



# City of Saint Paul

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## Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 230 SEVENTH STREET WEST for Project #: VB1105,  
Assessment #: 8010 in Ward 2

### Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Reduce from \$1235 to \$1100.

### Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$1100.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$1,235.00

Gold Card Returned by:

Type of Order/Fee:

Nuisance: unpaid VB Fee

Date of Orders:

Compliance Date:

Re-Check Date:

Date Work Done:

Work Order #:

Returned Mail?:

Comments: in STAMP-

08/24/2010: Close-Abated - **Per Ms. Moermond**, Legislative Hearing Officer: Close category I  
VB file and allow PO to sell building. VB fee has been assessed but Ms. Moermond said "**she  
would eradicate assessment at the next Council hearing in late August.**"

Vacant Building Monitoring (Abated)

History of Orders on Property:

### Legislative Hearing Notes

Joseph Costa appeared.

### Vacant Building fee

Inspector Yannarely reported that it looks as though this fee should have been waived at the end of August 2010. The Vacant Building file was closed at the end of August 2010; he is confused as to why it's before LH. Ms. Moermond noted that it looks as though there may have been a temporary waiver so that the sale could happen.

Mr. Costa explained that he got a Purchase Agreement in November 2010; it is scheduled to close at the end of February 2011 but that's subject to change again. The building needs a total renovation, so a lot of work has been done with the City. Many inspections and tests, trying to get the City to give the OK. There has been a lot of hold-ups. The building is still vacant. He'll pay what he owes but he doesn't think it's fair that he be charged the interest on it.

Ms. Moermond noted that the anniversary date on the vacant building is June 29. She recommended that the Vacant Building file be re-opened and that the \$135 processing fee be deleted from the assessment.