nor on a follow up inspection on November 13, 2015.



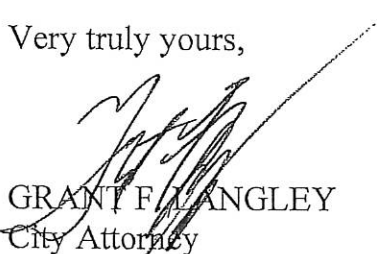
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Forestry also notes that there had appeared to be lichen growing on the exterior of the bark. This is not fungal decay.

There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. As such, the City would not be liable. Therefore, 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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