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Property ID # 34-29-22-11-0084
File # SWRP2601
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I am asking to appeal the assessment for sewer repair services at my property due to underground sewer line damaged by acts of nature (tree roots). I am requesting a waiver, deduction, or a deferred payment plan due to extreme financial hardship. I am a single mother of 6 and with children still in school/college I am unable to pay the city proposed assessment charge of \$10,065. I have lived in this house since 2012 and throughout the years, I have had multiple sewer backups due to roots. Xcel did come out and also did a sewer scope and had recommended that I get the sewer line fix due to having so many tree roots in there that their camera could barely go through. Unfortunately financially I could not afford such a cost. The last time that my sewer backed up, I called Roto-Rooter and they came out and performed a scope and found that I will continue to have the problem if I do not get it fixed. Due to my house being built in the 1950's they only use clay pipes and they were also sectioned so then as it shifts, the water is attracting the roots to grow in. They also informed me that the city of St Paul has a program to update/repair the old sewer lines. For my understanding, this program should have helped me pay for my repair and only then I can afford to get it done to minimize future issues. I am asking the city to consider my financial situation and try to understand that I am a single mother trying to provide for my children with the everyday necessities that they need to live/grow (food/clothing/home/electricity/water/heat). This payment will put a burden on my family as we are trying to survive one day at a time.

Thank you,
Melinda Vang