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DRB No. 24, LLC v. City of Minneapolis

United States Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit - December 23, 2014 - F.3d - 2014 WL 7268743

Owner of vacant building brought putative class action in Minnesota state court against city, challenging city's special assessments of annual fees under registration program for vacant buildings. The District Court granted summary judgment to city. Owner appealed.

The Court of Appeals held that:

- City's notices of special assessments complied with requirement in city code of disclosing basis of costs;
- City code required notices of special assessment to disclose availability of deferments but not availability of waivers or suspensions; and
- Statutory deadline for appeal to state court applied to common-law claims challenging special assessments.