

August 17, 2011

RE: Assessment J1111G

Trash Hauling

May 4, May 11, May 18, May 25 all of 2011

Property 475 St. Clair Avenue

To: City Council

Fax: 651-266-8574

I'm writing in regards to the assessment charge of \$425.00 to the above property address.

My name is Joyce Pforr sister of the owner of this building, David Ripplinger. I'm unable to attend this hearing today. Mr. Ripplinger is unable to be there as well, he is in Chicago working.

We recognize that the city did supply a service. There was no intent on our part to ignore the problem. There was no communication between Mr. Ripplinger and his past bookkeeper which has caused this situation to escalate out of control. The current Mgmt. Company is Renter's Warehouse and Mr. Ripplinger trusted that when the information was given to them regarding the garbage complaint they would have promptly resolved it, which was not the case.

We have always had a 2- 96 gallon containers at the property provided by Walters. Until the notice from the city we were not aware that this was not enough containers for our building. There are now a total of 4- 96 gallon containers being supplied by Walters for a cost of \$86.26 a month. I don't understand how we can be assessed for \$425.00 for the month of May when in the notice from the city it stated that a minimum charge of \$50 per week would be charged for garbage pick-up. Please take into consideration that the rental building is located on the corner with an alley running through, which is easy access for others to dump their stuff.

We are pleading that you will consider a reduction in the assessment levy of \$425.00. The assessments are causing a tremendous financial burden. Mr. Ripplinger wasn't employed for most of 2010 and just has recently gained employment in Chicago. Mr. Ripplinger is currently behind on his property taxes, to date 2010 and 2011 have yet to be paid.

Thank you for your time and consideration of a reduction.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, 612-804-6902

Joyce Pforr

