

Legislation Text

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Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1350 PROSPERITY AVENUE. (File No. CG1901B3, Assessment No. 190059)

Date of LH: 4/18/2019 Time of LH: 1:00PM Date of CPH: 5/22/2019

Postcard Returned by: Elaine Beaubien Cost: \$ 110.48 Hauling Service(s) Provided: Garbage Service Medium Cart; 3 Late Fees; Oct 1 - Dec 31 2018 Garbage Hauler: Aspen Waste Systems Type of Order/Fee: Garbage Hauling Billing Time Period: 4th Quarter 2018 (Oct 1 - Dec 31) Invoice Date(s): Oct - 10/31/2018 / Nov - 11/30/2018 / Jan - 01/02/2019 Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): This is a second home which hasn't produced but one bag of garbage since the beginning of this program. One bag of garbage that goes to the dump for far less money. Not only am I supposed to be paying hundreds of dollars for a service I don't use but I am being charged the fees to dispose of said non-existant garbage. This city is "stealing" money from all of us individuals that do not require garbage service. There were no services rendered at the address on record. How is this even legal? **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. The property owner is responsible for paying the outstanding charge, as garbage service was provided from October through December 2018.

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. CG1901B3, Assessment No. 190059) 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.