



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

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**We need the following to process your appeal:**

\$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number \_\_\_\_\_)

Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include

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Appeal taken by:

**HEARING DATE & TIME**

(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Location of Hearing:

Telephone: you will be called between 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: \_\_\_\_\_

(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 540 Rice St. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55103

Appellant/Applicant: Franklin Zou LLC Email: Jimmyzou77@yahoo.com

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: 651-890-7196

Signature: [Signature] Date: 01/05/2023

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Franklin Zou LLC

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 1439 Wellesley Ave  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

### What is being appealed and why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- Vacate Order/Condemnation/Revocation of Fire C of O \_\_\_\_\_
- Summary/Vehicle Abatement \_\_\_\_\_
- Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction \_\_\_\_\_
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice \_\_\_\_\_
- Vacant Building Registration \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_



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375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
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Telephone: 651-266-8989  
Facsimile: 651-266-1919  
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January 02, 2024

Franklin Zou Llc  
1439 Wellesley Ave  
St Paul MN 55105-2420

Customer #: 1568428

Bill #: 1805395

## VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE

Dear Sir or Madam:

As the owner or responsible person for the property located at  
**540 RICE ST**

you are required by law to register this building with the Department of Safety and Inspections on the form provided with this letter and to pay the annual Vacant Building registration fee of **\$2,459.00**. The purpose of this fee is to provide partial reimbursement to the City for administrative costs. This fee is due annually as required in Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.

The renewal due date for this building is **February 01, 2024**. The annual registration fee and the enclosed registration form for this building is due on the renewal date. If you pay by mail, please fill in the enclosed registration form and return it with your payment.

**If the registration fee is not received in this office within 45 days of the date of this letter, the full amount owed will be assessed to, and collected with, the taxes for this property as permitted by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.**

You may pay this registration fee online by going to **online.stpaul.gov** and selecting the 'Make a Payment' option. You will need your customer number and bill number to process a payment - both can found on this letter.

If you wish to pay in person, you may do so from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday at:

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS  
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806  
**Do Not Mail Cash**

You may file an appeal to this fee (unless the fee has been previously appealed) or registration requirements by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8688. Any appeal must be made within ten (10) days of the date of this notice.

The Code Enforcement Officer has notified the Building Inspection and Design Section that this property meets the legal definition of a registered vacant building and in accordance with Legislative Code Chapter 33, no permits (except demolition, wrecking and removal permits) will be issued until the requirements of all applicable ordinances are fulfilled.

All category 2 and category 3 vacant buildings must be winterized with gas and water services shut off or, alternately, an excess flow gas valve must be installed in the dwelling, within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice.

**WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL IS REQUIRED BEFORE A CATEGORY 2 OR CATEGORY 3 VACANT BUILDING CAN BE OCCUPIED OR SOLD.**

**Category 2:** Requirements include: 1. register/re- register the building, 2. pay outstanding fee(s), 3. obtain a code compliance report, 4. submit for approval a rehab cost estimate from a licensed contractor and a schedule for completion of all code compliance work, 5. submit proof of financial responsibility acceptable to the City, and 6. obtain Zoning approval of the proposed use.

**Category 3:** All requirements listed for Category 2 vacant buildings, AND obtain a **Certificate of Occupancy OR Certificate of Code Compliance** prior to the sale of the building.

If the use of this building meets the definition of a nonconforming use by the Zoning Code, then the use will lose its nonconforming status 365 days from the date the building was declared vacant.

**You must contact the Enforcement officer , James Hoffman, at 651- 266- 1947 to find out what must be done before this building can be legally reoccupied.**

The Enforcement Officer may declare this building to constitute a Nuisance Building subject to demolition and issue an Order to Abate under authority of Legislative Code Chapter 45. In the event this building is declared a Nuisance Building, subject to demolition, the Enforcement Office will notify all owners and interested parties of the Order to Abate as provided in the Legislative Code Chapter 45.

**If you have questions about this annual registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the District Inspector, James Hoffman, at 651- 266- 1947.**

This registration form and fee is required by law. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Steve Magner  
Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information  
Vacant Building Registration Form

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