

City of Saint Paul

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Minutes - Final

Legislative Hearings

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Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

12 SR 25-57

Review Request of Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for property at 967 SAINT ANTHONY AVENUE adopted by Council on February 19, 2025 under File RLH AR 24-114. (File No. J2506T, Assessment No. 258511)

Sponsors: Bowie

Reduce assessment from \$624 to \$324.

Craig Cooper, owner, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: Summary Abatement Order was issued July 1, 2024 for tall grass and weeds. Compliance date of July 9 and it wasn't done. Work order was sent and work was done July 18, 2024 for a total assessment of \$324. There is a history at the property. No returned mail.

Moermond: you had adjusted because the assessment letter and bill would have been for the \$624 amount?

Martin: yes.

Moermond: so, a reduction out of the gate. Why are you appealing?

Cooper: it's a double bill. For the same thing, same time period. That's what I was questioning.

Moermond: there are two different assessments. That was for tall grass and weeds. The other one I have is for overhanging vegetation. A different crew on a different day.

Martin: July 2, 2024 another Summary Abatement Order was to cut and remove overhanging vegetation to a height of 7' and alley up to 14'. Compliance of July 9. No returned mail. Total assessment of \$424. Original assessment was \$624. We did reduce this one as well.

Moermond: Your question was about being double billed, and it looks like two different things going on.

Cooper: we did a lot of cleanup over the fall, I don't know what they would have cut back.

Moermond: we'll recommend deletion of the overhanging vegetation one, I am not impressed with the work the crew did. It was minimal at best.

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