

RLH VBR 20-76



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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CITY CLERK

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
 - Attachments you may wish to include
 - This appeal form completed
 - Walk-In OR Mail-In
- for abatement orders only: Email OR Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Time 2:30 p.m.

Location of Hearing:

~~Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse~~

Teleconference

Call between 2:30 p.m. + 4:00 p.m.

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 842 Rice Street City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55117

Appellant/Applicant: D.I.V.I.N.E. Institute Email: arettarie@divineinstitute.org

Phone Numbers: Business 651-447-5120 Residence n/a Cell 651-336-3156

Signature: Aretta-Rie Johnson Digitally signed by Aretta-Rie Johnson Date: 2020.11.18 00:31:22 -06'00' Date: 11/18/2020

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 838 Stellar Place

Phone Numbers: Business 651-447-5120 Residence n/a Cell 651-336-3156

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.)

Comments:

D.I.V.I.N.E. Institute, Inc. did a purchase agreement for the referenced property December 2019 with a March 2020 date to purchase. COVID-19 interfered and subsequently our Asian investors pulled out. We were able to extend the purchase agreement while we pulled money together for the purchase. We purchased in June 2020 and have been assiduously and aggressively looking for funding sources to commence construction. Adding this unforeseen cost will be a colossal onus on our fledgling organization.



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November 25, 2020

D.I.V.I.N.E. Institute
838 Stellar Place
St Paul MN 55117-5446

Customer #: 1632355

Bill #: 1531113

**VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION FEE
WARNING LETTER**

The Saint Paul City Council has adopted legislation which requires owners of vacant buildings to pay an annual fee and submit a registration plan on the form(s) enclosed with this letter. The annual fee is **\$2,127.00**. The purpose of this fee is to partially reimburse the City for administrative costs for registering and processing the Vacant Building Owner Registration forms and for the cost of monitoring these properties for compliance with Saint Paul Legislative Codes.

The fee for the vacant building located at 842 RICE ST is now past due. You have fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter to pay this bill before this fee is sent to assessment, to be collected with your property taxes.

DO NOT MAIL CASH

Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43, requires this fee be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the building becomes vacant, and if not paid, the owner shall be subject to collections and prosecution as prescribed in the Legislative Code. Also, if at any time the registration fee is unpaid and owing, building permits will be denied for this building.

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.

The owner(s) still will be subject to a criminal Summons and Complaint for failure to pay this vacant building registration fee. This citation will necessitate a court appearance in Ramsey County District Court and the owner(s) will be subject to penalties provided for by law. The enclosed registration form must accompany the fee payment.

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 be 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
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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.

If you have questions about this registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the Enforcement Officer, Rick Gavin, at 651-266-1910.

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

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

Steve Magner
Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information
Vacant Building Registration Form

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