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

Re: Communication from Tod Plotkin  
C.I. File No. 1068-2018-2314

Dear Council Members:

We return the enclosed document which has been filed with the City Clerk and ask that it be introduced and referred to the Committee on Judiciary & Legislation with the following recommendation.

Mr. Tod Plotkin alleges that on September 4th, 2018 a branch fell from a city tree onto his property located at 2846 N. Farwell Avenue. He claims \$5,179.63 in property damage.

The Forestry Section investigated this matter. On September 4th, 2018 the City experienced wind gusts reaching 30 mph. Forestry responded to multiple service requests due to the high winds.

The tree and branch in question were alive, and did not exhibit any signs of decay. The cyclical pruning of all trees in the geographical area of North Farwell was completed in September of 2016. Forestry had received two other service requests regarding the tree in question for the six years preceding this incident as follows: July 17, 2012 - broken branches down - blocking street (removed by Forestry); June 20, 2016 - broken branches down - blocking sidewalk (removed by Forestry).

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

Very truly yours,

  
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