



Legislation Text

File #: RLH TA 22-119, **Version:** 2

Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 574 WHEELLOCK PARKWAY EAST. (File No. CG2201A1, Assessment No. 220100)

Date of LH: 4/7/2022; 4/21 @ 10 am

Time of LH: 2:00 PM

Date of CPH: 5/25/2022

Postcard Returned by: Milton Rolando Palacios

Cost: \$232.76

Hauling Service(s) Provided: Unpaid Garbage Bill; October 1 - December 31

Type of Order/Fee: Trash Hauling

Billing Time Period: Quarter 4 (October - December) 2021

Invoice Date(s): October 1 - December 31

Garbage Hauler: Waste Management

Returned Mail/Notice Concerns?:

Stated Reason for Appeal (if given) : Property owner wants to know why they owe for Quarter 4 2021.

They stated that they sent the money order for \$242.00 around November 4, 2021. They are unsure whether it was sent to the hauler or to the city. When they spoke to the customer service representative at Waste Management, they stated that they had not received this payment. Therefore, they believe that they may have sent it to the city.

Staff Comments: Both city and hauler records shows that there were no payments made for the Quarter 4 invoice and assessment. There was a money gram that was purchased by the property owner in the amount of \$242.38 on 11/8/2021. After calling the Money Gram customer service line, staff confirmed that the money gram was never cashed. However, it appears as though the property owner was incorrectly assessed during this time period. The current property owner purchased the property on 4/1/2021 and on 5/9/2021 called the hauler to set up a new account. The CSR did this but did not cancel the account for the previous property owner. Therefore both accounts were billed for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 2021. Since the Quarter 4 2021 assessment includes the invoices for both accounts, staff recommends reducing the assessment to \$116.38. This would be for original invoiced amount of \$101.20 as well as three late fees.

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 2021. (File No. CG2201A1, Assessment No. 220100) 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 \$232.76 to 101.20.