

To: City of St Paul
25 @ Fourth St, Ste 1000
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Re: 1185 Randolph Ave, St Paul, Mn 55105
Right of Way property tax

I strongly object to paying the \$111.16 right of way fee for 2015 and 2016. Because of the inconvenience and added expense the corner adds and the added value I bring to my corner, I believe I should pay nothing \$0.00 not only for 2016 but for always.

My home situated in a well established residential neighborhood; where I have the responsibility for the upkeep of the front and side yard with none of the pleasure to enjoy the freedom to plant, decorate or to enjoy my front or side yard. Mainly because of the corner, my home has been devalued by approximately \$30,000. I have tried to sell it in 2014 and 2015 and have not been successful.

1185 Randolph Ave is located on the North east corner of Randolph Ave, and Edgcumbe Boulevard where the following occurs.

- I have approximately 75 feet on Edgcumbe side and 40 feet on the Randolph side for which I am responsible.
- #76 Metro Transit bus stop for buses running from east to west. I have concrete slabs, bench, lots of space for weeds, people discard garbage, cigarettes and spit.
- Adding to the metro transit bus, there is a Mobility bus which turns onto Edgcumbe.
- Permanent signage includes: Bus stop signs, Mobility transit signs
- As needed signage includes: snow route, road work, street cleaning,
- Excel energy wire post
- Sewer access within the side lawn and the subsequent "cleaning" and other maintenance trucks and people
- Traffic light post
- Residents post signs for garage sales, open houses, etc which I have to dispose of
- Corner Light post

I have the following entry ways to street which require all year maintenance and upkeep.

- 2 concrete slabs and one entry way for bus stop
- 3 street access ways: 1 for bus, 1 for Randolph, 1 for Edgcumbe
- 1 drive way to gain access to my garage

I am out of pocket several hundred dollars and many hours a year for maintenance on the "city property". In addition to the above comments, maintenance issues which arise include:

- Snow and debris pile up from snow, water, road use
- Bus stop debris every day, beer and liquor containers, bus transfer, food and candy wrappers
- People walking across the lawn to get to bus stop or cross the street (not using street access spots)
- Garbage and debris thrown about by pedestrians on front and side yard
- Excel light post and parking of trucks on the side lawn and sidewalk when attention needs to be paid to access the overhead wires
- 3 large trees which require maintenance for leaf and branch debris after each storm, squirrel and insects as well as seasonal leaf raking

- Each spring, there is major cleaning, clearing, re-seeding along the sides which touch each roadway along Randolph and Edgcumbe

The attention and agenda by season includes and is not limited to:

- Spring: spring clean up, raking, grub and weed control, fertilizer for lawn
- Summer: lawn mowing, weed and insect control, clearing people and plant debris
- Fall: fall clean up, raking, insect and weed control, leaves
- Winter: snow shoveling, winter clean up, snow melt and ice control,

Boulevard clean up: as wind blows from west to east – weeds, insects, leaves, debris
Trucks run in tandem to wash streets and move debris to side of road
Remove snow and block access ways, move ice to open access and driveway
Boulevard lawn moving, blow leaves (they don't rake or pick up), trim trees, don't treat for weeds or insects

No parking available for front of home leaving room for bus stop and corner turns and inconvenienced when public parking on Edgcumbe side and limits my access, adds to debris and clean up. Public use for the Edgcumbe side to park and visit others; i.e., therefore it is not my exclusive space.

NOTE: Attached is a letter regarding the Randolph Ave construction issue. This road work is abhorrent for residents, businesses and travelers along the route. It was sold as "repaving" it has become demolition and construction where only the construction company is profits from long duration. Past initiatives along Jefferson Ave and other neighborhood streets will have to be re-addressed now that the heavy trucks and added traffic have compromised the work performed just last year. The real issue is one of traffic flow and right of way.

This road work will leave me without direct access to my home and property.

I am extremely disappointed and appalled by the lack of respect for residents and businesses.



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**Recommended 2015 Right-of-Way Assessment and Above-Standard Lighting
Operation and Maintenance (if applicable)—THIS IS NOT A BILL**

Property Address: 1185 RANDOLPH AVE
Property ID Number: 10-28-23-14-0158

<u>Street Class</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Frontage</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Outlying Commercial/Arterial Streets	\$3.97/foot X	28.00 feet	= \$111.16

Total Recommended Assessment	\$111.16
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The recommended 2015 rates and proposed 2016 rates are listed on the reverse side.

The Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment Policy governs how the assessment is calculated based on assessable frontage and established assessment rates. A copy of the policy can be found at www.stpaul.gov/assessments under the ROW Maintenance Assessment tab.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**Important Public Hearing Notice
on Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and
Above-Standard Lighting Operation and
Maintenance Program**

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and Assessment
Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance Program and Assessment**

To notify property owners of the following two official public hearings before the City Council

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Purpose of the hearing:	To ratify recommended assessment rates for 2015 Services. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting.	To consider proposed assessment rates and service levels for the 2016 program. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting.
Hearing time and location:	Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.	Wednesday, November 4, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.

Visit our link at www.stpaul.gov/assessments to view assessment information, or call 651-266-8858 with questions.

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