



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 353 ROBIE STREET WEST for Project #: J1109A,
Assessment #: 118023 in Ward 2

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Reduce assessment from \$300 to \$200.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$160.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$30.00

Gold Card Returned by: Marit Salverson

Type of Order/Fee: Snow letter

Nuisance: Snow walk

Date of Orders: 12.17.10

Compliance Date: 12.20.10

Re-Check Date: 12.22.10

Date Work Done: 12.27.10

Work Order #: 10-937515

Returned Mail?: No

Comments:

History of Orders on Property: None

Legislative Hearing Notes 3/1/11

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Marit Salverson appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that the assessment for 353 Robie Street West is for snow removal on the public sidewalk. The letter was mailed to Marit Salvarson, 353 Robie Street West and to Occupant on December 17, 2010 with a compliance date of December 20, 2010. It was re-inspected on December 22, 2010 and found to be in non-compliance. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done on December 27, 2010 for a cost of \$160 plus a service charge of \$140 for a total of \$300.

Ms. Salvarson is appealing because she thinks that the amount of snow the City removed was excessive and not necessary. She lives on a double corner lot. The City cut out four (4) exits to the street but her lot is so shallow that her driveway is just a few paces from one (1) of the corners. They actually cut four (4) more exits than were needed. On the corners, they cut out two (2) exits but the ramp in the center/corner they failed to clear. She expected them to clear the wider ramp area in the center of the corner. Actually, they did twice as much work as they needed to and failed to clear the ramp areas.

The video was viewed along with the photographs that Ms. Salvarson brought.

Ms. Salvarson asked why she was targeted. Mr. Essling responded that Notices are sent based upon complaints. He said that nearly all of the snow removal complaints come from people who walk those sidewalks.

Ms. Moermond will recommend reducing the assessment by \$100 (from \$300 to \$200) based on a good faith effort.