

October 1, 2013

City of St. Paul
25 W 4th St. Ste. 1000
St. Paul MN 55102-1600

Regarding 2013 Right-of-Way Assessments for Oiled/Paved Alleys

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of residents who live along the alley between Mckubin and Arundel streets (west and east), and between Selby and Laurel avenues (north and south).

We are requesting that the yearly assessment fee for alley maintenance be waived for all residents living along this ally for the following reasons:

1. Our alley is considered by the City to be a brick alley, not an oiled/paved alley, yet we receive yearly assessments for maintenance on oiled/paved alleys.
2. The city does not conduct maintenance on our alley because they consider it to be brick. They have conducted no maintenance in 2013 and will do no maintenance in 2014.

I personally have been in contact with a City representative, Mr. Noel Nix, from the office of former Councilman Carter, who along with city engineers looked at our alley and concluded that no maintenance will be conducted because of the original brick surface (which had been paved over with asphalt many years ago, but much of that asphalt has worn away, exposing the bricks beneath).

We therefore request that the City waive our alley maintenance assessment fees for 2013 and every year until the City conducts maintenance on our alley.

Thank you for your consideration. A reply with the result of your decision is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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