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ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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CL 03L0562 GWENDOLYN BURNS **03-L-1229**

CLAIM OF: NICHOLAS N. SEARS
55 Montclair Drive
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

For property damages alleged to have been sustained when a City tree fell on a house on May 22, 2003 at 55 Montclair Drive.

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THIS ADVERSED REPORT IS APPROVED

BY: _____
JERRY L. DELOACH
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

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ADVERSE REPORT
PUBLIC SAFTEY &
LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
DATE 8/26/03
CHAIR

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September 5, 2003

Nicholas N. Sears
55 Montclair Drive
Atlanta, GA 30309

03-R-1229

Dear Mr. Sears:

I sincerely regret that you have been adversely affected by the circumstances raised in your claim for damages against the City of Atlanta. Your time and patience in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

However, I must notify you that the Atlanta City Council Adopted an Adverse Report on your claim at its regular meeting on September 02, 2003. In consultation with the City's Law Department, who conducted an investigation of the situation, the Council has determined that the City cannot accept responsibility for this matter and therefore cannot pay this claim.

If you desire any further information, please contact the **City Attorney's Office/Claims Division at (404) 330-6400**.

Yours very truly,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson, CMC
Municipal Clerk

cc: Claims Division/Law Department

DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY

Claim No. 03L0562 Date: August 11, 2003

Claimant /Victim NICHOLAS N. SEARS
BY: (Atty) (Ins. Co.)
Address: 55 Montclair Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30309
Subrogation: _____ Claim for Property damage $ 70,000.00 Bodily Injury $ _____
Date of Notice: 6/27/03 Method: Written, Proper X Improper _____
Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X
Date of Occurrence 5/22/03 Place: 55 Montclair Drive
Department PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS Division Parks
Employee involved _____ Disciplinary Action: _____

NATURE OF CLAIM: Claimant alleges that his home sustained extensive damage when a tree in the City's right-of-way fell on top of it. However, an investigation determined that the tree fell due to unseasonably rainy weather which caused the ground around the root structure to become saturated and soft. Accordingly, this weather induced incident is deemed to be an "act of God" and the City is immune from liability pursuant to O.C.G.A. 33-36-1.

INVESTIGATION:

Statements: City employee _____ Claimant _____ Others _____ Written _____ Oral _____
Pictures _____ Diagrams _____ Reports: Police _____ Dept Report X Other X
Traffic citations issued: City Driver _____ Claimant Driver _____
Citation disposition: City Driver _____ Claimant Driver _____

BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:

Function: Governmental X Ministerial _____
Improper Notice _____ More than Six Months _____ Other X Damages reasonable _____
City not involved _____ Offer rejected _____ Compromise settlement _____
Repair/replacement by Ins. Co. _____ Repair/replacement by City Forces _____
Claimant Negligent _____ City Negligent _____ Joint _____ Claim Abandoned _____

Respectfully submitted,

INVESTIGATOR - GWENDOLYN BURNS

RECOMMENDATION:

Pay $ _____ Adverse X Account charged: 1A01 _____ 2PO1 _____ 2J01 _____ 2H01 ___
Claims Manager: _____ Concur/date 08-13-03
Committee Action: _____ Council Action _____

FORM 23-61

RCS# 4975
9/02/03
1:20 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I

CONSENT I PGS 1-18, EXCEPT;03-R-1310

ADOPT

YEAS:	14
NAYS:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0
NOT VOTING:	2
EXCUSED:	0
ABSENT	0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	NV Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	Y Boazman	NV Woolard

CONSENT I

		9/02/03 Full Council Meeting
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT	**ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT**	**ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT**
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5. 03-O-1355	48. 03-R-1224	85. 03-R-1262
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