



City of Saint Paul

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Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 20-401, **Version:** 2

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 700 SURREY AVENUE. (File No. CG1904E4, Assessment No. 190163) (Legislative Hearing on July 9, 2020)

Date of LH: 2/6/2020; 7/9/2020

Time of LH: 9:00 AM

Date of CPH: 7/15/2020

Postcard Returned by: James Richards

Cost: \$359.31

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Garbage Service; Jul 1 - Sep 30 2019

Type of Order/Fee: Trash Hauling

Billing Time Period: 3rd Quarter of 2019 (July 1 - September 30)

Invoice Date(s): July 1 - September 30

Garbage Hauler: Republic

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): Property owner stated that there are two different accounts for this address. One is in the Tenant's name and the other is in the owner's name. The owner stated he has called Republic Services three times to have this issued fixed.

Staff Comments: Staff member contacted property owner and confirmed that there were not actually two accounts. Property owner was confused due to the fact that the account was in the tenants name so the tenant was getting the hauler invoices. Property owner thought that the assessment notices that he was receiving from the city meant that there were two accounts for the property. Staff did notice that the amount of \$359.31 seems too high for a single 96-gallon cart. Hauler confirmed that the reason it was so high was that the property owner had called to cancel their account on 12/18/2018. On 04/15/2019, the hauler reopened the account effective 01/01/2019. Therefore the property owner was charged for services for a 96-gal cart during Quarter 1, Quarter 2, and Quarter 3 2019. However, this is incorrect. The final service charge should have only been for services provided from 04/15/2019 - 06/30/2019 (\$85.36) and from 07/01/2019 - 09/30/2019 (\$102.44). Therefore staff recommends that the assessment be reduced to \$187.81.

AMENDED 7/15/2020

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 July to September 2019. (File No. CG1904E4, Assessment No. 190163) (Public hearing continued from March 25) 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 forthcoming, pending July 9 Legislative Hearing reduced from \$359.31 to \$187.81, ratified and made payable in one installment.