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December 26, 2019

Ingrid Moreland
4160 N. 47th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53216

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1/3/2020

RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2019-2140
Communication from Ingrid Moreland

Dear Ms. Moreland:

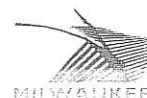
We have received your claim for damages in the amount of \$3,345.24 that resulted from a tree branch falling on your 2016 Nissan Altima.

The Forestry Section of the City conducted and concluded their investigation of this matter. At the time of the incident, according to NOAA National Weather Service, winds were averaging 17.2 MPH with peak wind speeds at 52 MPH and .13 inches of rain. Forestry responded to a total of 163 calls City wide during this storm event. In your geographical area alone, there were 73 calls.

Inspection of the broken branch revealed that the branch that failed was alive with no decay present. Forestry received five (5) requests for service within the last 6 years at your location for tree related issues consisting of three (3) requests for broken branches, one request for a tree inspection which found the damage to be squirrel related, and the last request was for this incident. The pruning of all trees growing in your geographical area was completed in March of 2015.

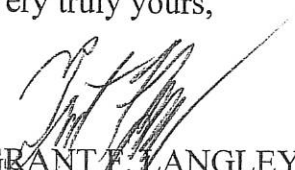
In conclusion, there is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. The City would not be liable for the damages to your vehicle. Therefore, we are denying your claim.

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

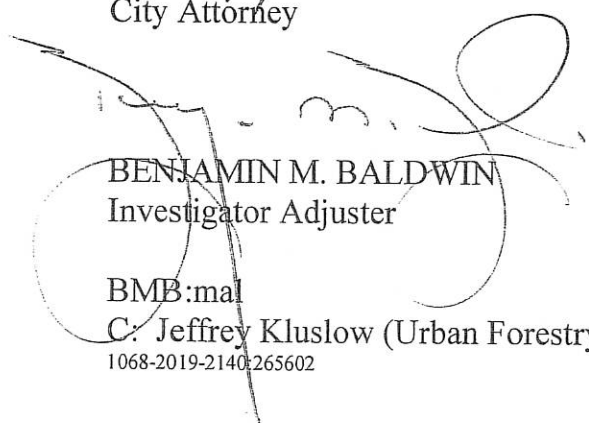


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Very truly yours,



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