

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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May 26, 2023

Olga Trimmer OLY IDA Cosmopolitan, LLC AEW Capital Management 2 Seaport Lane, Boston, MA 02210

VIA EMAIL: <u>olga.trimmer@aew.com</u>

Re: Rent Control Appeal of Geruth Buetow for property at 250 6th St, Unit 608

Dear Olga Trimmer:

The Legislative Hearing Office received an appeal from Geruth Buetow of the proposed rent increase for Unit 608 on May 8, 2023. Geruth Buetow is appealing the City's Determination to allow for an exception to the 3% rent increase cap in rent control ordinance. The City's April 7, 2023, Determination allowed OLY IDA Cosmopolitan, LLC to increase rent in the amount they requested, which was a range between 3% and 8%. As our office understands Geruth Buetow's appeal, is arguing that an exception to the City's rent control policy should not have been made. She bases this assertion on the more than 3% increase and having already added monthly fees.

Please note, the increase in rent is stayed during the appeal process.

The City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (SPLC 193A) allows 45 days for an appeal of a City Determination on an application for an exception to the 3% rent increase cap.

A Legislative Hearing is scheduled for June 22, 2023 at 10 a.m. in Room 330 of Saint Paul City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102.

To fully review the appeal, the City is requiring that the property manager provides the following information by close of business day Monday, June 5th, 2023:

- Maintenance of Net Operating Income Worksheet
- Landlord Worksheet for Increases in Tenants

• Landlord Worksheet for Unit by **Unit Percent Increase**

Completing the MNOI form is required for submission of exemption requests. However, for rent increases between 3% and 8%, the city does not require the form to be submitted with your application, but rather retained for your records. If you have additional information, you believe would support your application for an exemption to the rent control cap of 3%, you may also submit it for consideration. All materials should be sent to me and will be attached to the appeal record.

The Legislative Hearing Officer will review the appeal(s) and develop a recommendation for City Council consideration. The City Council Public Hearing for this appeal will be scheduled at the time a recommendation is made.

If you have any questions, please contact the me at 651-266-8568 or email rentappeals@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Sincerely, /s/

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