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June 21, 2016

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Mr. Gregory Wilder
3151-A North 46th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53216

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RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2016-1154
Communication from GREGORY WILDER

Dear Mr. Wilder:

We have received your claim in the amount of \$174.24, relating to damage to your car from a loss on May 22, 2016.

The Forestry Section records indicate that on May 22, 2016 they responded to a call regarding a "branch down on a vehicle" at 3151 North 46th Street. Upon arrival, their crew found that a 5-inch diameter 30-foot long branch from an approximately 24-inch diameter Honey Locust street tree had broken and landed on your car. The branch was alive and no decay was evident.

Forestry notes that on this date peak wind speed was 20 miles per hour. They also reviewed their records for the last 6 years at this location for tree-related issues and found no other requests for service. The trees in this area are on a regular pruning schedule and were last pruned in December 2013.


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 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,



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