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Milwaukee City Clerk,

I'd like to appeal C.I. File No. 1068-2021-1269 for a city tree falling on my property 3514 N $56^{th}\,$ St. on 8/12/21. I enclosed a copy of the letters envelope as requested.

Thank You

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RE:

Communication from James Peret

C.I. File No. 1068-2021-1269

Dear Mr. Peret:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$600.00, relating to damage sustained to your house located at 3514 North 56th Street on August 10, 2021, when a city tree fell on it.

Our investigation reveals that the City of Milwaukee's Forestry Department was notified of a branch failure resting on the home at 3514 North 56th Street on August 10, 2021. An emergency crew responded on August 12, 2021, and found the city tree uprooted and resting on the front of the residence. The tree was alive and healthy.

This service request made on August 10, 2021 was the only request the Forestry Department received regarding this tree's condition within the last six years. According to the National Weather Service, Milwaukee had a thunderstorm on August 10, 2021 with .13" of rain and peak winds of 50 MPH. In addition, the city had saturated soils from the previous day's rain events.

It is our view that the tree failure in this case resulted from extreme weather events and was not caused through the negligence of the City of Milwaukee. Therefore, we are denying your claim.





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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,

TEARMAN SPENCER

City Attorney

PATRICIA KLOSIEWSKI

Investigator Adjuster

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