



IMPORTANT NOTICE: A \$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPEAL, WITHIN 30 DAYS OF ASSESSED CHARGES.

Checks should be made payable to: City of Milwaukee and a copy of the bill should be included with your appeal

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR CUSTOMERS PAYING BY CHECK

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MILWAUKEE CITY CLERK - RCUD
2026 MAY 7 AM 11:43

IF THE CHARGES HAVE ALREADY APPEARED ON YOUR TAX BILL, THIS APPEAL CANNOT BE FILED

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY:

This Board may only determine if the City Department followed proper administrative procedures. It cannot hear appeals as to whether a Building Order is valid or not (those must be appealed to the Standards and Appeals Commission).

TO: Administrative Review Appeals Board
City Hall, Rm. 205
200 E. Wells St.
Milwaukee, WI 53202
(414) 286-2221

DATE: 5/4/2026

RE: 6355 N 105th Street
(Address of property in question)

Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.

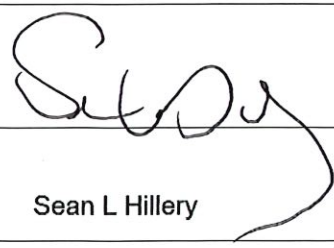
I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by Department of Public Works
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 611.75

Charge relative to: Row Encroachment

I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

See Attached Sheet



Signature

Sean L Hillery

Name (please print)

6356 N 105th Street, 53225
Mailing address and zip code

414-975-0965
Daytime phone number

I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employees' names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

On about November 24, 2025, I received an encroachment notice regarding a tree located at 6355 N 105th Street, 53225. It instructed me to prune or remove all vegetation to the property line and/or to a height of no less than 14 ft. directly above alley or street pavement. (Additional Notes) "Remove lowest branch over road to provide required 14' clearance for emergency vehicles. As soon as I read the notice, I removed the lowest hanging branch as instructed. The branch is circled in white in the attached photo (exhibit A). The branch circled in red was just above 14 feet. After I removed the branch, I called the City of Milwaukee Call Center to report that I had removed the encroaching tree branch (see attached call log exhibit B). On February 19, 2026, I came home to find a tree trimming crew, cutting the branch in exhibit A which is outlined in red. I called the City of Milwaukee on February 19, 2026. Inspector Andy Garens came out to meet me at the tree location. Please see attached email from Inspector Garens that outlines the conversation that he and I had.

I am disputing this assessment because I did exactly what I was instructed to do by removing the lowest branch. The tree was in compliance prior to Dorsak Tree Service removing the additional branch circled in red. My phone record shows that I called the City of Milwaukee to report that I removed the branch. The order gave me 15 days to comply. There is no indication that a reinspection was done after the 15 day period to check for compliance prior to issuing a removal order.



Department of Public Works - Operations Division
 Zeidler Municipal Building - 841 N. Broadway, Room 620 - Milwaukee, WI 53202
 TELEPHONE: 414-286-CITY (2489)

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April 30, 2026

SEAN HILLERY
 SHARON HILLERY
 6356 N 105TH ST
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53225

Record ID: PWCF-25-09843
 Violation: Row Encroachment
 Address: 6355 N 105TH ST
 Taxkey: 1502102000
 Notice Date: 11/19/2025
 Amount Due: \$611.75

Your property has been found in violation of City of Milwaukee Ordinance No. 116-55, overhanging branches, and 116-56, special assessment for trimming.

\$611.75 is now due. Future violations of this ordinance will result in escalating fees.

Pay Online

(Credit /Debit Card or E-Check)
milwaukee.gov/dpwpayment
 Enter the Record ID # found on the coupon below.

Pay In Person

(Cash or Check only)
 Present coupon below with payment during normal working hours:
 OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
 AT CITY HALL
 200 E WELLS ST

Pay by Mail

(Check or Money Order only)
 Send coupon below with check or money order to:
 OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER
 200 E WELLS ST
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53202

If not paid within 30 days, an additional \$25 administrative fee will be incurred and added to your next property tax bill. If you fail to pay the full amount of your property tax bill, including the special assessments and charges, your property will be eligible for in rem tax foreclosure action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 75.521, Wisconsin State Statutes, or you may be subject to a personal civil action by the City of Milwaukee under Section 74.53, Wisconsin State Statutes.

To appeal these charges, print the appeal application available online at milwaukee.gov/appealform . You may also request an appeal application by calling (414) 286-CITY(2489). Return the appeal application along with the \$25 appeal filing fee to the Administrative Review Appeals Board, 200 E Wells St, Rm 205, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this letter.

By law, written notification to property owners/tenants in violation of this ordinance is not required. As a courtesy, a notice was posted on your property (unless that property is a vacant lot) for compliance. To sign up for email notifications of Forestry and Sanitation Services property violations; visit milwaukee.gov/enotify and subscribe to location based service notifications.

Please detach and return with payment for City of Milwaukee DPW Row Encroachment Charge
 A \$25 administrative fee will be added if not paid by: 5/30/2026

Bill To SEAN HILLERY
 SHARON HILLERY
 6356 N 105TH ST
 MILWAUKEE, WI 53225

Record ID PWCF-25-09843

Make Checks Payable To City of Milwaukee

Amount Due \$611.75

Mail To Office of the City of Treasurer
 PO Box 514062
 Milwaukee, WI 53203-3462

In person payments can be made at:
 Office of the City of the Treasurer
 City Hall, Room 103
 200 E Wells Street

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**STREET / SIDEWALK / ENCROACHMENT
FIELD INVESTIGATION REPORT
CITY OF MILWAUKEE
Department of Public Works – Forestry Division**

Encroachment Record # PWCF-25-09843

In accordance with Sections 116-56 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances,

the property at: 6355 N. 105th ST
(Address of encroachment)

having Tax Key No. 150-2102-000, was inspected and the following was noted:

Encroachment – City Right of Way

- Street Encroachment
- Sidewalk Encroachment
- Alley Encroachment

What is Encroaching?

- Tree Limbs
- Shrubs
- Vegetation

In order to achieve compliance, the following must be completed within 15 days:

- Prune or remove all vegetation back to the property line and/or to a height of no less than 14 ft. directly above alley or street pavement.
- Prune or remove all vegetation back to the property line and/or to a height of no less than 8 ft. directly above the sidewalk pavement.

(Additional Notes)

Remove lowest branch over road to provide required 14' clearance for emergency vehicles

** All encroachments must be removed to comply with the above stated city ordinances. ** Please refer to the enclosed diagram for required clearances.

To view violation photos or documents related to this record, please go to milwaukee.gov/lms.

1. In the Search bar enter the record number (found at the top of this notice) and hit enter.
2. Select "Record Info" drop down and choose "Attachments".
3. Select on any of the blue links to see the photos or files attached to that record.

District N Section# 150

Service Request # _____

Inspection Date 11-19-25

Inspector AG

Compliance Check Date _____

Compliance? NO Done By Owner

Completion Date _____

Nov 19, 2025 at 9:47:36 AM
10425 W Mill Rd
Milwaukee WI 53225
United States



Exhibit A

19 Nov 2025

14:52

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City of Milwaukee

Call History

- Outgoing Call Today · 14:38
9 minutes
- Outgoing Call 2/19/26 · 10:11
9 minutes
- Outgoing Call 1/23/26 · 13:29
1 minute
- Outgoing Call 12/15/25 · 19:47
2 minutes
- Outgoing Call 11/24/25 · 15:11
7 minutes
- Outgoing Call 9/18/25 · 18:06
6 minutes
- Outgoing Call 5/5/25 · 14:36
7 minutes

Exhibit B

From: Sean hillery66@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Tree pruning at 6355 N 105th st
Date: Feb 19, 2026 at 13:09:13
To: Garens, Andrew agaren@milwaukee.gov

Thank you

On Thu, Feb 19, 2026 at 13:08 Garens, Andrew

<agaren@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

Sean,

Per our meeting today in regards to the tree pruning at 6355 N 105th st, here are the requested documents from the original record. (PWCF-25-09843).

The field report and inspection photo are included.

The charge for the clearance pruning performed by city contractor Dorsak Tree Service was bid at \$525 + tax along with a \$50 admin fee. I am going to ask the admin fee be waived due to your performed work and assumption the height was sufficient. If you decide to appeal the charge, there will be information on that process included with the bill. If you have any other questions, please let me know.

-Andy

Andy Garens

City of Milwaukee Forestry

Certified Arborist #0771A WI

agaren@milwaukee.gov | [\(414\)-286-5795](tel:(414)286-5795)



Receipt of ARBA Fee

Date:	Thursday, May 7, 2026
Received Of:	Sean L Hillery
Reason	DPW Row Encroachment
Property at:	6355 N 105 th Street
Received By:	Joanna Urtiz
Check # (If Applicable):	Ck#1117
Amount:	\$25.00