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Good evening,

I will attend a hearing on May 7<sup>th</sup> to ask that our vacant building fee be waived. I wanted to write as well. Before I begin, we just paid the fee for 2022.

The City of St. Paul was aware of the work we were doing and they were helpful. We were given until the end of the year to finish our project. We did finish on time but it was in mid-December. I did make numerous attempts to get the inspectors over for the final inspection so we could get our certificate of occupancy. Evidently, I was calling when people were busy and were out on PTO. We did meet the deadline but understandably, the City couldn't just drop everything and come over and do the inspection. I can elaborate when we teleconference.

I want to say how we greatly improved the look of downtown St. Paul. Please see my pictures (Before and after). I hope the City will recognize the improvement and will have some leniency on this matter.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

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