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# Appeal

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Assessment # 208530

Property Address:  
925 Albemarle St

Parcel ID # 25-29-23-41-0026

Legislative Hearing TIME: Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at 10:00am

To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this appeal letter to you in hopes that you will consider it during the upcoming legislative hearing on Tuesday, May 19th, 2020 in regards to Property Clean Up for the above address. I am the homeowner of the above address and would like to explain in my own defense the circumstances regarding items improperly accumulated near my home at the intersection of Wayzata Street and the alley behind Albemarle Street, that have since been removed by the city in February of 2020.

There was a chair removed from the sidewalk that goes along the side of my property. I have included a copy of the summary abatement order to reference. Unfortunately this chair had been placed at the side of the road at some point during the winter. It had appeared to be moved around by someone at least a couple of times during the time it was sitting there.

This chair was not my property, nor do I know who placed this chair at the side of the road or on the sidewalk. I have assumptions as to whom may have placed this at the curb. I have neighbors across the alley from me that consistently have excessive amounts of garbage collecting in front of their garage in the alley, including a lot of large items. There are also a number of residents that live across the street in the Lewis Park Apartments who use Wayzata Street for parking and also who loiter along that sidewalk daily.

There is constant trash being littered along the entire sidewalk and onto my property. This includes my front yard and driveway as well. I have removed a large amount of plastic bags of garbage, glass alcohol bottles, take-out food wrappers and cups, a lamp, a bike frame, a broken

mirror, a smashed stereo system and many other miscellaneous items from my property. A few times, I have seen people use cardboard boxes and five gallon buckets as garbage containers that have been left near the road. I have also had people throw their refuse, including pouring used oil, into my garbage container and bags of garbage/litter into my recycle container.

I have lived at this property for one full year now. In that amount of time, the issue of littering has been ongoing and very excessive. People continue to loiter and use my retaining wall as a bench to sit on and hang out. I do not know how to take action regarding this, nor do I know what to do in the event of a large item being littered, such as the chair in question. Unfortunately I do not feel safe discussing this issue with any of my neighbors. There are several police vehicles being called to the Lewis Park Apartments on a regular basis. I have witnessed gunshots being fired yards from my home on one occasion. I have also had my vehicle's gas tank drilled into and damaged while on my property at the end of March 2020. This incident was documented with the police department for crime reporting purposes only.

Since the damage to my vehicle, I have purchased a couple of surveillance cameras. This is to attempt to have witness to any further damage to my property, usage of my garbage containers or further littering on my property. I have also been quick to return my garbage and recycle containers to my garage to prevent people from placing inappropriate items in them.

I beg you to please reconsider the financial responsibility of removing the littered property in this summary abatement order. I can not afford to pay for the removal of someone else's inconsiderate dumping of their property. Also, I did not assume it would have consequences that would fall on me. I do clean up what I can in regards to the litter that is consistently thrown onto my property, but this is a neighborhood problem that is well beyond my control.

Thank you for taking the time to read my statement. I do hope you consider this at the upcoming hearing and I am willing to answer to anything further you may need. My contact information is below.

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