



City of Saint Paul

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Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 19-200, **Version:** 2

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 110 VIRGINIA STREET. (File No. CG1901A1, Assessment No. 190051)

Date of LH: 4/11/2019; 5/2/19

Time of LH: 9:00 AM

Date of CPH: 5/22/2019

Postcard Returned by: Colleen Halpine

Cost: \$ 192.16

~~Service Charge:~~ \$2.50

~~Total Assessment:~~ \$ 194.66

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Garbage Service for 2 Small Carts; Oct 1 - Dec 31 2018

Garbage Hauler: Highland Sanitation

Type of Order/Fee: Garbage Hauling

Billing Time Period: 4th Quarter 2018 (Oct 1 - Dec 31)

Invoice Date(s): Oct - 10/30/2018 / Nov - 11/30/2018 / Dec - 12/31/2018

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): Hearing Request #1: I have never used the service. I oppose the increased cost compared to previous service, the no sharing provision and city negotiated contract does not encourage waste reduction, recycling and composting as required by state laws and Ramsey County waste policies. I oppose City Council's not abiding by Charter Rules and State law when City voted not to allow a validated referendum request to be placed on next ballot. Hearing Request #2: I don't need one garbage container for each dwelling unit in my house. I only need one container for the four units because we recycle and compost. With the City mandated program, my garbage service cost is \$400/year more compared to what I was paying for garbage service before. I object to the no sharing and little to no financial incentive to recycle and compost. I object to the lack of public awareness of the cost before city council voted on the negotiated contract. I also object to the City Council not allowing a referendum on the garbage program.

Staff Comments: Under citywide garbage service, all residential properties with up to four units, including rental homes and townhomes, are required to have a garbage cart and receive garbage service for each dwelling unit. Property owners must provide garbage service for all occupied dwellings. There is no option to opt out of the citywide garbage service. The City is operating under a signed contract under state statute.

WHEREAS, the Office of Financial Services Real Estate Section has attached to this Council File both a report of completion outlining the costs and fees associated with Trash Hauling during Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2018. (File No. CG1901A1, Assessment No. 190051) and the assessment roll including all properties for which these assessments are proposed for Council ratification; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's Legislative Hearing Officer has reviewed an appeal of this assessment and developed a recommendation for the City Council with respect to this assessment; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing having been conducted for the above improvement, and said assessment having been further considered by the Council and having been considered financially satisfactory; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Chapter 14 of the Saint Paul City Charter, said assessment is hereby ratified and payable in one installment.