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Contesting assessment at property address:
298 University Ave W
Parcel# 36-29-23-42-0124
File# J2422R
Assessment# 248527
Proposed assessment \$ 434.00
Rubbish & garbage clean up

I apologize in advance for this rambling letter but this mess has to be figured out and fixed. We are appealing to whoever will listen and help with this problem we have.

This has been an on going issue from the previous owner then on to us. Months ago I talked to the Metro Lite Rail president when a contractor who was hired by "MLR" left an enormous pile of brush & debris on the corner of our University Ave building rear parking area. After their sub contractor picked up debris from the MLR substation lot the debris was left on our parking lot. We were billed a big assessment on our 2024 property tax statement. Even though I had a conversation with MLR president with an assurance that it would be taken care of. He told me he would take care of it and contact the city. Some where the ball was dropped because I was charged two enormous assessments added to my 2024 tax statement.

This address on University Ave. has one of the only parking areas behind the building. People see an open area and dump their crap off without a care. We had a 3 yard dumpster for our renters but it was used by everyone who saw it! It was always full and piled high around it. I caught someone dumping trash and followed, got their plate # & called the police. I know officers have a much more important job than illegal garbage dumpers. Of course they said to stop following them. So we got rid of the dumpster and changed to regular large trash containers.

The real problem here is illegal dumping. We have cleaned up numerous times, it just never stops. Even when we had a 3 yard dumpster the city workers unloaded their trucks in our dumpster. This is when they were doing the city/alley clean up. Causing us to be "given a surcharge" for what they "the city workers" dumped in our "overloaded" dumpster! The bill was over \$800.00!

This is not our renters rubbish! It has been when ever people want to get rid of televisions furniture tires computers mattresses. As well as city contract workers who used our dumpster and we are then charged for an overloaded dumpster. Really???

After meeting with St Paul Building Safety Inspector we moved our bins to the opposite side of our property. Also we have been calling around for fencing/ security gates for our rear lot. We are getting bids to fence off rear parking area to limit access.

As well as being frustrated with these ongoing disconnects and of being charged for the MLR illegal dumped trash by their hired help!! This is never going to be fixed especially if enormous fees are tacked to property taxes without any recourse. I cannot control the actions of others especially when they are never caught and charged. This system is so impossible to deal with without any support or ideas from the city! Only one person tried to help by suggesting to move our trash bins to the other side away from MLR sub station side of our property.

The assessment to our property is just a giant buck pass. There has to be a fair way to deal with this because I am not able to pay for everyone else's dumping trash. It is outrageous that I pay for trash removal as a good citizen, then I get extra charges for other peoples appliances tires televisions computers, then on top of that I get ticketed for garbage assessments on on my property taxes! As well as fined for overfilled dumpsters!

I really hope you can imagine these fees, charges and expenses added to your property taxes in your neighborhoods. Anyone and everyone who feels like dumping their trash, You get the bills, really BIG dollar amounts. Over and over and over with no end in site!! Look up my property tax bills you can see for yourself and possibly imagine how you would feel about getting this problem solved.

The situation is so out of control. I have talked and talked but I just keep getting bills that should not my responsibility!! We feel like we keep things around our building aesthetically pleasing for the city. There were thousands of dollars spent renovating this building that was in terrible shape. We genuinely want everything to look good and be good neighbors. We would appreciate your help!

Thank you,

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