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**Title:** Consideration of a potential stay of enforcement of demolition for Colleen Pollock,  
for property at 1058 JESSIE STREET.

**Notes:** Doreen Pollock  
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**Agenda Date:** 04/23/2024

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**Sponsors:** Kim

**Enactment Date:**

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Jessie St.Pollock R-R Ltr.4-26-24

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**Action Text:** Received and Filed

**Notes:** Request for stay of demolition withdrawn and therefore LHO recommends denial.

*Doreen Pollock, sister of owner, appeared  
Scott Sax, partner of Doreen Pollock, appeared*

*[Moermond gives background of appeals process & history of the orders on the building]*

*Staff report by Supervisor Joe Yannarely: the building is a two story, wood frame, duplex. The property has been vacant since December 2, 2020 due to a fire. The current property owner is Colleen L. Pollock, per Amanda and Ramsey County Property records.*

On August 9, 2023, an inspection of the building was conducted, a list of deficiencies which constitute a nuisance condition was developed and photographs were taken. An Order to Abate a Nuisance Building was posted on August 15, 2023, with a compliance date of September 14, 2023. As of this date, the property remains in a condition which comprises a nuisance as defined by the legislative code. Taxation has placed an estimated market value of \$20,000 on the land and \$60,000 on the building. Real estate taxes are current. The vacant building registration fees were paid by assessment on January 3, 2023. As of October 23, 2023, a Code Compliance Inspection has not been done. As of October 23, 2023, the \$5,000 performance deposit has not been posted. There have been two Summary Abatement notices since 2020 and one work order for boarding/securing. Code Enforcement Officers estimate the cost to repair this structure exceeds \$100,000. The estimated cost to demolish is \$18,500.

Moermond: we do have a Performance Deposit posted December 6th. It was paid by the attorney. And you paid the attorney?

Pollock: I did give her the money.

Moermond: I just bring it up because we have an email from him saying she did pay him that money. He posted it, she didn't. One of the bureaucratic things is do we carry forward the existing Performance Deposit because he posted by him in her name, is it you now, or do we just say officially we're moving it forward.

Sax: we were going to do the work. We did have a contractor look at it Sunday, he came up with \$180,000 as it sat. That's beyond our reach now. We decided that financially, physically, mentally, we weren't going to do it, but we felt we should come and let you know the reasons why. Let Colleen deal with it, we just can't do it. We aren't going to take \$200,000 out of our savings to do this.

Pollock: we thought we would be doing the rehab until this weekend.

Moermond: what you're talking about is often what I try to get people to look at. It isn't just money. It's the impact on the big picture of your life. Recognizing it is so important, especially now and not six weeks from now. That \$5,000 Performance Deposit you can get back. The thing is it is in your sister's name. She's the one who will have to ask for it back again. Mr. Yannarely?

Yannarely: it should be a matter of just requesting it back from Robert Humphrey.

Moermond: a couple of sentences in writing from Colleen to him should be enough. Because the City didn't give the grant of time there was no opportunity to perform. I'm glad you've come to a conclusion about it.

Pollock: it was a difficult one.

Moermond: I hope that Colleen lands ok in this whole thing. Because the Council officially asked me to review this, I need to send it back to them again and say you've chosen not to pursue this and my recommendation is to not issue a stay. That's the point at which Mr. Yannarely can reach out to the contractor for demo.

Yannarely: we're still waiting on the environmental review.

Moermond: let's put it in front of Council two weeks from tomorrow.

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### **Text of Legislative File SR 24-47**

Consideration of a potential stay of enforcement of demolition for Colleen Pollock, for property at 1058 JESSIE STREET.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2024, the Saint Paul City Council adopted Council File RLH RR 26-56, which ordered the removal of 1058 Jessie Street within 15 days; and

WHEREAS, following the Council decision on the matter a request was made by Doreen Pollock

and Scott Sax (sister and brother-in-law), to review this case again and consider granting a stay of enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2024, under File RLH RR 24-19, the City Council referred the matter back to the Legislative Hearing Officer for reviewing on April 23, 2024 in order to develop a recommendation on whether the Council should grant its stay of enforcement of RLH RR 23-56;

WHEREAS, the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation to the City Council is forthcoming, pending this review to grant a stay in order for Doreen Pollock and Scott Sax by reviewing materials submitted demonstrating the capacity and financing for completing the rehabilitation for rehabilitation of the property, as well as a legal agreement demonstrating Ms. Colleen Pollock has granted decision-making authority to Ms. Doreen Pollock and Mr. Scott Sax; Now, Therefore, Be It,

RESOLVED, that the Legislative Hearing Officer hereby recommends the Council stays/denies the stay of enforcement of RLH RR 23-56, and will refer the matter back to the City Council under cover of separate resolution.