

October 1, 2012
St. Paul City Council
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg Boulevard
St. Paul, MN 55119

Re: 2012 ROW Assessments Public Hearing Letter

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing because I feel the 2012 recommended assessments rates are not fair. I own several apartment buildings located on corners, including: 622 Grand Ave, 241 Brimhall St, 2130 Como Ave, and 194 Summit Ave. At these properties my assessments are two to three times higher than similar apartment buildings in the middle of the block.

My residents do not use the streets two to three times more than the residents in the neighboring buildings. My rents are identical to the apartment buildings in the middle of the block. My vacancy rates are the same as middle block apartment buildings. I do not get any extra benefit of being on the corner compared to an apartment building next to me.

Not only is this unfair by a common sense point of view, but, as I have been educated by others, it is against State law (which requires all special assessments be allocated among the affected properties in proportion to the benefits received).

This is not a new issue for you, but I ask that change your system so street assessments are allocated solely based on the street frontage of the street where the building faces, for all properties: commercial and residential.

Sincerely

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