



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 417 ARLINGTON AVENUE EAST for Project J1104A,
Assessment 118995 in Ward 5

..Property Address

417 Arlington Ave E

11/16/10--no show; approve the assessment; missed hearing rescheduled.
2/1/11--Delete the assessment.

Cost: \$288.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$428.00

Gold Card Returned by: Thearoth Ung

Type of Order/Fee: Summary Abatement

Nuisance: Remove scrap wood, siding and buckets from the yard and driveway.

Date of Orders: September 2, 2010

Compliance Date: September 7, 2010

Re-Check Date: September 9, 2010

Date Work Done: September 10, 2010

Work Order #: PA 10-895848

Returned Mail?: No

Comments: VB File opened on 7/15/09 (Cat 2)

History of Orders on Property:

07/21/2009 : Boarding WO Printed: 07/21/2009

10/06/2009 : 10/06/2009 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 09-294302

Remove rubbish, household items, concrete chunks, broken statuary from the yard and driveway.

06/22/2010 Debra Jackson: Returned Mail: Renewal Notice 06/15/10 Yang

09/09/2010 : 09/09/2010 Garbage Rubbish WO created: PA 10-895848

Remove scrap wood, siding and buckets from the yard and driveway.

Clean-up

Mr. Thearoth Ung appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that 417 Arlington Avenue East is a Summary Abatement for refuse. It was mailed September 2, 2010 with a compliance date of September 7, 2010. It was re-inspected September 9, 2010 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done September 10, 2010 at a cost of \$280 plus \$140 service charge for a total of \$428. (accumulated refuse, scrap wood, siding, buckets from yard and driveway)

Ms. Moermond said this looks like a vacant building, as well. Ms. Essling said that it had been but is not any more. No video was available.

Mr. Ung explained that he goes to the house every day after work and does repairs. He purchased the house in mid-August 2010. He had a permit to do the work. One day, he showed up and all of his construction materials were gone. He didn't know what happened; he thought someone had stolen them. He was going to call the police. The next day, he spoke with a neighbor, who said he saw a City truck at the place. Mr. Ung was surprised. The following day, he called the City to find out what was going on. He was referred to the Vacant Building number and they said a Notice had been sent. Mr. Ung never got a Notice. He explained that the stuff that the City took was actually construction material he was using to make repairs:

- two 2 x 4s
- two half sheets plywood
- couple dozen 2 x 2 spindles
- half a dozen 2 x 6s, eight- ten feet long
- 2 buckets

This wasn't garbage and it was stacked neatly. He entered a sketch of the materials - just a handful of materials, and for that he was charged \$428.

Mr. Yannarely added that he noticed that Inspector Smith had noted that there was no permit pulled but looking into the record, Mr. Yannarely saw that there were all kinds of permits pulled on this property. Ms. Moermond concurred. She added that Mr. Ung has a very good track record on this property and he has pulled permits as he was supposed to and completed the work; he is also not in the Vacant Building Program any more.

Ms. Moermond will recommend the assessment be deleted.