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From: Assessments (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2021 5:38 PM
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Cc: Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul); Yannarely, Joe (CI-StPaul) (joe.yannarely@ci.stpaul.mn.us)
Subject: RE: Graffiti Removal Assessment 433 S Robert
Attachments: 433 Robert St S.Graffiti SA Letter.5-14-20.pdf; 433 Robert St S.Graffiti before and after.6-21-20.pdf; Graffiti waiver2018 Fillable.pdf

Hello Mr. Johnson,

The Legislative Hearing Officer has asked the Council to send this back to her hearing on February 2, 2021 between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. via telephone. I have put together a file. See attached. The Office of Financial Services stated that this fee was paid on 10/29/20 by Allison Kirwin, 1025 105th St W, Inver Grove Heights MN 55077. The original hearing date to contest this was October 6, 2020 and no one appealed at that time. However, graffiti assessments are normally deleted if a graffiti waiver is on file. I have attached a waiver form (sent back to me) for you to fill out and if received by the February 2nd hearing, we will delete this assessment and refund the \$237.46 to Ms. Kirwin and no hearing is necessary. Please let me know how you want to proceed.



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From: tim johnson <timogrigio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Assessments (CI-StPaul) <Assessments@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Graffiti Removal Assessment 433 S Robert

Council Members,

I own the 433 S Robert Street building that was tagged during the time period of May 21 to July 2, 2021. It is my understanding that you want to charge me \$237.46 for graffiti that was put on my building by an individual or individuals who committed the criminal act of vandalism.

Please know that the procedure as long as I have owned this building was:

Letter is sent to me to notify that graffiti needs to be removed/painted over by a set date, by me, or city will send out someone to remove/paint over. There will be no charge for this service letter states.

If that policy has changed, I would reasonably expect to be notified of that change in advance instead of being charged for something I was unaware is chargeable, months after the criminal act occurred.

Under no circumstances am I interested in paying hundreds of dollars, I work very hard and for many hours to earn \$237.46 in after tax income, for graffiti removal that would have taken less than 10 minutes to accomplish. The area painted over was on a 4'x8' sheet of plywood covering up a window, in anticipation of civil unrest..

Going forward, if the city can't afford to fund the graffiti abatement, then the fair and proper thing to do is:

- 1) Change the policy or law.
- 2) Notify property owners of said changes in advance of implementation.

This allows me to know that I have to remove the graffiti myself or I will be charged an excessive rate for city removal. I will remove it myself every time, if this is the new policy/law.

If in fact the city is now going to be charging for abatement, it would be helpful to know what type of paint/materials are best suited to abatement during Winter months as nothing I can purchase at local hardware or Menards/Home Depot can be used when temperature is below 32F

Sincerely,

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