



City of Saint Paul

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Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 20-289, **Version:** 2

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 511 VAN BUREN AVENUE. (File No. CG2001E4, Assessment No. 200119)

Date of LH: 4/23/2020; 4/30/2020

Time of LH: 9:00 AM

Date of CPH: 6/3/2020

Postcard Returned by: Vivian Kang

Cost: \$67.02

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): Incorrect billings 1) Trash company billed \$102.69 for 2 trash cans/week service in Q2 and I paid in full. 2) They billed \$141.81 in Q3 for the exact same service (2 trash cans/week). They argued the City of Saint Paul allowed them to charge more for the same service, for which none-Saint Paul customers pay only \$102.69. I still paid in full \$141.81, hoping to deal with them later, 3) They billed additional \$68.15 in August, 2019 saying it was back billing, which I did not pay. 4) They charged \$3.35 as a late fee of the back billing in Q4, which I did not pay. *The back billing and related late fee should be waived since I paid in full for all the invoices they sent prior to their back billing. *I am also asking to get credits for all the additional amounts they charged for the same 2 trash cans/week service. City should not allow multi-billion-dollar company to charge more for the same service. The city program was to support greener environment, not to make a huge company richer.

Staff Comments: Assessed amount of \$67.02 is for back billing for Q2 2019 and additional late fees. Resident was only charged \$102.69 in Quarter 2 2019 for two 35-gallon carts with every week pick up. Since the back billing was from Republic Services, staff recommends removing the assessment.

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. CG2001E4, Assessment No. 200119) 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.