



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 602 MENDOTA STREET (AKA 889 FIFTH STREET EAST) for Project #: J1110A, Assessment #: 118034 in Ward 7.

..Property Address

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Reduce the assessment from \$568 to \$200.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$428.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$568.00

Gold Card Returned by: Margaret Uria, Highpoint Property Mgmt

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement Order

Nuisance: Remove refuse from WM dumpster near the alley.

Date of Orders: January 20, 2011

Compliance Date: January 23, 2011

Re-Check Date: January 25, 2011

Date Work Done: January 26, 2011

Work Order #: 11-008617

Returned Mail?:

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)

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602 Mendota Street / 889 Fifth Street Avenue East

Margaret Uriah, Hamline Property Management

Inspector Essling reported that the Summary Abatement was mailed January 20, 2011 regarding an overflowing dumpster. The compliance date was January 24, 2011. It was re-inspected January 24, 2011 and found to be in non-compliance. The work was done January 26, 2011 at a cost of \$428 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$568. The SA was mailed to Tower Properties, Surprise, AZ. Ms. Seeley was the inspector on this and she noted that there is an issue with the hauler not being able to access the dumpster due to an unplowed alley.

Ms. Uriah explained that they are having huge difficulties with this alley. They tried working with the neighbors to have the alley plowed without success. The trash hauler truck just couldn't make the turn to pick up the container. They had cans delivered but they couldn't pick up the cans in the back so they moved them to the front. They have put a lock on the dumpster. She entered photos (December 31, 2010 and January 20, 2011). She now hires someone to plow the entire alley.

The viewed the video. The City has a smaller truck; they turned the dumpster on its side to get at the trash.

Ms. Uriah doesn't think that she should be responsible for this assessment. Currently, they are paying for a dumpster and garbage cans each month.

Ms. Seeley noted that the dumpster needed to be turned on its side; it was extremely full. Both ends of the alley were completely snowed-in. Many of the alleys haven't been plowed this winter.

Ms. Moermond will recommend reducing the assessment from \$568 to \$200.