



# City of Saint Paul

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## Legislation Text

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**File #:** RLH TA 21-421, **Version:** 2

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Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 667 LAUREL AVENUE. (File No. CG2103A1, Assessment No. 210110)

**Date of LH:** 10/07/2021  
**Time of LH:** 9:00 AM  
**Date of CPH:** 11/17/2021

**Postcard Returned by:** Greg Crawford

**Cost:** \$109.06

**Hauling Service(s) Provided:** Unpaid Garbage bill; April 1 - June 30 2021 Service Period

**Type of Order/Fee:** Trash Hauling

**Billing Time Period:** Quarter 2 (April - June) 2021

**Invoice Date(s):** April 1 - June 30

**Garbage Hauler:** Republic Services

**Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:**

**Stated Reason for Appeal (if given):** We have not required garbage pick up at this property for over 15 years because we were zero-wasters. That stopped when we were forced into your system! Republic Services has been grossly over charging this property for garbage pick up since the beginning of your service. Since using your system we average less than 15 gallons a week. This rate is below Republic Services lowest monthly rate. Your charges to this property are and have been grossly over charged. Also note that we did not request this service nor did we sign any contract with Republic Services. And my vote for you did not include you to create this draconian system! Furthermore, your actions to force me to pay unfair charges by attacking my home through the property tax charges and liens is a direct threat to my family's safety. You and your co-members have created a totally obscene system. If you have any sense of decency you must to the following: 1) Make billing corrections for the lowest rate since the beginning 2) Remove all charges against my home that are on the property tax 3) Remove all penalty fees and interests charges 4) Submit, by mail, one bill showing the correct charges for the time of garbage service.

**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. The property owner is responsible for paying the outstanding charge, as garbage service was provided from April- June 2021. Staff does want to note that the property owner appears to have a 64-gal cart and can switch to a 35-gal every other week for a lower monthly charge.

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 April to June 2021. (File No. CG2103A1, Assessment No. 210110) 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 \$109.06 to \$59.23.