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To the Honorable Common Council  
of the City of Milwaukee  
Room 205 – City Hall

Re: C.I. File No. 1068-2018-2483  
Communication from: American Family Insurance by its representative  
Sarah A. Crose on behalf of  
Bartlett Oakland, LLC  
6000 American Parkway  
Madison, WI 53783-0001

Dear Council Members:

American Family Insurance alleges that on October 3, 2018 their insured sustained damages when a City tree fell onto their property at 3036-3038 North Oakland Avenue. Claimed damages total \$32,170.18.


The Assessor's Office information notes that the insured is not the owner of the property.

Forestry Section records indicate that on October 3, 2018 they received a request to remove a tree which had fallen down on the property at this address. The City had experienced wind gusts of 46 mph on that date. Forestry responded and removed a Silver Maple street tree. It was alive with decay which was not visible from the outside.

There is no evidence that the City was negligent in this matter. Therefore, we recommend that this claim be denied.

Very truly yours,

  
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Enclosure

c: Randy Krouse (Forestry)

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