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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1305 MARYLAND AVENUE EAST for Project #:
VB1102, Assessment #: 118993 in Ward 6

..Property Address

1305 Maryland Avenue East

Cost: \$1100.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$1235.00

Gold Card Returned by: NA

Type of Order/Fee: VB

Nuisance: unpaid VB fees

Date of Orders:

Compliance Date:

Re-Check Date:

Date Work Done:

Work Order #: 850691

Returned Mail?:

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

Appellant needs to get final by February 28, 2011 and Ms. Moermond will reduce the assessment in half. (Note: This matter went to Council on 2/2/11; may need to do Resolution to amend after February 28).

Eugene Kotz appeared.

Inspector Yannarely reported that 1305 Maryland Avenue has been a Category 2 Vacant

Building since August 23, 2007. The annual fee is \$1,100 plus \$135 service charge for a total of \$1,235.

Mr. Kotz explained that he purchased the house in 2008. When he bought this property, he wanted to live in this house. It has taken two (2) years to get everything fixed. He has used union contractors to do all of the work. Currently, it's at a stage where they're ready to do finals except for electrical. The team is ready to go at the beginning of March. He has complied with all of the permits and paid for everything. He is waiting to move into the place. He thought that by buying a vacant building, he was getting a good deal. He is looking for a VB fee waiver or reduction to off-set his costs; it was a total rehab andt cost a lot of money.

Ms. Moermond will recommend reducing the assessment by half if finals are done by February 28.

Result of Legislative Hearing on March 15, 2011:

Reduce assessment by half for a total of \$617.

No one appeared.

Ms. Moermond stated that all of the permits have been finaled so the condition has been met. She will recommend reducing the assessment by half. Need to amend Resolution since it's after February 28, 2011.