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APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585

We need the following to process your appeal: SA

- \$25 filing fee 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, <u>8-13-13</u> Time <u>11:00 a.m.</u> Location of Hearing: Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse
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Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1163 Lane Place City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55108

Appellant/Applicant: Lorna Zoe Lentz Email lornazoelelantz@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell (612) 432-2884

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 2 Aug 2013

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

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
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other

On August first inspector Hoffman inspected my property and told me I was compliant. Today I recieved an abatement order filed by inspector Gavin saying that I am non-compliant. I wish to address the contradiction between the two.



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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
 DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
 Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806
SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER

August 01, 2013

13 - 213701

- Yog hais tias koj hais tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb zwb.
- Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

Lorna Zoe Lentz
 1163 Lane Pl
 St Paul MN 55106-2806

As owner or person(s) responsible for: 1163 LANE PLACE you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

- Remove improperly stored or accumulated refuse including: garbage, rubbish, discarded furniture, appliances, vehicle parts, scrap wood and metal, recycling materials, household items, building materials or rubble, tires, brush, etc., from yard areas.
- Cut and remove rank plant growth.
- Remove and properly dispose of all animal feces from yard areas.
- Other: Remove hazardous wooden planter boxes from the boulevard.**
- Other: Bushes/trees/plants obstructing public sidewalk and/or alley right of way. Cut all overgrowth back to inside the property line. *Willow tree is obstructing the sidewalk. Cut branches to provide a seven foot height clearance over sidewalk.***

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before **August 12, 2013**, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes. **Charges:** If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be approximately \$260.00 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times
FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CITATION

Issued by: Rick Gavin Badge Number 328 Phone Number 651-266-1910
If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.

Appeals: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, whichever comes first. No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310, City Hall, St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8585. You must submit a copy of this Correction Order with your appeal application.

***WARNING** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within such 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS

Steve Magner, Manager of Code Enforcement



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Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

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8/1/2013

LORNA ZOE LENTZ
1163 LANE PL
ST PAUL MN 55106-2806

NOTICE TO CUT TALL GRASS AND/OR WEEDS

1163 LANE PLACE

File #: 13 - 216654

Insp: 328

IF THE GRASS AND/OR WEEDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CUT, THANK YOU AND PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.

Dear Owner and/or Occupant:

We received a complaint of tall grass and/or weeds for this property address. The Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 45, requires property owners/occupants to keep the grass and/or weeds less than eight (8) inches in height. **This is your official notice to cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from your yard, the boulevard, and from the garage and/or alley areas.**

To ensure compliance with the ordinance, a Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the property after 72 hours from the postmark on this letter. If the grass and/or weeds are more than eight (8) inches, the Enforcement Officer will schedule a City work crew to immediately do the work. The cost of cutting the tall grass and/or weeds is **\$160.00 per hour plus expenses**, with a minimum charge of one (1) hour. Administrative costs are extra. This will be added to the special assessments against the property, to be paid with the Real Estate Taxes.

Your cooperation in cutting the grass and/or weeds will be appreciated by the people in your neighborhood. Let's all work together to make Saint Paul the best it can be! Please call the Code Enforcement area inspector

Rick Gavin

at: **651-266-1910**

if you no longer own or occupy this property, if you are elderly or disabled and need help with cutting the grass, if you have any questions about this notice, or to discuss an extension of time for compliance.

The scheduled inspection date for your property is on or after: August 05, 2013

APPEALS: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk immediately upon receipt of this letter. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310, City Hall, St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this Summary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.

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