

## Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Robert Fox <robfox14@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 12:48 AM  
**To:** Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St  
**Attachments:** Assessment Appeal.pdf; Text.pdf; Large Item Pickup.pdf

Dear Ms. Vang,

Thank you for informing me of the written statement option. I would like to proceed with my written statement being presented at the hearing. Please note that I have changed the original statement that I emailed to you to more accurately reflect the incidents leading to the levying of the assessment. For your convenience, I have also attached the trash hauler scheduling document, which I sent you before, and I have also attached a screen capture showing when I was first informed of the bedframe being left in the alleyway behind my house. If you would, please have all three documents presented together to the hearing officer at the hearing on the 18th.

I do not need to see copies of the documents, before/after photos, etc. but thank you anyway for the offer.

Please confirm that you have received and were able to print the attached hearing documents and that they will be presented for me at the hearing on the 18th.

Most appreciatively,

Robert Fox

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On Thu, 12/6/18, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Subject: RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St  
To: "robfox14@yahoo.com" <robfox14@yahoo.com>  
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018, 9:28 AM

Yes, we prefer that owner attends in person but we make exception for owner who lives out of state or owner with disability and can't attend. If you want the documents, photos and before/after clean up of the work that was done, I can email them to you.

The hearing officer will review your written statement at the hearing and hear inspector testimony, watch the video and make her recommendation based on that.

If you are not happy with the outcome of her recommendation, you may appeal further at the City Council Public Hearing which is held on January 16 @ 3:30 p.m. in Room 300 City Hall.

Mai X. Vang

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From: Robert Fox  
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Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:08 AM

To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)  
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Subject: RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St

Dear Ms. Vang,

Thank you for responding  
to my email/voicemail. Is the hearing you've kindly scheduled something I need to attend personally? I live in Los Angeles Angeles I am hoping a written statement can be submitted in my absence. Please advise.

Sincerely,

Greetings! I was told by the assessments office that you are the person I need to contact about a particular upcoming assessment hearing. Here is a brief synopsis of my situation.

I recently discovered the assessment page on the city's website and out of curiosity entered my rental property's address where I surprisingly learned I had a number of assessments levied against my property of which I was unaware. One assessment in particular was of concern to me: FILE # J1903A, ASSESSMENT # 198502 (a property clean up). Upon calling the assessments office and being assisted by a very helpful associate, the situation became clear. You see, until maybe 6 months ago I was under the impression that the city had my home address on file due to my interactions with the city regarding my certificate of occupancy. However, at that time (i.e. approximately 6 months ago) I learned an official change of address actually needs to be registered with Ramsey County. I did so immediately upon this discovery, but apparently during the time it took my change-of-address to reach the City of Saint Paul, the assessment listed above was levied and all the notices were sent to addresses where I no longer live, never reaching me. Meanwhile, while all this was happening unbeknownst to me, I was dutifully taking care of my responsibilities as a home owner/ landlord and had arranged with my trash hauler to have a large item pick up scheduled for a bed frame which my tenant told me she placed in the alleyway (I have attached a printout of the scheduled pick up provided to me by my hauler). The pick up never actually occurred because a few days before the hauler was to arrive the city crews apparently came out and abated the "problem." Until I fortuitously discovered the assessment, I had simply assumed someone decided to take the frame for his/her own personal use. Needless to say, I am greatly vexed to discover an almost \$500 "ticket" has been issued to me under these circumstances.

Would you kindly let me know what I must do to have this situation reviewed with the intention of having the assessment waived or greatly reduced? I believe my record as a home owner, landlord, and former elected District Five Community Council member will prove I am an engaged and responsible member of the city who has never intentionally allowed or contributed to neighborhood blight. Any assistance you can provide toward this end would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

**December 10, 2018**

**RE: FILE # J1903A, ASSESSMENT # 198502**

Dear Hearing Officer:

Please consider the following written statement in lieu of my personal appearance. I currently reside out of state and cannot attend the hearing in person.

Recently, I discovered the assessment page on the city's website and out of curiosity entered my rental property's address where I surprisingly learned I had a number of assessments levied against my property of which I was unaware. One assessment in particular was of concern to me: a property clean-up, costing upwards of \$500. Upon calling the assessments office for an explanation, the situation became clear. You see, until three months ago I was under the impression that the city had my home address on file due to the mail I have received from the city over the years regarding my Certificate of Occupancy, etc. However, three months ago when I realized I was not getting information about the transition to single-hauler trash service, I called the city and learned an official change of address actually needs to be registered with Ramsey County to ensure *all* city offices will have my correct address on file. I changed my address with the county directly after making this discovery, but evidently not before many assessment notices had already been sent to addresses where I no longer live, never reaching me. Meanwhile, while the notification activity about the assessment being challenged today was happening unbeknownst to me, I was going about dutifully taking care of my responsibilities as a home owner/ landlord and had arranged with my trash hauler to have a large item pick-up scheduled for a bed frame (see attachment 1, which is a printout of the scheduled pick up provided to me by my hauler), which my tenant told me about on June 30<sup>th</sup> (see attachment 2), saying she placed the bedframe in the alleyway. Ultimately, the pick-up never actually occurred because a few days before the hauler was to arrive (i.e. June 10<sup>th</sup>) the city crews apparently came out and abated the "problem." Until I fortuitously discovered online the assessment being considered today, I had simply assumed someone decided to take the bedframe for his/her own personal use. Needless to say, I am greatly vexed to discover an almost \$500 "ticket" has been issued to me under these circumstances.

Would you kindly consider having the clean-up assessment waived or greatly reduced? I believe my record as a home owner, landlord, and formerly publicly elected District Five Community Council member will prove I am an engaged, responsible, and law-abiding member of the city who has never intentionally allowed or contributed to neighborhood blight.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Fox

Homeowner,  
1640 Edgerton St.



**BevAnna Mellema**

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6:25 PM the update.

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

B

Answer is yes to your question. It is there.

3:35 PM

3:55 PM

Thanks! If I'm going to have someone stop by and pick it up, I'll let you know

R

B

Ok

3:56 PM

Saturday, June 30, 2018

B

Good morning Rob. Could you arrange a larger garbage pick up? I put a king size bed frame and there may or not be a mini fridge...

9:24 AM

9:38 AM

Ok sure. Thank you.

R

B

Thank you

9:38 AM

Tuesday, July 3, 2018

11:06 AM

The additional trash fee is \$16.53. I'll take it off the security deposit.

R

B

ok off my end is fine. Thank you for doing that for me.

11:07 AM



Enter message



SEND



Work Order #0005763779 (Work Completed)

Service Date

Qty

Workflow

Description

Route

Driver

Vehicle

Destination

Status

(Change)

7/10/2018

1

XTRA VOL

EXTRA VOLUME OR WEI

RL 02

Ben Senske

3105

RRT NEWPO

Work Completed

Details

Billing

Image

Equipment

History

Weight Audit

PO #

Reference Number

Called In By

Order Taken By

ROBERT

STEWARTSANI\Woody 7/3/2018 1:05:55 PM

Customer

015545

Site

0155450001

Name

ROBERT FOX

Address

1640 EDGERTON ST

City

SAINT PAUL

State

MN

Postal Code

55130-3055

Contact

Phone

Mobile

Robert Fox

( ) - ext

(612) 521-9692 ext

Billing Cycle

Site Billing Cycle

Tax Group

RX

RAMS RES

Access

Site Comment

Percent Full

NO EXTRAS UNLESS ROBERT CALLS

Work Order Service Notes

Completion or Non-Completion Notes

Destruction Certificate

P/U KING BED FRAME (Quoted \$12+Tx.)

07-10-2018 10:30:11

Time Windows

Start

End

Open/Close

Delivery

Recurring

Removal

Scheduled

Start Time

10:30 AM

Finish Time

10:30 AM

Odometer

Geocode

Distance

153

☐ Signature Required

☐ Printed

Service Notes

Effective Date

End Date

Service Note