

July 30, 2011

DSI - Code Enforcement  
375 Jackson St. #220  
St. Paul, MN 55101-9700

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in response to a letter I received regarding a pending assessment on my property, 38 W. Hawthorne, St. Paul, MN 55117, for Graffiti Removal.

I had heard that the city provided a free removal service so I called to inquire and they confirmed that it was true, so I reported the graffiti that was on my shed. I was then sent a letter confirming that and so I had the city come out and paint over it. I then hired someone to paint the patch, that the city left, to match the color of my shed.

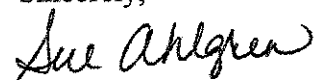
Lo & behold on 6/15/11, I received this letter stating that there was a proposed assessment charge of \$185.46. The hearing is set for August 3<sup>rd</sup>, which I am unable to attend.

Like I said on the gold card that I mailed back on 6/15/11.....if I had thought I was going to be charged for the removal of the graffiti, I certainly would not have called and reported myself. I would have just taken care of it without the city's help. I was told that the City and the Police like to know where this vandalism is taking place.

I believe I was miss led and that I should not be charged this assessment charge.

Please review and let me know your findings.

Sincerely,



Sue Ahlgren  
38 W. Hawthorne Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55117  
651-487-3557

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Mayor Christopher B. Coleman

390 City Hall  
15 West Kellogg Boulevard  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Telephone: 651-266-8510  
Facsimile: 651-228-8513

December 9, 2010

Dear Resident,

A sense of security on our sidewalks and in our neighborhoods is essential to our city's quality of life. This feeling of safety comes from a strong sense of community. Our residents know that safety comes first in Saint Paul and have come to expect that we deal with public safety issues quickly.

Graffiti is a serious nuisance and quality of life crime. That is why, last spring, we decided to "get tough" on graffiti and require that it be removed within 72 hours of receiving a complaint.

Please join us, on short notice, in keeping our neighborhoods safe and clean. As the enclosed graffiti abatement order states, if you need help with graffiti removal, the City has a graffiti removal program that provides free removal. Please sign and return the enclosed waiver to request graffiti removal from the City. If you choose to remove the graffiti yourself, please do so by the date indicated on the order.

Please help us eliminate graffiti from our community. If you have any questions about this order, or to report graffiti, please call the City's Information and Complaint Line at 651-266-8989 with a description and specific location of the graffiti.

**Thank you for your patience, understanding and partnership in making Saint Paul the Most Livable City in America!**

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Coleman  
Mayor

Kathy Lantry  
City Council President



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS  
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

April 04, 2011  
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## GRAFFITI ABATEMENT ORDER

Yog hais tias koj hais lus Hmoob thiab koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb zwb. Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamenos al (651) 266-8989 No costo.

Susan K Ahlgren  
38 Hawthorne Ave W  
St Paul MN 55117-4522

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As owner or person(s) responsible for: **38 HAWTHORNE AVE W**

You are hereby notified of graffiti on your property. You can assist the city by doing the following:

- If you need help with graffiti removal, the city has a graffiti removal program that provides free removal. However, the city will not restore the damaged surface to its original color or appearance. Please sign the enclosed WAIVER AND CONSENT TO REMOVE OR ABATE GRAFFITI form to request graffiti removal from the city. This waiver form will remain in effect for the entire time you own the property or until you request it to be terminated. Return the form within 14 days to:

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375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

OR fax to: 651-266-1919

- If you choose to remove the graffiti yourself please remove the graffiti as soon as possible. (Please consult the attached Graffiti Remove Tips to assist you in removing the graffiti.)
- It is not necessary to contact this office if you have already removed this graffiti.
- It is not necessary to contact this office if you plan to remove this graffiti yourself on or before the date below.
- If the damage is extensive, consider filing a claim with your insurance company. If you do this, take a photograph of the damage for documentation for insurance purposes. Also, get an estimate to repair the graffiti damage.

**The graffiti must be removed by: April 07, 2011** You must either remove the graffiti, OR file an appeal by this date. If you do not do one of these things, the City will send a work crew to remove or cover the graffiti at the owner's expense, unless the enclosed WAIVER is received within 14 days of the date this notice was mailed (see upper right corner of this Notice).

**If you have questions about this order, the requirements or deadline, then call the Information and Complaint line at 651-266-8989, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

**Appeals:** You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the compliance date above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, whichever comes first. No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310, City Hall, and St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this Order with your appeal application.



*mailed  
6/17/11*

# Saint Paul City Council Public Hearing Notice Ratification of Assessment

## OWNER OR TAXPAYER

Susan K Ahlgren  
38 Hawthorne Ave W  
St Paul MN 55117-4522

COUNCIL DISTRICT #  
PLANNING DISTRICT #  
FILE #J1112P  
ASSESSMENT #118079  
PROPERTY ADDRESS  
38 HAWTHORNE AVE W  
PARCEL ID  
19-29-22-33-0091

## PROPERTY TAX DESCRIPTION

WIFELBURG HILLS EX W 10 FT LOT 2 AND ALL OF LOT 1 BLK 8

**Please return the GOLD card within 5 days if you wish to be heard by the Hearing Officer**

**LEGISLATIVE HEARING** TIME: Tuesday, July 05, 2011 at 9:00 AM  
PLACE: Room 330, Third Floor, City Hall-Court House, 15 W Kellogg Blvd  
**An inspector will be present at this hearing to report on what occurred at your property.**

**THE PUBLIC HEARING** TIME: Wednesday, August 03, 2011 at 10:30 AM  
PLACE: City Council Chambers, 3rd FL City Hall-Court House, 15 W Kellogg Blvd  
Oral or written statements from an owner will be considered by the Council as a further appeal after first attending the Legislative Hearing.

**PURPOSE** To consider approval of the assessment for:  
Graffiti Removal on Private Property during the time period of March 30 to April 23, 2011.

**ASSESSMENT INFORMATION** The proposed assessment for the above property is \$185.46. If the City Council approves the assessment you will have 30 days to pay without interest. Any unpaid balance will be collected with your property taxes over 1 year at 4.7500% interest. The proposed roll for this project is available for review in the Real Estate Office, 25 W. 4th Street - 10th floor - City Hall Annex.

**HOMESTEADERS** The number of years to repay this assessment can be extended if paying the amount of this assessment in one (1) year is determined to create a financial hardship. Call 651-266-8858 to discuss this option.

**NOTE** **THIS IS NOT A BILL.** YOU WILL RECEIVE AN INVOICE AFTER THE HEARING SPECIFYING THE AMOUNT APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL WITH COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PAY THIS ASSESSMENT.

**Invoice will be sent to the taxpayer**