PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and Assessment
Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance Program and Assessment

To notify property owners of the following two official public hearings before the City Council

	2013	2014
Purpose of the hearing:	To ratify recommended assessment rates for 2013 services. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting.	To consider proposed assessment rates and service levels for the 2014 program. Written and oral statements will be considered by the Council at this meeting.
Hearing time and location:	Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.	Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. W.

Visit our link at www.stpaul.gov/assessments to view assessment information, or call 651-266-8858 with questions.

Tenemos a su disposición servicios de intérpretes gratuitos 651-266-8858, Adeegyada tarjumaada oo lacag la'aan ah ayaad helaysaa 651-266-8858, Yog koj xav tau tus neeg pab txhais lus dawb 651-266-8858.

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Important Public Hearing Notice
on Right-of-Way Maintenance Program and Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance Program

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John Doe
123 Main Street
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Recommended 2013 Right-of-Way Assessment and Above-Standard Lighting Operation and Maintenance (if applicable)—THIS IS NOT A BILL

Property Address: 123 Main Street
Property ID Number: 06-28-22-21-9999

Street Class	Rate		Frontage		Amount
Oiled/Paved Residential Streets	$3.51/foot	X	40 feet	=	$140.40
Oiled/Paved Alleys	$0.80/foot	X	40 feet	=	$32.00
	Total Recommended Assessment				**$172.40**

The recommended 2013 rates and proposed 2014 rates are listed on the reverse side.

The Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment Policy governs how the assessment is calculated based on assessable frontage and established assessment rates. A copy of the policy can be found at www.stpaul.gov/assessments under the ROW Maintenance Assessment tab.

Assessment Rates per Foot and Service Levels

See other side for the recommended assessment for your property

Street Class	Description	2013 Recommended Rates	2014 Proposed Rates	Services Provided
1-A	**Downtown Streets (Paved)**			Flush and sweep twice/week, street overlays, pavement repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	All Properties (except residential condos)	$18.26	$18.81	
	Residential Condominiums	$3.51	$3.62	
1-B	**Downtown Streets (Brick)**			Flush and sweep twice/week, brick repairs, ROW trash can pick up, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow removal, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	All Properties (except residential condos)	$22.10	$22.76	
	Residential Condominiums	$3.51	$3.62	
2	**Outlying Commercial/Arterial Streets**			Flush and sweep 6 to 10 times/year, street overlays, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	Commercial Property	$9.21	$9.49	
	Residential Property	$3.75	$3.86	
3	**Oiled/Paved Residential Streets**			Flush and sweep each spring and fall, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement, snow and ice control, snow emergencies, sidewalk repairs, boulevard tree maintenance, streetlight maintenance, traffic signs and pavement markings
	Commercial Property	$6.79	$6.99	
	Residential Property	$3.51	$3.62	
4	**Oiled/Paved Alleys**			Flush and sweep each spring, seal coat every 8 years, pavement repairs, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	$1.26	$1.30	
	Residential Property	$0.80	$0.82	
5	**Unimproved Street Right-of-Way**			Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, boulevard tree maintenance, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	$3.37	$3.47	
	Residential Property	$1.90	$1.96	
6	**Unimproved Alley Right-of-Way**			Patch, blade and place crushed rock as needed, ordinance enforcement
	Commercial Property	$0.61	$0.63	
	Residential Property	$0.41	$0.42	
7	**Above-Standard Lighting**			Provide electricity for above-standard street light fixtures. Maintain, repair and replace fixtures as needed. Paint light poles on approximately a 7-year cycle.
	Commercial Property	Rates vary by lighting district	Rates vary by lighting district	
	Institutional Property			
	Residential Property			

What services are not provided by the Right-of-Way Program?
(These services are the abutting property owner's responsibility)

- Shoveling of sidewalks
- Plowing of alleys
- Mowing of boulevard grass
- Repair and replacement of outwalks
- Repair and replacement of driveways
- Repair and replacement of hard-surface boulevards
- Replacement of downtown sidewalks

Why are the 2014 proposed rates higher than 2013?

For 2014, the City proposes an average rate increase of 3%. This rate increase will be used to offset the reduction in MSA funding for Right-of-Way maintenance and to assist with the increasing cost of combating Emerald Ash Borer within the City street Right-of-Way.

What is the Above-Standard Lighting charge? Do I have to pay it?

The charge pays for electricity, repair, replacement and painting of decorative street lighting fixtures in above standard street lighting districts located Downtown and in outlying commercial areas. Beginning in 2010, the charge was combined with the Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment in order to reduce billings and administrative costs. Only properties that are currently within existing above standard street lighting districts are billed for this service.

What is the cost to provide Right-of-Way maintenance services?

In 2013 the estimated total cost is $34.1 million. Of this amount, the City expects to collect $27.1 million in assessments. The remainder comes from Municipal State Aid, Trunk Highway Aid, County Aid and miscellaneous receipts.

Can I appeal my Right-of-Way Assessment?

Property owners may appeal to the District Court. A notice stating the grounds for the appeal must be filed with the City Clerk within 20 days of the order adopting the assessment. The same notice also must be filed with the Clerk of District Court within 10 days of filing with the City Clerk. NOTE: Failure to file the notices within the specified time forever prohibits an appeal from the assessment. While the assessment is under appeal, Section 64.06 of the Saint Paul Administrative Code requires that regular payments be made. If the appeal is successful, the payments will be refunded.

Whom can I call for more information?

Right-of-way maintenance services:
Streets and alleys – 651-266-9700 (24-hour service number)
Sidewalks – 651-266-6120
Traffic signs/markings and lighting – 651-266-9777
Boulevard tree trimming – 651-632-5129
Assessments:
Real Estate Section – 651-266-8858

Within 10 days following the October 2nd public hearing you will receive an invoice for the 2013 Right-of-Way Maintenance Assessment for your property. You may pay your assessment by November 15th without interest or wait until it appears on your 2014 property tax statement with interest.