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September 19, 2011

Corves Coleman 5253 North 37th Street Milwaukee, WI 53209

RE: C.I. File No.: 11-S-237

Dear Mr. Coleman:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$145.00, relating to damage allegedly sustained to your vehicle on July 9, 2011 when a branch from a City tree fell onto it while it was parked at 3367 North 37<sup>th</sup> Street.

Our investigation reveals that the Forestry Section records indicate that this matter was neither reported to nor investigated by them at that time. After receipt of this claim, they generally inspected this site and found that there is a 23-inch diameter Honeylocust tree at 3367 North 37<sup>th</sup> Street. The tree was alive and healthy. There was no fallen branch to inspect at the site.

In addition, the section noted that they reviewed their records for the last 5 years and found only one service request for this tree. On July 1, 2006, there was a request to remove a broken branch hanging from this tree. It was subsequently removed by a forestry crew. The trees in this area are on a regular pruning schedule and were last pruned in 2007.

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.

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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,

GRANT/LANGLEY

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