



City of Saint Paul

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Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 21-207, **Version:** 2

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 820 LEXINGTON PARKWAY SOUTH. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101)

Date of LH: 4/8/2021; 4/15/2021

Time of LH: 9:00 AM

Date of CPH: 5/26/2021

Postcard Returned by: Michele Schumacher

Cost: \$77.36

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Q42020 Delinquent Garbage Bill; service period Oct-December; small cart with late fees

Type of Order/Fee: Trash Hauling

Billing Time Period: 4th Quarter of 2020 (Oct 1 - Dec 31)

Invoice Date(s): Oct 1 - Dec 31

Garbage Hauler: Advanced Disposal Services

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): Property owner stated that the property is currently vacant and has been since she purchased it in October 2020. She did not know at the time that there was a program in Saint Paul for coordinated trash collection until December 2020 when she spoke to Solid Waste staff member Alisha Black. There were also no garbage carts present at the property when it was purchased. She also stated that she made a payment over the phone for the Quarter 4 2020 invoice in February 2021 in the amount of \$72.46.

Staff Comments: Staff records show that the property owner submitted an inquiry regarding Quarter 3 2020 assessments for 963 Como Blvd East and 1368 Alaska Ave in October 2020. She also attended a legislative hearing for a Quarter 2 2020 assessment for 963 Como Blvd East. Therefore, it is impossible that the property owner did not know about the Solid Waste Program until December 2020. In addition there is no record of any vacancy being registered with the city or the county for the property in question. Hauler records show that there has never been any requests to remove carts from the property since the beginning of the program. The property owner did contact the hauler on 10/19/2020 to update the name and mailing address on the account. However, it does not appear that they requested a vacancy or temporary service hold. In regards to the payment that was made in February 2021 in the amount of \$72.46, this would have been applied to the Quarter 1 2021 invoice. 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 October to December 2020. (File No. CG2101A2, Assessment No. 210101) 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 \$77.36 to \$32.69.