



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, <u>July 21, 2020</u>
Time <u>11:00 a.m.</u>
Location of Hearing: Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse <u>Teleconference</u>

Will call between 11:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 813 Hawthorne City: ST PAUL State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Patrick M. Hill Email: stpaulecny@CENTURYLINK.NET

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651-722-2027 Cell _____

Signature: Patrick M. Hill Date: 7-9-2020

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.)

Comments:

NO VIOLATION. SURFACE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED 3 TIMES

July 8, 2020 Order 20-045936

It had not been my intention to appeal this order until a phone conversation with Inspector Richard Kedrowski on July 7. He was returning my earlier call of July 2 seeking clarification of the violation code "E unimproved surface" on the order. Since he then defined the violation as the need for a 4 foot setback from the property line and not the surface material itself, I decided to appeal. Before ending our call he indicated that he would not seek enforcement of the order while the appeal proceeded.

In approximately 2007 and 2013 the city had also issued abatement orders for this same area. In both of those cases it was a misunderstanding whether the parking area surface consisted of Grade 5 gravel as permitted by the code. In the last case, the need for some addition weeding was also ordered. I complied with both of those orders. In the last case I even went further than requested by the inspector, adding another 1/3 load of gravel and after weeding applying a coating of Roundup weed killer to the entire area.

Both inspectors approved my remedies but I wish to emphasize that in neither order was a requirement for a 4 foot setback ever cited.

The parking area in question was originally a portion of my back yard. With changes in my family, somewhere during the years 1997-1999, I determined that a couple of extra parking places next to my garage would be beneficial. Before proceeding I called the city inspection department. They told me to submit a simple drawing of the area noting dimensions, location of my garage, and the property line, which I did. The project would involve moving my fence south from the alley, digging up all the grass, and covering the proposed area with a gravel approved by the code. The city gave me approval for the project. I proceeded and an inspector came out and looked it over when I was done. The city stated no requirement for a 4 foot setback nor raised any objection to the finished product and I began parking there and have done so ever since. I sought city approval before I began because I would not have risked going to all that expense and labor only to have the city say afterward it was not permitted.

I have used this parking place for more than 20 years, gone through at least 3 previous inspections by city inspectors and never had this challenged until now. I will need the history of abatement orders and resolutions to present my appeal and have requested them but this may affect the date for my hearing.

Patrick Hill
873 Hawthorne Ave. St. Paul



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

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VEHICLE ABATEMENT ORDER

Patrick M Hill
 873 Hawthorne Ave E
 St Paul MN 55106-2007

- 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 llamamos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

As owner or person(s) responsible for 873 HAWTHORNE AVE E, you are hereby notified THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE SAINT PAUL LEGISLATIVE CODE, CHAPTERS 45, OR 163:

Vehicle	#1	#2	#3
Make	OLDSMOBILE	DODGE	
Color	WHITE	GOLD	
License	359 XBR EXP 10/19	BFE 073 EXP 06/20	
Violation	A, D	D, E	
Vehicle	#4	#5	#6
Make			
Color			
License			
Violation			

VIOLATION CODE: **A** - Lacks current license/tabs **D** - Appears undriveable/inoperative
 B - Open to entry/unsecured **E** - Unimproved surface
 C - Missing vital parts/dismantled **F** - Other violation _____

FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULTS IN TAGGING AND/OR TOWING CHARGES: If the City impounds and disposes of the vehicle(s), the charges assessed to the above property will be approximately \$1,000.00 for each vehicle. This charge does not include impound fees and other related costs for release of vehicle(s).

Vehicles found to be in violation on or after July 02, 2020 will be removed, impounded and disposed of in accordance with law. The cost of this abatement will be charged against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes. Noncompliance with this order and repeat violations will result in the issuance of criminal citation

Issued by: Richard Kedrowski Badge Number: 320 Phone Number: 651-266-9141

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 Vehicle Violation Notice with your appeal application.

*WARNING Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If multiple trips within a year to your property are required to ensure compliance with the law, you may be charged for the cost of inspections and enforcement trips to your property. Such charges are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.