

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:30 AM
To: 'Robert Fox'
Subject: RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St

Mr. Fox,

I will schedule your hearing for Tuesday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 330 City Hall.

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From: Robert Fox [mailto:robfox14@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2018 12:56 PM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Assessment Hearing

Dear Ms. Vang,

Greetings! I was told by the assessments office that you are the person I need to contact about a particular upcoming assessment hearing. Here is a brief synopsis of my situation.

I recently discovered the assessment page on the city's website and out of curiosity entered my rental property's address where I surprisingly learned I had a number of assessments levied against my property of which I was unaware. One assessment in particular was of concern to me: FILE # J1903A, ASSESSMENT # 198502 (a property clean up). Upon calling the assessments office and being assisted by a very helpful associate, the situation became clear. You see, until maybe 6 months ago I was under the impression that the city had my home address on file due to my interactions with the city regarding my certificate of occupancy. However, at that time (i.e. approximately 6 months ago) I learned an official change of address actually needs to be registered with Ramsey County. I did so immediately upon this discovery, but apparently during the time it took my change-of-address to reach the City of Saint Paul, the assessment listed above was levied and all the notices were sent to addresses where I no longer live, never reaching me. Meanwhile, while all this was happening unbeknownst to me, I was dutifully taking care of my responsibilities as a home owner/ landlord and had arranged with my trash hauler to have a large item pick up scheduled for a bed frame which my tenant told me she placed in the alleyway (I have attached a printout of the scheduled pick up provided to me by my hauler). The pick up never actually occurred because a few days before the hauler was to arrive the city crews apparently came out and abated the "problem." Until I fortuitously discovered the assessment, I had simply assumed someone decided to take the frame for his/her own personal use. Needless to say, I am greatly vexed to discover an almost \$500 "ticket" has been issued to me under these circumstances.

Would you kindly let me know what I must do to have this situation reviewed with the intention of having the assessment waived or greatly reduced? I believe my record as a home owner, landlord, and former elected District Five Community Council member will prove I am an engaged and responsible member of the city who has never intentionally allowed or contributed to neighborhood blight. Any assistance you can provide toward this end would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Fox

Owner.

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