



# City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

## Minutes - Final

### Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

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**5**      [SR 25-73](#)

Review Request of Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 593 COOK AVENUE EAST adopted by Council on March 27, 2024 under File RLH AR 24-9. (File No. VB2405, Assessment No. 248804)

**Sponsors:**      Yang

*Reduce assessment (already levied) from \$5,075 to \$2,536.*

*Emiliano Romero, owner, appeared via phone*

*Moermond: I understand you talked with Joanna Zimny and I have a file put together on your case. It seems the crux of the matter is your Vacant Building fee covered June 17, 2023 through June 16, 2024. The building permit was finalized halfway through, in November but they didn't close the file until June 2024. You've got an entire Vacant Building fee; you'd previously been working on it. I think there's reason to be generous in this because it was six months before that Code Compliance certificate was issued. I'm going to recommend it is cut in half. That means some paperwork on our end, so I'm not sure how fast that refund will happen. But that should be reflected in your second-half property tax statement.*

*Romero: that would be amazing. Communication with Department of Safety & Inspections was a bit rough from the start. I'll deal with the taxes and when corrections come I appreciate it very much.*

*Moermond: you've got \$2,500 off your taxes.*

*Romero: I appreciate it so much, thank you.*

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