



Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 20-203, **Version:** 2

Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 2175 BEECH STREET. (File No. CG2001E2, Assessment No. 200117)

Date of LH: 4/16/2020

Time of LH: 11:00 AM

Date of CPH: 6/3/2020

Postcard Returned by: Raymond F Heyer

Cost: \$187.36

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): I am paying for one half of this bill. This is for the people renting from me. The other half would be for me and I have not put out garbage to haul since 1996. I have been hauling the garbage myself for 24 years. I do not wish to change. I do not litter or pollute and do not use a neighbor's cart. That would be dishonest. I will not pay any hauler for doing nothing and the hauler is being dishonest for sending me a bill for doing nothing. Why did no one ask the basic question "Do you have garbage to haul?" The city should have done that since I requested no cart. But they left me with one anyways.

Staff Comments: Under citywide garbage service, all residential properties with up to four units, including rental homes and town homes, 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. This property is registered as a two family dwelling and therefore is required to have two garbage carts on site to receive garbage hauling services. Staff records show that currently there are two 64-gallon carts at the property.

However, staff did notice that there was a slight discrepancy in billing. The original assessment was for \$374.92, as the property was charged \$220.96 for two 64-gallon carts with late fees and a back bill of \$153.73. We have determined that the back bill should have been for \$134.64. Therefore, we are recommending reducing the assessment by \$19.12 plus any late fees for the entire assessment totaling \$28.80. Together, this would be a reduction of \$47.92. Therefore, with the current assessment being \$187.36, we recommend reducing the assessment to \$139.44.

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. CG2001E2, Assessment No. 200117) 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.