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Staff Report

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Hearing

Appeal of Special Tax Assessment for 1596 CONCORDIA AVENUE for Project #: J1109A,
Assessment #: 118023 in Ward 1

Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation

Approve the assessment.

Tax Assessment Worksheet

Cost: \$160.00

Service Charge: \$140.00

Total Assessment: \$300.00

Gold Card Returned by: Travis Ormsby

Type of Order/Fee: Snow letter and snow summary abatement.

Nuisance: Snow walk

Date of Orders: 12.6.10

Compliance Date: 12.9.10

Re-Check Date: 12.9.10

Date Work Done: 12.20.10

Work Order #: 10-932252

Returned Mail?: no

Comments:

History of Orders on Property:

12.16.10-SISA, 12.22.10-snow letter, 12.28.10-snow work order, 02.08.11-snow letter

Legislative Hearing Notes 3/1/11

Approve the assessment.

Travis Ormsby appeared.

Inspector Essling reported that this assessment for 1596 Concordia is for removing snow from a public sidewalk. The letter was mailed on December 6, 2010 with a compliance date of December 9, 2010. It was re-checked on December 9, 2010 and found to be non-compliant. A Work Order was sent to Parks and the work was done on December 20, 2010 for a cost of \$160 plus \$140 service charge for a total of \$300. The letter was sent to Travis Ormsby, 869 Smith and Occupant, 1596 Concordia. After the snow letter was sent, the inspector did a re-inspection on December 16, 2010; sent a Snow & Ice Summary Abatement.

Mr. Ormsby explained that he is the property owner but he doesn't deal with tenant; he has a property management company, which said that the tenant who lives there is on a fixed income (collects Social Security Disability) and has a difficult time getting the snow shoveled in the first place. Margaret Uriah, the property manager, said that she spoke with the inspector, asking whether the assessment could be cut in half because of her disability. If not, could it be spread out over a longer period of time. The terms of the lease indicate that it's the tenant's responsibility to shovel snow.

Mr. Essling noted that there was an additional Work Order sent to Parks on December 31, 2010.

The video was viewed.

Ms. Moermond stated that she is not willing to recommend that there be a deferment of any kind or that the assessment be reduced. The work was supposed to have been done. Mr. Ormsby does have a management company; ultimately, it is his responsibility. He may choose to spread the tenant's payments over time.