



Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 24-60, **Version:** 2

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 900 WESTMINSTER STREET. (File No. CG2304A2, Assessment No. 230115)

Date of LH: 01/25/2024
Time of LH: 9:00AM
Date of CPH: 03/13/2024

Postcard Returned by: Kimberly Herrgott

Cost: \$133.87

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Unpaid Garbage Bill; July 1 - September 30

Type of Order/Fee: Trash Hauling

Hauler: Waste Management

Billing Time Period: Quarter 3 (July-September)

Invoice Date(s): July 1 - September 30

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): Kim Herrgott purchased the property on 04/26/23. The Q3 invoice from WM shows that she was billed for prorated Q2 service starting 05/14/23, pickup of 2 large appliances, and Q3 service. PO states that she already paid the bill, so she should not owe this assessment.

Staff Comments:

PO shared proof of payment to WM on 07/25/2023 for \$187.52, however her Q3 invoice was for a total of \$217.82. The charge sent to the City by WM for assessment at this property was \$133.87. The PO then paid \$4.78 of that assessment to the City. WM is unable to account for the difference in the assessment they sent vs. the amount paid by PO. After deliberating over the issue with the City for about a week, WM declined to answer any more questions about the matter and asked that the case be closed. For this reason, we are recommending full removal of the assessment.

Background note: In Q2 2023, PO had an assessment that was reduced. The amount initially sent to the City from WM had been for the full cost of Q2 service despite the fact that PO was also charged for pro-rated Q2 service on her Q3 bill. Assessment was reduced so that PO was not paying twice. This resolved the matter.

WHEREAS, the Office of Financial Services Assessment Section has attached to this Council File both a report of completion outlining the costs and fees associated with Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during April to June 2023. (File No. CG2304A2, Assessment No. 230115) 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 deleted.