



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

File Number: ALH 11-101

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Current Status: Laid Over Items

Matter Type: Appeal-Legislative
Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1187 EDGERTON STREET for Project #: J1107A ,
Assessment #: 8005 in Ward 5

..Property Address

1187 Edgerton Street

Cost: \$316.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$456.00

Gold Card Returned by: Van Anh Nguyen

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement

Nuisance: Brush, rubbish and phone books in the yard and front entryway

Date of Orders: 10/13/10

Compliance Date: 10/18/10

Re-Check Date: 10/18/10

Date Work Done: 10/20/10

Work Order #: 10-911522

Returned Mail?: **10/21/2010** Debra Jackson: Returned Mail Warning Letter 10-11-10 Yang
10/21/2010 Debra Jackson: Returned Mail Warning Letter 10-11-10 Thao

Comments: VB File opened on 10/10/07 (Cat 2-duplex)

History of Orders on Property:

10/10/2007 : Vacant Printed: 10/10/2007

12/21/2007 : 12/21/2007 Snow Ice WO created: PA 07-223599

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

12/24/2008 : 12/24/2008 Snow Ice WO created: PA 08-239105

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

05/28/2009 : 05/28/2009 Tall Grass WO created: PA 09-078253

Tall Grass and weeds on the property

08/11/2009 : 08/11/2009 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 09-252936

Remove rubbish, bicycle, papers, brush and household items from the yard and blvd.

08/11/2009 : 08/11/2009 Tall Grass WO created: PA 09-252937

Tall Grass and weeds on the property (yard and blvd).

10/27/2009 Debra Jackson: Returned Mail: Warning Letter of 10/12/09 from Youa Thao

10/28/2009 Debra Jackson: Returned Mail: Warning Letter of 10/12/09 from Young Yang dj

01/21/2010 : 01/21/2010 Snow Ice WO created: PA 10-010933

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

10/04/2010 Debra Jackson: Returned Mail Renewal Notice 09-10-10 Yang

10/04/2010 Debra Jackson: Returned Mail Renewal Notice Thao

10/19/2010 : 10/19/2010 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 10-911522

Remove brush, rubbish and phone books from the yard and front entryway.

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Decision forthcoming (MM to look at previous minutes from last hearing on other issue).

Van Anh Nguyen appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that this is a Summary Abatement Order at 1187 Edgerton for brush, rubbish and phone books in the yard and front entryway. The Order was mailed on October 13, 2010 with a compliance date of October 18, 2010. It was re-checked on October 18, 2010 and found to be non-compliant. Parks did the work on October 20, 2010 for a cost of \$316 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$456. He stated that it has been a Category 2 Registered Vacant Building since October 10, 2007. Notices were sent to Waconia Court, Blaine, MN and also to Kevin Vu, Partridge Circle, Andover, MN. Notes: remove improperly stored accumulated refuse.

Ms. Nguyen stated that she was here once before and now knows that she needs to cut the grass but she didn't know that she also needs to remove brush and rubbish; it's a vacant building. She has been taking care of the grass and snow removal. Ms. Moermond said that a Notice had been sent to her telling her to remove the rubbish, etc. Ms. Nguyen responded that she had not received any Notice. Mr. Essling noted that the warning letter had been returned from both maillees but that's not the same date that the Summary Abatement Notice was sent. Actually, he said that quite a few letters have been returned. There is no other address listed except for the previous owner.

The video was viewed showing debris and after the pick-up.

Ms. Moermond stated that she would like to have records pulled from the last time Ms. Nguyen appeared. She is curious about the notification she received at that time about how the property was to be maintained. Also, there should be a City Council record on the discussion at the meeting regarding maintenance of the property. She is concerned about all of the mail that has been returned. Also, Ms. Nguyen needs to start taking care of the property. The debris, unmowed lawns, graffiti on the side of the house are clues to people that there is no one caring for the property as they should be. Ms. Moermond encouraged Ms. Nguyen to do something with the property soon. Ms. Nguyen responded that it's hard to come with the money needed to remodel the building; she is working on that and she knows that she needs to take care of the property. She doesn't live there but others walk around and leave stuff on the property. Ms. Moermond repeated that she is the one who is responsible for the property and she needs to maintain it.

Ms. Moermond laid this matter over to February 1, 2011. She is looking for documentation of what was told to Ms. Nguyen at that time and she wants staff to investigate further about returned mail. She wants more information before she makes a decision. Ms. Nguyen left her email address for Ms. Moermond to communicate with. The City Council Public Hearing on this is for February 2, 2011.