



City of Saint Paul

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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 390 SHERBURNE AVENUE for Project #: VB1104,
Assessment #: 8009 in Ward 1

..Property Address 390 Sherburne Ave

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Waive VB fee for 90 days and grant an extension to June 1, 2011 to pull demo permit.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$1,100.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$1,235.00

Gold Card Returned by: J. Refugio Martinez

Type of Order/Fee: VB 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 **8/3/10 (Cat 2)**

History of Orders on Property: None

Legislative Hearing Notes (if any)

J. Refugio Martinez appeared. Israel Bravo, contractor, interpreting for Mr. Martinez.

Inspector Yannarely reported that this is a Vacant Building fee for 390 Sherburne Avenue. It

has been a Category 2 Vacant Building since August 3, 2010. The fee is \$1,100 plus a service charge of \$135 for a total of \$1,235. This was referred to the Vacant Building Program due to a Revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy/Order to Vacate from the Fire Marshal's Office.

Mr. Bravo explained that this property was vandalized in 2009. Mr. Martinez call Mr. Bravo to secure the building. The City had turned off the water. After the building was secure, Mr. Martinez pulled two (2) permits to start renovation. In the process of renovation, the building was vandalized again. Mr. Martinez had wanted to move into the house; however, after assessing the damage and talking with City inspectors (Craig Johnson; Tom Tank), he decided to tear the place down. Next, he tried to pull a permit to demolish the house. At the same time, he got a Notice that this address was a Vacant Building. It is Mr. Bravo's understanding that when you have an on-going permit to work on a place, there is no need for a Vacant Building issue. They went down to the Department of Safety and Inspections and asked, "Why?" The people there said that there hadn't been anything done to the house. They said that Mr. Martinez couldn't pull the demo permit unless he had taken care of the Vacant Building fee. Mr. Martinez thought that this wasn't fair. He never got any Notice from Fire and he just wants to tear it down.

Mr. Yannarely stated that he would recommend that the City give Mr. Martinez three (3) months to demo it and waive the Vacant Building fee. Mr. Bravo responded that Mr. Martinez wants to demo and put in a new foundation immediately after so, he would like a little more time.

Ms. Vang will recommend waiving the Vacant Building fee and granting an extension to June 1, 2011 to pull the demo permit.