



# City of Saint Paul

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## Staff Report

File Number: ALH 11-285

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Version: 1

Current Status: Filed

Matter Type: Appeal-Legislative  
Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 686 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST for Project #:  
VB1104, Assessment #: 118009 in Ward 1

### Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Delete per DSI

### Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$1100.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$1235.00

Gold Card Returned by: Gary Blaske

Type of Order/Fee: VB Fees

Nuisance: unpaid VB fees

Date of Orders:

Compliance Date:

Re-Check Date:

Date Work Done:

Work Order #: 847225

Returned Mail?:

Comments: Comment:

**08/04/2008** Natasha Murphy: VB Event Log:

08/04/2008: New Category 1 (Fire) - Single Family Residential

10/22/2008: Electrical Permit Issued

12/19/2008: Building Permit Issued

02/04/2009: Fee assessed 02/04/2009 and pending for 90 days, until 05/05/2009.

07/06/2009: \$1,000 renewal registration fee due on Aug 04, 2009

09/03/2009: Fee assessed 09/03/2009 and pending for 30 days, until 10/03/2009

02/18/2010: Mechanical Permit Issued

07/05/2010: \$1100 renewal registration fee due on Aug 04, 2010

08/11/2010: Changed from Category 1 (Fire) to Category 2  
08/16/2010: Changed from Category 2 to Category 1  
08/18/2010: VB FEE TEMPORARILY WAIVED THRU 11/16/2010  
11/18/2010: Fee assessed 11/18/2010 and pending for 30 days, until 12/18/2010  
12/03/2010: Electrical Permit Issued  
01/25/2011: Close-GOA - Closing Cat I-Fire exempt VB file per owner occupied, yard and walk maintained. ~MD

History of Orders on Property:

**Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)**

Gary Blaske appeared.

Inspector Yannarely reported that 686 Minnehaha Avenue West has been a Vacant Building since August 4, 2008. Mr. Blaske responded that he's been living there; he doesn't understand why it's called a Vacant Building. Mr. Yannarely continued to read notes from Matt Dornfeld, supervisor. "Early this morning (August 16, 2010), Inspector Kalis and I met with property owner, Gary Blaske, and there still is a lot of work to be done on this fire damaged house but we agreed to hold Mr. Blaske Vacant Building fees for 90 days while he works on renewing and finalizing any open/expired permits he pulled to repair the fire damage. Mr. Blaske has been assessed \$2,000 previously in Vacant Building fees thus far. This has been on-going for almost two (2) years now, due to financial problems and disability. This is an owner-occupied Category 1 Vacant Building file so I do not anticipate having to re-schedule a public hearing that had been postponed for at least 90 days. We will re-check in 30 days to verify progress."

Mr. Yannarely said that this file was closed on January 25, 2011; DSI wouldn't have any problems dismissing the VB fees.

Mr. Blaske asked if it was off the Vacant Building list. Mr. Yannarely said that it was.

Ms. Vang will recommend deleting the assessment.