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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 5:17 PM

**To:** Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul); Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); #CI-StPaul\_Ward4

**Subject:** Re appealing ROW fees 374 Wheeler st. N

Hello,

I am writing to object to my right of way assessment. I have appealed previously unsuccessfully. With the lawsuit that has been ongoing hopefully this will be the year city council rights this silly policy about corner 4-plexes. I am an owner occupied residential 4-plex, located on a corner being charged for both sides of my apt building at a commercial rate.

In previous city council meetings I was told that it was because my tenants use the road more, but have since been told since that time it was to balance the budget. Obviously neither arguments are valid reasons to tax citizens unfairly.

I will also be contacting the real estate office, as my assessments were calculated incorrectly since minimally 2011. I am referring to C. Rate exemptions, outside of downtown, 1. Owner occupied apartment buildings (Where can I find the policies from prior to 2011 rate assessments?) I will be asking for a refund of past years as well as asking for this years to be calculated per the current regulations.

Please let me know what else I must do for this appeal to be acknowledged.

Thank you,

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**Recommended 2016 Right-of-Way Assessment and Above-Standard Lighting  
Operation and Maintenance (if applicable)—THIS IS NOT A BILL**

Property Address: 374 WHEELER ST N  
Property ID Number: 33-29-23-42-0170

<u>Street Class</u>	<u>Rate</u>		<u>Frontage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Oiled/Paved Residential Streets	\$7.34/foot	X	101.25 feet =	\$743.18
Oiled/Paved Residential Streets	\$7.34/foot	X	48.75 feet =	\$357.83
Oiled/Paved Residential Streets	\$3.80/foot	X	16.25 feet =	\$61.75

<b>Total Recommended Assessment</b>	<b>\$1,162.76</b>
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The recommended 2016 rates and proposed 2017 rates are listed on the reverse side.

The Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment Policy governs how the assessment is calculated based on assessable frontage and established assessment rates. A copy of the policy can be found at [www.stpaul.gov/assessments](http://www.stpaul.gov/assessments) under the ROW Maintenance Assessment tab. The proposed assessment roll is filed with the city clerk and open to public inspection. Partial or full prepayment of your assessment to City of Saint Paul is permitted by ordinance.



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
25 W FOURTH ST, STE 1000  
SAINT PAUL MN 55102-1600

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Important Public Hearing Notice  
on Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and  
Above-Standard Lighting Operation and  
Maintenance Program**

**THIS IS NOT A BILL**

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**To notify property owners of the following two official public hearings before the City Council**

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
<b>Purpose of the hearing:</b>	To adopt proposed assessment rates and ratify assessments for 2016 Services. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting. <u>Only written objections made at or before the hearing are eligible for appeal.</u>	To consider proposed assessment rates and service levels for the 2017 program. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting.
<b>Hearing time and location:</b>	Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.	Wednesday, November 2, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.

Visit our link at [www.stpaul.gov/assessments](http://www.stpaul.gov/assessments) to view assessment information, or call 651-266-8858 with questions.

Tenemos a su disposición servicios de intérpretes gratuitos 651-266-8858, Adeegyada tarjumaada oo lacag la'aan ah ayaad helaysaa 651-266-8858, Yog koj xav tau tus neeg pab txhais lus dawb 651-266-8858.



## Assessment Rates per Foot and Service Levels

See other side for the proposed assessment for your property

Street Class	Description	2016 Recommended Rates	2017 Proposed Rates	Services Provided
1-A	<b>Downtown Streets (Paved)</b>			Flush and sweep twice/week, street overlays, pavement repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	All Properties (except residential condos)	\$19.28	\$20.63	
	Residential Condominiums	\$3.71	\$3.97	
1-B	<b>Downtown Streets (Brick)</b>			Flush and sweep twice/week, brick repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	All Properties (except residential condos)	\$23.33	\$24.96	
	Residential Condominiums	\$3.71	\$3.97	
2	<b>Outlying Commercial/Arterial Streets</b>			Flush and sweep multiple times per year, street overlays, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	Commercial Property	\$9.98	\$10.68	
	Residential Property	\$4.07	\$4.35	
3	<b>Oiled/Paved Residential Streets</b>			Flush and sweep each spring and fall, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	Commercial Property	\$7.34	\$7.85	
	Residential Property	\$3.80	\$4.07	
4	<b>Oiled/Paved Alleys</b>			Flush and sweep each spring, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	\$1.36	\$1.46	
	Residential Property	\$0.86	\$0.92	
5	<b>Unimproved Street Right-of-Way</b>			Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, boulevard tree maintenance, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	\$3.64	\$3.89	
	Residential Property	\$2.06	\$2.20	
6	<b>Unimproved Alley Right-of-Way</b>			Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	\$0.78	\$0.83	
	Residential Property	\$0.57	\$0.61	
7	<b>Above-Standard Lighting</b>			Provide electricity for above-standard street light fixtures. Maintain, repair and replace fixtures as needed. Paint light poles on approximately a 7-year cycle.
	Commercial Property	Rates vary by	Rates vary by	
	Institutional Property Residential Property	lighting district	lighting district	

### What services are not provided by the Right-of-Way Program?

(These services are the abutting property owner's responsibility)

- Shoveling of sidewalks
- Plowing of alleys
- Mowing of boulevard grass
- Repair and replacement of outwalks
- Repair and replacement of driveways
- Repair and replacement of hard-surface boulevards
- Replacement of downtown sidewalks

### What is the cost to provide Right-of-Way maintenance services?

In 2016 the estimated total cost is \$46.2 million. Of this amount, the City expects to collect \$30.7 million in assessments. The remainder comes from Municipal State Aid, Trunk Highway Aid, County Aid and miscellaneous receipts.

### What is the Above-Standard Lighting charge? Do I have to pay it?

The charge pays for electricity, repair, replacement and painting of decorative street lighting fixtures in above standard street lighting districts located Downtown and in outlying commercial areas. Only properties that are currently within existing above standard street lighting districts are billed for this service.

### Can I appeal my Right-of-Way Assessment?

No appeal may be taken as to the amount of any adopted assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the city clerk prior to the public hearing or presented in writing to the presiding officer at the public hearing, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 429.061. An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 429.081 by serving a notice of the appeal upon the mayor or city clerk within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

### Who can I call for more information?

Right-of-way maintenance services:  
 Streets and alleys – 651-266-9700 (24-hour service number)  
 Sidewalks – 651-266-6120  
 Traffic signs/markings and lighting – 651-266-9777  
 Boulevard tree trimming – 651-632-5129  
 Assessments:  
 Real Estate Section – 651-266-8858

The City does not defer payment of Right-of-Way assessments pursuant to Minn. Stat. 435.193 to 435.195.

Within 10 days following the October 5 public hearing you will receive an invoice for the 2016 Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment for your property. You may prepay your assessment by November 15 without accruing interest. Payments made after November 15 will accrue interest at a rate of 4.15% per annum.