



Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 22-22, **Version:** 2

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 314 TORONTO STREET. (File No. CG2104A2 Assessment No. 210116)

Date of LH: 1/6/2022

Time of LH: 10:00 AM

Date of CPH: 3/23/2022

Postcard Returned by: Alexandria Lauritson

Cost: \$104.32

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Unpaid Garbage Bill; July 1 - September 30

Type of Order/Fee: Trash Hauling

Billing Time Period: Quarter 3 (July - September) 2021

Invoice Date(s): July 1 - September 30

Garbage Hauler: Waste Management

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given): Property owner received a declined card notice in April 2021 from Waste Management. They stated that they updated the account information online prior to the July 2021. However, the Waste Management billing system reverted to the old account information to pay the Quarter 3 2021 invoice and the payment was declined. The property owner then called Waste Management and made a payment for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 on October 6 and October 7, 2021. Therefore they would like to remove the assessment.

Staff Comments: According to Waste Management Records, the payment that the property owner made on 4/25/2021 was declined because card on file was expired. Another payment was made on 5/20/2021 for \$94.84 from payment source. However, since this was a one time payment, the billing information for auto pay was not updated. Therefore the payment made on 7/26/2021 of \$94.84 was declined because the card on file was expired. The property owner did make two payments in October. The first was on 10/7/2021 for \$94.84 and the second was made through auto pay on 10/25/2021 for \$94.84 with updated billing information. While it appears as though the first payment made on 10/7/2021 was supposed to be applied to the Quarter 3 2021 invoice, it was applied to the Quarter 4 2021 invoice since the Quarter 3 2021 invoice had been sent to the city to be assessed on 10/5/2021. Therefore the second payment was added as a credit to the account. As the property owner had reason to believe that the updated billing information for the one-time payment would be applied to their account's auto pay, staff recommends removing the late fees and reducing the assessment to \$94.84.

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 2021. (File No. CG2104A2, Assessment No. 210116) 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 \$104.32 to \$94.84.