



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

## Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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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
- Attachments you may wish to include
- This appeal form completed
- Walk-In OR  Mail-In RLH VBR 16-73
- for abatement orders only:  Email OR  Fax

<b>HEARING DATE &amp; TIME</b> (provided by Legislative Hearing Office) Tuesday, <u>Nov 15</u>  Time <u>2:30</u>  Location of Hearing: Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse
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### Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 123 Isabel St W City: St. Paul State: MIN Zip: 55407

Appellant/Applicant: Jason & Jennifer Weimer Email: jasonw@expresspartners.com

Phone Numbers: Business 612-810-6222 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/28/16

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/Correction \_\_\_\_\_
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice \_\_\_\_\_
- Vacant Building Registration \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Regarding the appeal of the 2<sup>nd</sup> vacant building registration fee.

To Whom It May Concern:

Jennifer and I closed on 123 Isabel St W in St. Paul on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2016. As a part of closing we had to have the home inspected by 4-5 various inspectors to establish a list of repairs to be completed as a part of the vacant building status we were taking over.

We put together a plan which was approved by Reid Soley on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Since that time we have been working diligently with our contractors to complete the repairs. The repairs have been coming along very well. The exterior has been completely repainted, bringing out the amazing character of this turn of the century home. We had all the very rare leaded glass work removed from the property, and each piece of glass painstakingly releaded and installed back in the home. The home also has all new windows on the exterior. The exterior has little surface that has gone untouched. On the interior we have been busy updating the entire plumbing system throughout the home, updating electric, kitchen, master bathroom, lower level bathroom, upper level bathroom, plaster repairs and painting throughout. In the process we are doing all we can to maintain and restore the character of the original home, taking care to only alter things that must be for code compliance etc.

This project is a very large undertaking. One that we take very seriously and are quite excited to see it come to completion so that we can finally move in as well as improve this very important property in the community. In the process of the build we have been able to meet many of our neighbors and are quite excited to join the community.

Unfortunately, November 20<sup>th</sup> marks the one year anniversary that the property was originally registered vacant. At the original closing earlier this year, the first \$2,085 fee was charged. However, St. Paul code requires another \$2,085 fee to be charged each following year. It is my understanding amongst other things; this fee is to provide a disincentive to keeping properties vacant for long periods of time as a form of motivation to maintain diligence in repairs.

We have been very diligent, however at 5000 square feet and given the historical considerations, a project like this simply cannot be completed 'the right way' overnight. It does take time. We do anticipate to complete the project in early 2017, however it will not be done by the one year mark from last year, which mind you is only 9 months from our purchase. I understand the city wanting properties to be registered vacant for as short a time as possible. We are on the same page here, but this particular fee is actually counterproductive to this end. It is not an insignificant fee and adds to our burden of investing back into the home.

With this in mind, we would ask the city to waive the renewal fee. We would very much like these funds to go back into the home and the community. If you have any further questions feel free to contact me at 612-810-6222.

Very Best,  
  
Jason Weimer



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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October 21, 2016

Jason & Jennifer Weimer  
11670 3rd St NE  
Blaine MN 55434

## VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION RENEWAL NOTICE

Dear Sir or Madam:

As the owner or responsible person for the property located at  
**123 ISABEL ST W**

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 **\$2,085.00**. 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 **November 20, 2016**. 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.**

### **Do Not Mail Cash**

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

You may file an appeal to this fee or registration requirements 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.

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 , Diane Gavin, at 651- 266- 1904 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, Diane Gavin, at 651- 266- 1904.**

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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Also Sent To:

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