



# City of Saint Paul

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## Staff Report

File Number: ALH 11-110

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**Introduced:** 1/13/2011

**Version:** 1

**Current Status:** Laid Over Items

**Matter Type:** Appeal-Legislative  
Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1986 ST CLAIR AVENUE for Project #: J1103B,  
Assessment #: 118008 in Ward 4

### **..Property Address**

1986 St Clair Ave

### **Tax Assessment Worksheet**

Cost: \$297.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$437.00

Gold Card Returned by: N/A

Type of Order/Fee: Emergency Boarding

Nuisance: Unsecure lower Unit, SPPD called to secure windows

Date of Orders: August 31, 2010

Compliance Date: N/A

Re-Check Date: September 2, 2010

Date Work Done: August 31, 2010

Work Order #: Invoice # 7656 Respro

Returned Mail?: No

Comments: SPPD invoice is 10-190- 559

History of Orders on Property:

2/1/11--Approve assessment (tenant granted permission for door to be broken)

1/18/11 -- Decision forthcoming (MM to look at police report).

Gwynne Evans appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that this is for an Emergency Boarding at 1986 St. Clair. There isn't a lot of information because they don't have the Police Report. Apparently, it's an 8-unit apartment building. It was boarded by Saint Paul Police on August 31, 2010 (secured lower unit; one (1) door and three (3) windows). Case # 10-190-559; invoice is # 7656 Respro. They don't have information about the call but it sounds as though someone broke in.

Ms. Evans stated that this is a beautiful building in a great neighborhood with long-term tenants; it's not a police call building. Evidently, the gentleman who lives in garden level apartment #7 had been drinking. His daughter (lots of problems) came over and started a fight with him. She called the police and the police called him out of his apartment and they took him away. It is her understanding that he wasn't bothering anyone; he does drink and he works at Snuffy's Malt Shop. When he comes home, he says his prayers, drinks and goes to bed; never bothers anyone. But, because the Police called him out of his dwelling, that put him in a position where they could take him away and they did. The Police told him he harassed his daughter; they believed her story. Ms. Evans' Certificate of Occupancy is posted on the front door with her name and telephone number. She would have hoped that they would have called her. She loves her buildings and her tenants and she loves safety for everyone. The Police did not call her and they did not notify the caretaker on site. Both the tenant and his daughter would have known who the caretaker is and where he lived. The caretaker's name is not posted anywhere. Ms. Evans is looking for a little leniency in the assessment.

Ms. Moermond stated that she wants some time to get a copy and take a look at the Police Report. She noted that SPPD cannot leave a building unsecured; they must make sure that the place has been closed up. She recommends laying this matter over for two (2) weeks (February 4, 2011).