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City Council,

I object to the assessment on my property for \$743.68.

The last two years have been difficult; I had both a layoff and a pay reduction, and COVID meant my three kids were distance learning nearly all of last school year. I already had a hard time paying last year's property taxes; I ultimately paid late for which I was charged a fine of over \$100. That's some good money that I could've used to feed my kids or buy them new clothes.

St. Paul's taxes are already too high, and assessments are not needed this often. Part of the assessment for my property (\$243.90) is for maintenance to the alley, which I do not use, and which my garage does not connect to.

So many property owners in this city – especially religious buildings – do not pay their fair share. It'd be great if the city would tax them fairly. As it is, the road and alley by my home are fine and I'm sure they can go another year without maintenance.

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