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Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 12:32 PM
To: Moser, Lynn (CI-StPaul); C. Daklin
Subject: Objection and Appeal to Right of Way maintenance program

To Whom It May Concern:

I am objecting to the recent proposed assessment for Right-Of-Way maintenane and Above-Standard Lighting Operation. The proposed amount for me would be $233.00 for 2016. I am unclear from the letter whether this is also the proposed amount for 2017. If so, I am objecting to that assessment as well, and I file this letter with intent to appeal if the measure is passed.

I have lived in my house for 25 years. During that time, my property taxes have increased over 400 PERCENT. I can assure you that my income has not increased 400 percent. My current property taxes are well over $4,000 per year. I believe that the portion going to the city is adequate. I have to live within my budget and I expect the city to do the same. Unfortunately, rather than do so, the city proposes new ways to take more money. This is unconscionable.

In the time that I have lived here, the street on which I live has never had any updating. Often, it goes un-plowed in the winter. It is not a joke that St. Paul roads are the worst to drive in during the winter. Miraculously, Eagan--which is just across the river--manages to keep their roads free of snow. And yet their property taxes are HALF what St. Paul's are. We pay the 2nd highest taxes in the state and yet, I slip and slide and risk an accident driving on the roads.

I fail to see why normal maintenance and snow issues are not covered under regular property taxes. if you are unable to make your budget work, I suggest doing that I do: cut your spending. The public pocket is not bottomless.

Very Truly Yours,

Carrie Daklin

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612-246-9678

Recommended 2016 Right-of-Way Assessment and Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance (if applicable)—THIS IS NOT A BILL

Property Address: 1927 LAUREL AVE
Property ID Number: 04-28-23-21-0093

Street Class	Rate		Frontage		Amount
Oiled/Paved Residential Street	$3.80/foot	X	50.00 feet	=	$190.00
Oiled/Paved Alleys	$0.86/foot	X	50.00 feet	=	$43.00

Total Recommended Assessment	**$233.00**

The recommended 2016 rates and proposed 2017 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. The proposed assessment roll is filed with the city clerk and open to public inspection. Partial or full prepayment of your assessment to City of Saint Paul is permitted by ordinance.

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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

	2016	2017
Purpose of the hearing:	To adopt proposed assessment rates and ratify assessments for 2016 Services. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting. Only written objections made at or before the hearing are eligible for appeal.	To consider proposed assessment rates and service levels for the 2017 program. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting.
Hearing time and location:	Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.	Wednesday, November 2, 2016 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.

Tenemos a su disposición servicios de intérpretes gratuitos 651-266-8858, Adeegyada tarjumaada oo lacag la'aan ah ayaad helaysaa 651-266-8858, Yog koj xav tau tus neeg pab txhais lus dawb 651-266-8858.

Assessment Rates per Foot and Service Levels

See other side for the proposed assessment for your property

Street Class	Description	2016 Recommended Rates	2017 Proposed Rates	Services Provided
1-A	**Downtown Streets (Paved)**			Flush and sweep twice/week, street overlays, pavement repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	All Properties (except residential condos)	$19.28	$20.63	
	Residential Condominiums	$3.71	$3.97	
1-B	**Downtown Streets (Brick)**			Flush and sweep twice/week, brick repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	All Properties (except residential condos)	$23.33	$24.96	
	Residential Condominiums	$3.71	$3.97	
2	**Outlying Commercial/Arterial Streets**			Flush and sweep multiple times per year, street overlays, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	Commercial Property	$9.98	$10.68	
	Residential Property	$4.07	$4.35	
3	**Oiled/Paved Residential Streets**			Flush and sweep each spring and fall, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	Commercial Property	$7.34	$7.85	
	Residential Property	$3.80	$4.07	
4	**Oiled/Paved Alleys**			Flush and sweep each spring, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	$1.36	$1.46	
	Residential Property	$0.86	$0.92	
5	**Unimproved Street Right-of-Way**			Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, boulevard tree maintenance, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	$3.64	$3.89	
	Residential Property	$2.06	$2.20	
6	**Unimproved Alley Right-of-Way**			Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	$0.78	$0.83	
	Residential Property	$0.57	$0.61	
7	**Above-Standard Lighting**			Provide electricity for above-standard street light fixtures. Maintain, repair and replace fixtures as needed. Paint light poles on approximately a 7-year cycle.
	Commercial Property	Rates vary by lighting district	Rates vary by lighting district	
	Institutional Property			
	Residential Property			

What services are not provided by the Right-of-Way Program?

(These services are the abutting property owner's responsibility)

- Shoveling of sidewalks
- Plowing of alleys
- Mowing of boulevard grass
- Repair and replacement of outwalks
- Repair and replacement of driveways
- Repair and replacement of hard-surface boulevards
- Replacement of downtown sidewalks

What is the cost to provide Right-of-Way maintenance services?

In 2016 the estimated total cost is $46.2 million. Of this amount, the City expects to collect $30.7 million in assessments. The remainder comes from Municipal State Aid, Trunk Highway Aid, County Aid and miscellaneous receipts.

What is the Above-Standard Lighting charge? Do I have to pay it?

The charge pays for electricity, repair, replacement and painting of decorative street lighting fixtures in above standard street lighting districts located Downtown and in outlying commercial areas. Only properties that are currently within existing above standard street lighting districts are billed for this service.

Can I appeal my Right-of-Way Assessment?

No appeal may be taken as to the amount of any adopted assessment unless a written objection signed by the affected property owner is filed with the city clerk prior to the public hearing or presented in writing to the presiding officer at the public hearing, pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 429.061. An owner may appeal an assessment to district court pursuant to Minn. Stat. Sec. 429.081 by serving a notice of the appeal upon the mayor or city clerk within 30 days after the adoption of the assessment and filing such notice with the district court within ten days after service upon the mayor or clerk.

Who can I call for more information?

Right-of-way maintenance services:
Streets and alleys – 651-266-9700 (24-hour service number)
Sidewalks – 651-266-6120
Traffic signs/markings and lighting – 651-266-9777
Boulevard tree trimming – 651-632-5129
Assessments:
Real Estate Section – 651-266-8858

The City does not defer payment of Right-of-Way assessments pursuant to Minn. Stat. 435.193 to 435.195.

Within 10 days following the October 5 public hearing you will receive an invoice for the 2016 Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment for your property. You may prepay your assessment by November 15 without accruing interest. Payments made after November 15 will accrue interest at a rate of 4.15% per annum.