



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the City Attorney's Office**

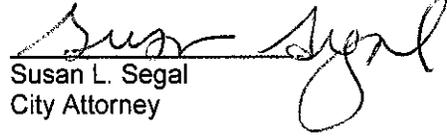
Date: June 10, 2015
To: Council Member John Quincy, Chair of Ways and Means
Referral to:

Subject: *Steven Meldahl v. City of Minneapolis*
Court File No.: 27-cv-14-20251 (Henn. Co. Dist. Ct.)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of a lawsuit by Steven Meldahl by authorizing the proper City officials to take the following actions. 1) Cancel the following special assessments: RFS 13-0971475 in the amount of \$550.00, RFS 13-0971186 in the amount of \$150.00, RFS 12-0939541 in the amount of \$150.00, RFS 12-0906479 in the amount of \$150.00, and RFS 13-0984478 in the amount of \$150.00. 2) Reduce special assessment RFS 13-0959682 by \$300.00, resulting in an assessment of \$250.00. 3) Reduce the \$3,000.00 rental license reinstatement fee required by M.C.O. 244.1945 for the property at 3111 Upton Ave. by \$1,050.00, resulting in a fee of \$1,950.00, and 4) authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

Previous Directives: None

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Financial Impact

Other financial impact (Explain): Cancellation of five assessments, reduction of one assessment, and reduction of one rental license reinstatement fee.

Community Impact

Other

Supporting Information

Appellant Steven Meldahl challenged 32 inspections-related special assessments levied against his properties by the City of Minneapolis in 2014. The parties negotiated a settlement in which five of the challenged assessments will be cancelled by the City and one assessment will be reduced. As part of the negotiated settlement, if Appellant applies for reinstatement of the rental license for 3111 Upton Ave No., the \$3,000.00 rental license reinstatement fee required by M.C.O. 244.1945 will be reduced from \$3,000.00 to \$1,950.00. Appellant will still be required to go through the rental license reinstatement process required by the Code and applicable regulations. The City Attorneys' Office and the Department of Regulatory Services believe that the settlement is in the best interest of the City and recommend its approval.