

January 14, 2020

Office of Financial Services-Assessments
700 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55102-1658

Republic Services
4325 66th Street East
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076

Property ID Number: 09-28-23-12-0041
File#: CG1904B1

Dear Sir or Madam:

We received the enclosed notice regarding Ratification of Assessment stating we owed Republic Services \$5.12, and that a proposed assessment was in order to which we now have spent over 2 hours trying to rectify.

We received a bill back in September, one day prior to it being due and we weren't able to get it paid in 24 hours but promptly mailed payment. We then received a late payment notice stating that we then owed \$5.12 in late fee assessments. An ingenious way to make a fraudulent profit. We promptly paid the alleged late payment of \$5.12. Enclosed is a copy of our check that was cleared by our bank on 10/02/2019 in the amount of \$5.12 and paid to Republic (per the late payment bill they sent us.)

After receiving the notice about tax assessments, calls were made to the Office of Financial Services and to Republic. Both entities stating they had no control over the situation and insinuating we should pay another \$5.12. We were also told by Republic that it's "not our problem." Of course it isn't, it's ours and of your making to obtain additional monies.

We are not paying another \$5.12 and we are not being assessed another penny for this garbage bill problem created by the city and Republic.

Please send us confirmation of receipt of the proof of our payment and notice that this assessment matter has been vacated.

Sincerely,

Douglas Hodgson
Patricia McGrade
1727 Berkeley Avenue
St Paul, MN 55105