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Subject: 2023 Mill and Overlay -Fairview Avenue: Randolph to Edgcumbe
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File #MO2308
Assessment #245508
Property Address: 986 Fairview Ave S
Parcel ID#: 16-28-23-42-0012

Hi Saint Paul City Council,

My name is Kyle Olson and i am the owner of the property listed above. In regards to the assessment and potential bill required for the 2023 Mill and Overlay -Fairview Avenue: Randolph to Edgcumbe I am adamantly opposed to this and personally don't have the financial means to pay for this without taking on debt that i can't afford to do.

The amount i am being assessed at which is \$4,266 is an extremely high amount basis the work that was done and which I believe shouldn't be put on the property owners on Fairview. Fairview is a major artery of traffic through Highland Park due to it connecting to MN 5 and is used by most drivers in the area at some point and time so I believe it is unfair to make the owners fork the bill for something that is being utilized by everyone in the area.

During work they completed they also damaged my irrigation system which I was never repaid for and cost me \$700 to repair. I can provide photo evidence of this if needed.

Additionally, besides the extremely high property taxes we pay in this area we are always being slapped with additional charges such as paying \$300 to have a light post repainted that most certainly did not need to be repainted.

I am a father to one child daughter with multiple health issues that have incurred very large bills in the last two years and am also the stepfather to 16 year old. My partner has been unable to work due to mental health issues for the majority of the last three years and an additional \$4,266 bill would put me in a position where i would be struggling to pay for day care let alone groceries.

Once again I feel that the state's budget surplus along with the property taxes I already pay should be more than enough to cover what should be my responsibility for the work that the city completed. This is not a small amount of money and I don't believe it is fair for the city to assume that we can all pay this at the drop of a dime without going further into debt.

If this assessment is passed I don't know what I will do but I think that this is truly unfair and wonder if other works around the city that are completely unnecessary should be reexamined or stopped to help the average citizen to pay for necessary projects. I understand that roads need to be fixed but assuming that everyone along a major thoroughfare has an extra \$4000 to pay for the repairs is disheartening.

I truly hope you will rethink this assessment and give your hard working tax payers a break during a time when inflation is high and taxes are already high instead of leaving them in an even harder financial situation.

Thanks,

Kyle Olson