



# City of Saint Paul

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## Staff Report

File Number: ALH 11-114

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**Matter Type:** Appeal-Legislative  
Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1128 PAYNE AVENUE for Project # CRT1102  
Assessment # 118002 in Ward 6

### **..Property Address**

1128 Payne Ave

Cost: \$180.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$315.00

Gold Card Returned by: Frederick Herring

Type of Order/Fee: Mercantile, FCofO

Nuisance: N/A

Date of Orders: 7/15/2010, 8/18/2010

Billing Dates: 8/20/2010, 9/20/2010

Re-Check Date: N/A

Date Work Done: N/A

Work Order #: N/A

Returned Mail?: No.

Comments: Billing and orders mailed to PO/RP Frederick Herring 1128 Payne Ave St. Paul  
MN 55101

History of Orders on Property: N/A

### **Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation**

Reduce assessment from \$315 to \$180.

Fire Certificate of Occupancy

Frederick Herring appeared.

Inspector Westenhofer reported that the cost is \$180 with a service charge of \$135 for a total of \$315. Orders were mailed on July 15, 2010 and August 18, 2010. Bills were mailed August 20, 2010 and September 20, 2010 to Frederick Herring, 1128 Payne Avenue.

Mr. Herring stated that he mailed the check on September 8, 2010 in the envelope provided by the City. He doesn't have proof because the check never cleared. He was on vacation at the time. When he returned, he was notified that the check had not been received. He tried calling several times but got no answer or he got a recording stating that whoever is supposed to be there is gone. He left a message but never got a returned call and he became very frustrated. He has paid for the assessment, so he is disputing the extra service charge. He received only the bill that was mailed on August 20, 2010.

Ms. Moermond recommended that the assessment be approved (\$180) and the service charge (\$135) be deleted. She asked staff to double check the file to see if this check can be found. Inspector Shaff replied that she has already gone through this with Mr. Herring; they have no check.