

## Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Assessments (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Monday, December 28, 2020 12:02 PM  
**To:** Lisa Vang; Assessments (CI-StPaul)  
**Cc:** Karel Price  
**Subject:** RE: Owners' Statements for Property Cleanup  
**Attachments:** 634 Watson Ave.TGW Letter.7-16-20.pdf; 634 Watson Ave.Photos.7-22-20.pdf

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Hello Ms. Vang,

If you want to contest this assessment fee, I have created a record together and scheduled for **January 5, 2021 between 10 and 12 noon via telephone**. Please provide me with contact information so that I can call you that day to conduct the hearing. Attached you will find the letters from the City as well as photos taken upon reinspection date. I will be sending videos of the before and after clean up in a separate emails as the files are large.

Please note that orders are issued based on complaints. If your neighbor(s) calls to make a complaint, City inspector will have to go and check to see if the issue is founded or unfounded. If founded, inspector will send out letter with an compliance date. If the date has passed and no appeal is filed with our office, City will send a crew out to do the work and owner will be responsible for the assessment fee.



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**From:** Lisa Vang <lisavang91@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 24, 2020 12:18 PM  
**To:** Assessments (CI-StPaul) <Assessments@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** Karel Price <ksudibjo@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Owners' Statements for Property Cleanup

File # J2104A  
Assessment # 218503  
Property Address: 634 Watson Avenue  
Owners: Karel Price & Lisa Vang

On July 22, 2020, we received a visitor from the City of Saint Paul who gave us instructions to cut our grass due to a filed complaint. He pointed out what needed to be cut and said we did not need to cut any of the ferns on one side of the property. Later that day, we went out to buy a weed whacker and we cut the grass.

On July 23, 2020, the same person from the City of Saint Paul arrived with his crew and said to cut the grass some more. Later in the day, we cut the grass down to 2-3 inches. And we left the ferns alone.

On July 24, 2020, the same person arrived with his crew and proceeded to cut our grass despite us having already cut it down to 2-3 inches.

So. What is this? A sham to steal money from taxpayers? We are certainly not grateful for putting in the work only to have city people come and work on our already worked lawn so they can charge us.

If the city has any remorse for this foul play, all fees related to this case should be waived considering we'd already done the job requested yet the city's crew decided to do unnecessary work anyway.

On a side note, we did not see said crew making a gaggle about several of our neighbors whose yards were also over 8 inches at that time, so for us to be solely reprimanded after cutting our grass under 5 inches is an absurd misrepresentation of what the City of Saint Paul requires of its residents.

Please see attachments of our personal conversations, a bank statement of our weed whacker purchase, as well as photo evidence of us having used our weed whacker.

Sincerely,  
Lisa & Karel