



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1204 SEVENTH STREET EAST for Project #: VB1106,
Assessment #: 8019 in Ward 6

..Property Address

1204 7th St E

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Lay over to June 21, 2011 Legislative Hearing (Housekeeping)

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$1100.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$1,235.00

Gold Card Returned by: Holden Holmes LLC.

Type of Order/Fee: VB Fee

Nuisance: Unpaid VB Fee

Date of Orders:

Compliance Date:

Re-Check Date:

Date Work Done:

Work Order #:

Returned Mail?:

Comments: Cat 2 vb file opened on 9/2/09. Still open.

History of Orders on Property:

09/09/2009 : 09/09/2009 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 09-267337
Remove dead tree limbs (branches) from tree canopy in rear of property.

09/09/2009 : 09/09/2009 Tall Grass WO created: PA 09-267338
Tall Grass and weeds on the property

09/09/2009 : Boarding WO Printed: 09/09/2009

09/25/2009 : 09/25/2009 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 09-276579

RUSH Remove refrigerator, garbage, rubbish, trash, or other sanitation issues at the property.

01/03/2011 : 01/03/2011 Snow Ice WO created: PA 11-001954

Remove snow and ice from public sidewalk full width, salt and sand as needed. Salt and sand as needed.

01/07/2011 : PA EC Printed: 01/07/2011

Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)

Laid Over to June 14, 2011 Legislative Hearing (Housekeeping).

Randy, Liila, Holden Holmes LLC, appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that the assessment for 1204 Seventh Street East is for a Vacant Building fee of \$1,100 plus a service charge of \$135 for a total of \$1,235. The time frame for this assessment is from September 2, 2010 to September 2, 2011. It was assessed on December 15, 2010. This Vacant Building file was opened September 2, 2009 and is still open. On September 7, 2010, there is a note which says the fee was waived for 90 days.

Mr. Liila stated that Holden Holmes acquired the building in 2010 and are rehabbing it. Due to some unforeseen fire damage that had been covered up by some previous owners, more extensive work is required to meet code. In addition, they had to replace the original general contractor so they are looking for new bids to complete the work. Holden Holmes is looking for a waiver on that assessment. All the framing is done and the roofing is done; they are working on the last of the sheet rock. The majority of the electrical and plumbing is done. He just needs sufficient time to get it all done and to make sure they have enough time in case some of the inspections fall short and additional inspections are needed.

Ms. Moermond asked if they intend to work through the summer. Mr. Liila responded that he hopes it will be done sooner than that.

Ms. Moermond stated that it's already been half a year since this Vacant Building fee would apply and it looks as though it will be a few months more that you will be in the Vacant Building Program, if not the whole year. Because of that she is not inclined to recommend it be deleted; however, she would consider a reduced amount if Mr. Liila can get a Code Compliance signed-off by June 15, 2011 (\$300 off).

Ms. Moermond will recommend a layover to June 21, 2011 Legislative Hearing.