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October 21, 2014

Mr. Keith Washington  
2414 North 46th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2014-2330  
Communication form KEITH WASHINGTON

Dear Mr. Washington:

We have received your claim for the amount of \$1,528.77 in relation to the property damage you sustained on June 30, 2014 at 2414 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Forestry Department reports the city experienced windy conditions and high winds gusts on June 30, 2014. As a result, the Forestry Department received a number of requests to remove broken branches and downed trees. A Forestry crew did respond to 2414 North 46<sup>th</sup> Street and removed the broken branch that had fallen on your vehicle. The crew took photographs of the damage, inspected the tree and completed a damage report. The tree limb was alive and did not have any signs of decay.

The pruning of all trees in this area was completed in October 2012. The Forestry Section received one service request to inspect this tree, and removed the hazardous branches on September 19, 2011. There were no other complaints received prior to this accident. The tree limb in question fell from a live and sound tree during conditions of severe winds. Because these damages were caused through no fault of the City of Milwaukee, the city cannot be held liable. Accordingly, we are denying your claim.

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10/24/14*



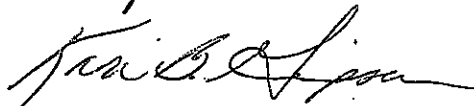
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If you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so by sending a letter within 21 days of the receipt of this letter to the Milwaukee City Clerk, 200 East Wells Street, Room 205, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202, requesting a hearing.

Very truly yours,



GRANT LANGLEY  
City Attorney



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Investigator Adjuster

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