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Re: File CRT1503
Assessment #158202
Property Address 2407 Youngman Ave.
Parcel ID 22-28-23-23-0046

Grounds for this appeal

- 1) The inspector told me that I needed to update two clothes dryer vents and needed repairs on two heating furnaces plus a number of other items in order to get conditions for occupancy approval from him.
- 2) I proceeded to get licensed companies to meet these conditions at a cost of \$1,000 which was very difficult for me as I am a 72 year old widow who lives on social security.
- 3) The inspector came back to check on the repairs and was satisfied that they were done correctly. During this visit he informed me that I needed to have three window screens installed on upper unit windows. This was a total surprise as he didn't inform me of this during his original inspection. He stated the total inspection fee would be \$180 and he would drive by later on at no charge to see if the screens were there.
- 4) Replacing these screens was difficult and time consuming as the building is quite old. There are no screens available to fit these windows. I had to have screens made and installed at substantial cost.
- 5) He apparently drove by later on and found everything in order.
- 6) My mail was going to Florida and I was in Wisconsin. I did not see the \$300 bill until the end of October.
- 7) One week later I received the ratification of assessment with additional charges of \$155.

I am appealing the assessment. The bill is incorrect. It should have been \$180. I should not be charged for the DSI admin fee or the real estate admin fee for all the reasons stated above. Payment of these erroneous charges plus the cost of the repairs and the timing of the inspector's requests presents a hardship to me.

Thank you for taking my case into consideration.


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