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Mr. John Dreelan
Property Owner of 1673 Iglehart
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Hello John,

I read your letter and understand your consternation. Staff have told property owners in the past that the \$50.00 Rental Registration fee covered the cost of the inspections. However, we should have stressed that the fee actually covers the cost of the inspection program which includes keeping the list of some 12,000 one and two unit rental properties accurate and up to date.

We have found that it takes several staff to regularly check the newspaper ads and the internet to identify properties that are newly advertized for rent. They also have to verify annually that all the owner occupied rental properties that are exempt from inspection are still properly owner occupied.

I see that your recent inspection went well and that you are not scheduled for another inspection until 2013, because your property is in such good condition. As you know you will not have to pay anything further until 2013; so I hope this assuages some of your concerns.

Thank you for taking the time to let me know how you feel and I am sorry that it took so long for me to respond to your letter. I will remind staff to tell property owners that the \$50.00 annual fee for the Provisional Fire Certificate of Occupancy is applied to the cost of operating the entire program, and not for individual inspections.

Please let me know, if you have any further concerns or questions.

Bob

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