



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 2027 PRINCETON AVENUE for Project #: 1103T,
Assessment #: 119090 in Ward 4

..Property Address

2027 Princeton Avenue

Cost: \$448.88

Service Charge: \$111.39

Total Assessment: \$560.27

Gold Card Returned by: NA

Type of Order/Fee: Diseased tree

Nuisance: unpaid bill

Comments: Contractor BJ Haines Tree Service, made a mistake billing for tree removal. Removal of a 15" diseased elm was done by another contractor hired by Alec Johnson, the property owner. BJ Haines admitted they did not remove the tree, but accidentally charged it.

..Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Delete the assessment (\$560.27).

No one appeared.

Karl S. Mueller, ISA Arborist, City of Saint Paul Forestry Unit, reported that a tree was marked June 24, 2010 (a 15-Inch American Elm that had Dutch Elm disease). On August 10, 2010, they went to re-check and there had been no progress. The tree was put onto a contractor's list. The tree was supposedly removed by City contractors; it's on the assessment. The property owner, Alec Johnson, called Mr. Mueller and told him that he had his own company take the tree down. Mr. Mueller check with the City contractor, BJ Haines Tree Service, who confirmed that they had made a mistake. Two (2) people had worked on the bill and communication had failed. Mr. Mueller recommends that the assessment be deleted.

Ms. Moermond recommended deleting the assessment (Project #1103T Assessment #119090).