

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Maryann Lerner <maryannwildflower@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 30, 2022 9:53 AM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: 2118 Hendon Ave - videos

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Hi Mai,

This is my letter contesting the fine on our property. Please confirm that you have received this email and you will forward it to the appropriate people.

Thank you,
Maryann Lerner

Hello,

I was very caught off guard when I opened our mail in late February and saw that the City of St. Paul had sent us letter (s) about our shoveling. I ask you to wave the fee and I would like to share my side:

My husband has lived at our home for 22 years and we have never had a complaint about shoveling. We have a large corner lot and my husband and I take shoveling very seriously when we get a snow fall.

My husband was out of the country for over a month during the time the letters from the City arrived and I was not opening the mail that was addressed to him. Had I seen these letters I would have immediately contacted you. I can tell you that I shoveled when my husband was out of town, but I was up North for the weekends and if it snowed I would come home and shovel immediately. The ends of the sidewalks after the plow comes through are heavy and difficult to remove. I do and did try my best to keep it widened.

I run five times a week and I walked my dog three times a day (he passed 2/10/22). Winter always brings challenges to runners and this past winter was no exception. I was running in the street for a number of weeks, due to **sidewalks throughout my neighborhood being covered with a thick layer of ice.**

We have a retaining wall that stops the sun from hitting one side of our sidewalk. Therefore we do not have the benefit of the sun assisting in the melting of snow/ice. Once we get ice, we have difficulty keeping it at bay. I have used rock, sand and the de-icer (pet friendly) in the past.

I do not see my car in the video when the City was there. Had I been home I would have listened to them and appreciated the possibility that they could have given me tips and advice as to how to do better before they did what they did.

Please consider my side of this and know that we have always been mindful of snow removal and this situation has only enhanced the expectation. As this is our first offense, we hope you issue a warning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Maryann Lerner

On Fri, Apr 29, 2022 at 3:19 PM Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <Mai.Vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

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Ms. Lerner,

See attached.

Mai Vang