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October 23, 2017

Mr. Willie C. Fields  
2571 N. 41st Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53210

*mailed  
10/25/17*

RE: C.I. File No. 1068-2017-1560  
Communication from Willie Fields

Dear Mr. Fields:

We have received your claim for the amount of \$500.00 in relation to the vehicle damage you sustained on July 10, 2017 near 2567 North 41<sup>st</sup> Street.

Our investigation determined the Forestry section of the Department of Public Works received a request to remove a branch from a vehicle at 2567 North 41<sup>st</sup> Street. When the crew arrived, the damaged vehicle was not at the site so the crew could not take photographs or a property damage report. The tree was inspected at a later date by forestry management and was found to be healthy with no decay present in the area where the branch fell from the tree.

The pruning of all trees in this section last occurred on February 2014. The City did not receive any calls or complaints for this tree for the six years preceding this incident. The damage to your vehicle was not the result of any negligence of the City of Milwaukee. Therefore, the City is not legally liable for your damage. Accordingly, 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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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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KARI GIPSON  
Investigator Adjuster

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