

City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 602 OHIO STREET for Project #: VB1103, Assessment

#: 8004 in Ward 2

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Reduce assessment from \$1,235.00 to \$617.50.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$1,100.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$1,235.00

Gold Card Returned by: G. Mulcahy

Type of Order/Fee:

Nuisance: Unpaid VB Fee

Date of Orders:

Compliance Date:

Re-Check Date:

Date Work Done:

Work Order #:

Returned Mail?:

Comments: VB File opened on 6/9/08-Cat 2

History of Orders on Property:

06/16/2008: Boarding WO Printed: 06/16/2008

11/12/2008: 11/12/2008 Tall Grass WO created: PA 08-198051

Tall Grass and weeds on the property

11/12/2008: 11/12/2008 Other - Exterior WO created: PA 08-198052

Remove small brush pile by driveway.

02/11/2009: 02/11/2009 Snow Ice WO created: PA 09-025837

Remove snow and ice from public sidewalk full width, salt and sand as needed.

08/07/2009: 08/07/2009 Tall Grass WO created: PA 09-226750

Cut tall Grass and weeds on the property

05/25/2010: 05/25/2010 Tall Grass WO created: PA 10-411923

On boulevard, in yard - cut tall grass and weeds

Legislative Hearing Notes

Tom G. Mulcahy appeared.

Inspector Yannarelly reported that 602 Ohio Street is a Category 2 Vacant Building. It has been in the Vacant Building Program since June 9, 2008. The annual fee is \$1,100 plus a service charge of \$135 for a total of \$1,235. There is a list of six (6) Work Orders for this address but no Code Compliance Inspection.

Mr. Mulcahy is asking to have the Vacant Building fee waived. He has pulled the permit and he has refurbished the house. He has a Purchase Agreement since last night. He has had inspections done. The heating contractor has gone back and forth trying to be compliant. He bought the house six-seven months ago. Usually, he can flip them pretty quickly but lately the market has been slow. He took it from a duplex to a single-family home.

Mr. Yannarelly noted that Mr. Mulcahy is close to being finaled. The anniversary date is in June.

Ms. Moermond asked Mr. Mulcahy when he expects to get it done. Mr. Mulcahy replied that it should be done today. Building trades are done; heating is not quite done. He will stop by today. Ms. Moermond would like it done by the end of February; if it is done by then, she will cut the Vacant Building fee in half.

Ms. Moermond will recommend the assessment be reduced by half.