



Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 21-4, **Version:** 2

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 51 SARATOGA STREET NORTH - 1523 PORTLAND AVENUE. (File No. CG2004A1, Assessment No. 200163)

Date of LH: 1/7/2021
Time of LH: 9:00 AM
Date of CPH: 3/3/2021

Postcard Returned by: David Faffler

Cost: \$352.82

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Q3 2020 Delinquent Garbage Bill; service provided July-September

Type of Order/Fee: Trash Hauling

Billing Time Period: 3rd Quarter of 2020 (July 1 - Sept 30)

Invoice Date(s): July 1 - Sept 30

Garbage Hauler: Waste Management

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): Property owner stated that they purchased the property on 02/01/2020. Due to repairs, the property was not occupied until September 2020. The previous owner had suspended trash pick up but current owner is unsure how long the request was for. However, the owner stated that he was called by Waste Management in July and asked if they could start up service. The property owner stated that they did not need service until September. However, they still received an invoice for Q3 2020.

Staff Comments: Staff confirmed with hauler that the previous account for the property had been cancelled on 02/08/2020. However, hauler records show that the property owner called on 04/29/2020 to request the delivery of a second 64-gal cart, and the removal of a 96-gal cart. Therefore, a new account was set up as of 5/03/2020 with two 64-gal carts at the property. Since this was during Q2 2020, the hauler added the cost of service for two 64-gal carts from 05/03/2020 - 06/30/2020 to the Q3 2020 invoice.

The property owner did call the hauler again on 08/13/2020 to activate service and was told that service for the property had already been activated. The property owner was told that they would have to contact the city to report a vacancy. However, the hauler reported that they never received a vacancy request from the property owner. City records show no record of contact with the property owner as well. Therefore, staff recommends approving 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 July to September 2020. (File No. CG2004A1, Assessment No. 200163) 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

reduced from \$352.82 to \$117.61.