

File No. 36404

Baltimore, October 8, 1924.

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City.

Dear Sir:

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst., in reference to certain liens against the property No. 3522 E. Fairmount Avenue, now owned by Mr. Michael J. Gaa.

After carefully considering the matter I find I am unable to recommend that the City proceed against Mr. and Mrs. Talley and Mr. Gemmill, predecessors in title to Mr. Gaa, as suggested by you.

The facts as I understand them, are that you were unable to secure a certificate of liens for the property in question when purchased by Mr. Gaa, because it was located in the New Annex. You failed to state whether inquiry was made of each department which might have a lien against the property, but in any event, three liens seem to have escaped attention. The result is that unless this money can be collected from Mr. Gaa's predecessors in title, it must be lost by either Mr. Gaa or the City.

While the City might obtain a judgment against Mr. and Mrs. Talley and Mr. Gemmill, as suggested by you, the same course is open to your client, and as between him and the City, the situation having arisen through no fault of the City, I am sure you will agree this action must be taken by Mr. Gaa.

In view of the circumstances, I cannot see how the City would be justified in waiving its liens on the property.

Regretting I am unable to comply with your wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Philip B. Perlman
(By Paul F. Due)

City Solicitor.