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From: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 11:31 AM
To: 'Henry Tran'
Subject: RE: Contestation of Garbage Cleanup Assessment - File # J2508R, Assessment # 258513 - 489 Van Buren Ave
Attachments: 489 Van Buren Ave.SAO 8-22-24.pdf; 489 Van Buren Ave Photo upon recheck 9.pdf; 489 Van Buren Ave.Contractor Photos 9-6-24.pdf; 9-6-2024 Garbage Invoice.pdf

Hello Mr. Tran,
See attached documents related to the appeal. Due to the volume of cases for Jan 7, I was wondering if I can change one more time to **January 9 between 9am-noon**.

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From: Henry Tran <tranx177@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 8:59 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings <LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: Contestation of Garbage Cleanup Assessment - File # J2508R, Assessment # 258513

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Hello Mai,

Thank you for your email and for understanding.

I acknowledge the rescheduling of my appearance to **January 7, 2025, from 10 AM to Noon** via teleconference. Here is the phone number you requested for the call:

651-428-5724

Please let me know if you need any further information from me in advance or if there are any changes to this schedule. I appreciate your sending over the packet as it is prepared.

Kind regards,

Henry Tran

On Tue, Dec 17, 2024, 7:42 AM *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings <LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hi Mr. Tran,

Due to the lateness of this email, Agenda had already gone out last Thursday. I will not be able to prepare the information for today's hearing. Therefore, I am rescheduling you to **January 7, 2025 between 10A-Noon via teleconference call**. Please provide a phone number for me to call you into the hearing when your item is up. As packet is prepared, I will send to you.

Thanks,

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From: Henry Tran <tranx177@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2024 4:49 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings <LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Contestation of Garbage Cleanup Assessment - File # J2508R, Assessment # 258513

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Dear St. Paul City Council,

I am writing to formally contest the assessment issued under File # J2508R with Assessment # 258513, concerning the cleanup of illegally dumped garbage on my property located at 489 Van Buren Ave, with Parcel ID # 36-29-23-21-0208.

The garbage/refuse was illegally dumped in the alley adjacent to my property. This waste was subsequently pushed onto my property by a vehicle that was attempting to clear the alley. I did not authorize or participate in this dumping, nor do I bear responsibility for its removal as it was not generated by me or anyone associated with my property.

Here are the key points of my contestation:

- **Illegal Dumping:** The garbage in question was not disposed of by me or any occupant of my property. The act of dumping was unauthorized and took place in the public alley, not on my property initially.
- **Vehicle Impact:** The waste was moved onto my property by external forces (a vehicle), which is beyond my control.
- **Insufficient Notice:** Furthermore, the notice provided by the city for the removal of this illegally dumped garbage was inadequate. I was given only one week to address and remove the waste, which was insufficient time to coordinate cleanup, especially considering I am not the party responsible for the dumping. This short notice period did not allow me to adequately respond or arrange for the cleanup without incurring undue hardship or cost.
- **City Responsibility:** According to various city ordinances, the responsibility for cleaning up illegally dumped waste in public spaces, such as alleys, often falls on the municipality, especially when the waste is pushed onto private property by city or public works vehicles.

Given these circumstances, I request that the assessment for cleanup costs be reconsidered and rescinded. The responsibility for cleanup should not be imposed on property owners who are victims of illegal dumping.

I am prepared to cooperate fully with any further investigation. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to a prompt resolution that acknowledges the true nature of this incident.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,