

## City of Saint Paul

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## **Legislation Text**

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Deleting the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. VB1108, Assessment No. 118050 at 559 MCKNIGHT ROAD SOUTH.

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Delete the vacant building registration fee. Proceed with orders on the exterior code violations noted in the vacant building registration record.

Cost: \$1100.00

Service Charge: \$135.00

Total Assessment: \$1,235.00

Gold Card Returned by: Leonard Anderson

Type of Order/Fee: VB Fee

Nuisance: Unpaid VB Fee

Date of Orders:

Compliance Date:

Re-Check Date:

Date Work Done:

Work Order #:

Returned Mail?:

Comments: VB File opened on 12/13/10 (cat 2)

History of Orders on Property:

Assigned To: Smith, Ed 651-266-1917 12/13/2010: \*Recheck - Two story split-level single family home, vacant and secured by normal means. Per Xcel, no gas and electricla usage in over a year. Per SPRWS, minimal water usage over the past three months (1 unit). Neighbors have informed me that the P.O. has not lived at the property for years. Neighbor also said that living near this property and dealing with the owner has caused physical/mental health problems due to the tense/unfriendly living conditions. Interior of the house is very cluttered, has a collapsed ceiling on the west side of the main floor and the refrigerator is open. Exterior of the building has unpainted wood surfaces, missing/deteriorated soffits and fascia, rotting/deteriorated/water damaged wood on the decks. Upon arrival, there were no tire tracks or foot prints in the snow, other than the ones made by myself and animals (droppings were present near many of their tracks), and the snow is

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approximately two feet deep throughout the property. Having spent the last two years working in Vacant Buildings, I have developed a good working knowledge of what to look for in determining whether a property meets the criteria of being a Vacant Building, and this property more than meets that criteria (no gas/electric usage, property being unkempt/lack of maintenance, neighborhood verification of lack of occupancy, no visible tracks in at least two feet of snow surrounding the property other than those left by animals or myself.

## Amended 6/1/11

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 Vacant Building fees in February 2011 [File No. VB1108, Assessment 118050] 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 for 559 McKnight Road and recommends that the City Council delete 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 deleted.