



Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 20-259, **Version:** 2

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 1046 DESOTO STREET. (File No. CG2001D2, Assessment No. 200113)

Date of LH: 4/16/2020

Time of LH: 9:00 AM

Date of CPH: 6/3/2020

Postcard Returned by: Erik Olson

Cost: \$88.24

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Garbage Service Q4 Oct 1-Dec 31 2019

Type of Order/Fee: Trash Hauling

Billing Time Period: 4th Quarter of 2019 (October 1 - December 31)

Invoice Date(s): October 1 - December 31

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): Bill was already paid to Waste Management. In the past, our bills were being mailed to the previous owners of the house. For an entire year Waste Management was not sending the bills to us, or our address. They were going to the previous owners and their new address. We have since spoken with WM and had it corrected. In addition, their online system did not have our account connected to our address because of this problem. So we had a zero balance for a year and assumed all of the assessments notices were our garbage bills. Each were paid within a week of receiving them.

Staff Comments: Current owners purchased the property in July 2018. The current property owners did reach out on 07/15/2018 to create an account with Waste Management. However with coordinated collection program starting, the account was then cancelled on 09/30/2018. The coordinated collection was set up with the previous property owner's name and mailing address. Waste Management was not contacted by the property owners about this error until November 2019. Therefore staff recommends approving the assessment. It appears the amount assessed is less than the current cost of service to a 64-gallon cart in 2019.

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 Collection of Delinquent Garbage Bills for services during October to December 2019. (File No. CG2001D2, Assessment No. 200113) 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.

