

**From:** [Sam Thomas](#)  
**To:** [\\*CI-StPaul Contact-Council](#)  
**Subject:** Objection to Mill Overlay Assessment - 7.26 Council Meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, July 23, 2023 2:55:34 PM  
**Attachments:** [Objection to Assessment - 525 Mt Curve.docx](#)

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Hello,

Please see the attached document highlighting my objections to the Mill Overlay assessment.

Regards,  
Sam Thomas

July 23rd, 2023

Mayor Melvin Carter  
390 City Hall and Court House  
15 West Kellogg Blvd  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

St. Paul City Council  
Ms. Shari Moore, City Clerk  
310 City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd  
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Re: Objection to 2023 Residential Mill and Overlay, Cretin Bayard Phase 1 and 2

From: Sam Thomas  
525 Mount Curve Boulevard, 55116 - [sam.thomas1930@gmail.com](mailto:sam.thomas1930@gmail.com)

I am the property owner at 525 Mt Curve Boulevard.

This is to object to the above assessment on the following grounds:

1. Milling and Overlay are street maintenance and thereby general government functions to be funded out of general tax revenues.
2. The Milling and Overlay assessment is in conflict with the 2016 Minnesota Supreme Court decision in the case of First Baptist Church of St. Paul, et al., vs City of St. Paul
3. The Mill and Overlay work does not add additional value to the individual property. This assessment is therefore in conflict with the City Charter. See Judge Awsumb's ruling in City Court 2022.
4. Real estate taxes in St. Paul are high and in the Highland neighborhood continue to rise disproportionately to the services residents receive. Mill and Overlay is part of street maintenance and should be covered by property taxes.

Respectfully,

Sam Thomas, 7/23/2023