



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102  
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**The City Clerk needs the following to process your appeal:**

- \$25 filing fee payable to the City of Saint Paul (if cash: receipt number \_\_\_\_\_)
- Copy of the City-issued orders or letter which are being appealed
- Attachments you may wish to include
- This appeal form completed
- Walk-In OR  Mail-In

<b>YOUR HEARING Date and Time:</b>
Tuesday, <u>9-20-11</u>
Time <u>1:30</u>
<b>Location of Hearing:</b>
Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse
<i>Mail 9-2-11</i>

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1846 Hewitt Ave City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: TIEN CHAU Email chauthuytien@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business 224-688-9755 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 08/31/2011

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): \_\_\_\_\_

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
- Fire C of O: Only Egress Windows
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other

*please see appeal letter sent on Monday, August 29, 2011 Certified mail # 7011-0470-0001-9928-3027*

From: Tien Chau  
4761 Woolcliff Lane, Palatine, Illinois 60067  
224-688-9755  
[chauthuytien@gmail.com](mailto:chauthuytien@gmail.com)

Monday, August 29, 2011

Re: FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE  
**Ref. # 115306**

To: Legislative Hearing Office  
Office of the City Clerk  
310 City Hall,  
City/County Courthouse  
15 W. Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul, MN 55012  
Phone: 651-266-8688

This letter is to appeal for the decision to the deficiency list of the FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION at 1846 Hewitt Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104

Firstly, I understand and appreciate the fire inspection to help assure safety for the tenants and the community. I wish I am a rich person who can just build a new building for rent. However, I am a single mother who left town to seek opportunity in another state. I currently do not have any job and have to live with a friend.

I keep my house mortgage by renting it to another single woman with challenging situation. She has three kids and one of them is very sick. She lost her job after the Minnesota Government shut down. She did not get her full time job back after the State re-opened. She did not pay rent for July and August. And I barely keep my mortgage on-time.

I did not earn any money through this renting business other than offering someone a home in exchange for my mortgage payment. I even could not afford to hire an attorney to evict the tenant although she has not made any payment. I am not in a position to reconstruct my house.

Now, I look at the deficiency list and I believe this decision will only be complied by the rich people. Poor people like me will be always in a wrong position. Please reconsider:

Here is what we are happy to comply to meet the minimum requirement assuring safety for the tenant.

List #1: We will immediately remove the bed and bedding in the basement.

List # 6: We will be able to comply because we think it is important to assure a good heating system to survive the winter in Minnesota.

List #7: We can comply without difficulty

List #8: We will work out with the tenant to keep the floor dry, but we absolutely have no money to fix the floor.

Here is the list we appreciate reconsideration:

List #2, list #3, list #4, and list #5: we are just replacing all new windows and doors (they are brand new) but we could not afford the screens which we do not believe it affect the live and dead of the tenant.

The situation will always change. We will be able to renew the house at our earliest afford. However, if the state close down the house because we cannot follow the item, the state has pushed two families to the bottom of the society: one does not have a place to live and one will never be able to regain the credit lost because of the foreclosure threat.

We deeply appreciate the reconsideration to offer us an opportunity to get out of our situations and regain our lives.

You're truly,

Property owner

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tien Chau', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tien Chau



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220 Telephone: 651-266-8989  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806 Fax: 651-266-8951

August 10, 2011

TIEN CHAU  
4761 WOODCLIFF LANE  
PALATINE IL 60067-7412

## CORRECTION NOTICE - RE-INSPECTION COMPLAINT

RE: 1846 HEWITT AVE  
Ref. # 115306

Dear Property Representative:

A re-inspection was made on your building on August 10, 2011, in response to a complaint. You are hereby notified that the following deficiencies must be corrected prior to re-inspection date. **A reinspection will be made on August 24, 2011 at 11:00am.**

Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation or the revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional reinspection fees.

### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Basement - MSFC1026.1 - Provide and maintain an approved escape window from each sleeping room. The minimum size must be 5 square feet of glazed area with a minimum of 24 inches of openable height and 20 inches of openable width. With a finished sill height not more than 48 inches. This work may require permit(s). Call DSI at (651)- 266-9090. Refer to the Escape Windows for Residential Occupancies handout for more information. No window in the sleeping area.-Immediately remove all beds and bedding in the basement. Provide an egress window in the basement before basement is used as a sleeping room.
2. Basement - SPLC 34.23, MSFC 110.1 - This occupancy is condemned as unsafe or dangerous. This occupancy must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office.-Immediately remove all beds and bedding in the basement. Provide an egress window in the basement before basement is used as a sleeping room.
3. Throughout - SPLC 34.19 - Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building.-Provide access throughout the building for a full CofO inspection.

4. Throughout - MSFC 605.4 - Discontinue use of all multi-plug adapters.
5. Throughout - MSFC 605.5 - Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring.
6. Throughout - MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved Carbon Monoxide Alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturers instructions.
7. Upper room - MSFC 1011.2 - Remove the materials that cause an exit obstruction. Maintain a clear and unobstructed exitway.-Remove the air conditioner from the required egress window in the upper bed room.

For an explanation or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=211>

If you have any questions, email me at [mike.urmann@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mike.urmann@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8990 between 8:00 a.m - 9:30 a.m.

Please help to make Saint Paul a safer city in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Michael Urmann  
Fire Inspector

Ref. # 115306

**STAMP - Activity Detail**[New Search](#)[Help using this report](#)[E-mail Service Desk](#)**1846 Hewitt Ave**

Click [here](#) to access other applications using this address - GISmo, MapIT, and Ramsey County Info

**Run Date:** 08/31/11 12:04 PM**Folder ID#:** 11 239819**In Date:** 06/16/11**Issued Date:****Status:** Closed**Closed:** 08/24/11**Type:** RF - Referral - Citizen Complaint**Reference#:** 115306**Description:**

10 people living in a 2-bedroom house and now they have decided to set-up a large above ground pool right next to the sidewalk. I am concerned about the safety of the small children in this neighborhood. Is there anything that can be done?

**Condition:**

From CS Complaint Row ID 3279213

**Document:**

[Referral Re-Inspection - Letter 2](#) - Generated: 08/10/2011 - Sent: 08/10/2011

[Referral Re-Inspection - Letter 2](#) - Generated: 07/07/2011 - Sent: 07/07/2011

\* Note: Clicking on above document links may not reflect the exact formatting of the original document.

**People:****Owner:**

Tien Chau  
4761 Woodcliff Ln  
Palatine IL 60067-7412

**Responsible Party:**

Tien Chau  
4761 Woodcliff Lane  
Palatine IL 60067-7412  
651-645-1426

**Property:**

1846 HEWITT AVE, PIN: 282923340006

**Info Value:**

Possible Student Housing?: No  
C of O Renewal Due Date: May 10, 2011  
C of O Status: Pending  
Inspection Date: Aug 24, 2011  
Inspection Time: 11:00am  
Last Inspection Date: Aug 10, 2011  
Contact: Tien Chau H# 847-496-7919 or C# 224-688-9755  
Primary Occupancy Group: R-4  
Total Residential Units: 1  
Primary Occupancy Type Name: Dwelling Units  
DSI CS FolderRSN: 3279213

**Referral Response**

**Assigned To:** Urmann, Michael

**Closed:** 06/22/11

Result:

**06/22/2011:** Under Investigation (RF)

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**Referral Re-Inspection**

**Comment:** 07/07/11 On insp I found no over occupancy only 5 people.

**Closed:** 07/07/11

Result:

**07/07/2011:** Correction Orders

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**Closed:** 08/10/11

Result:

**08/10/2011:** Correction Orders

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**Closed:** 08/24/11

Result:

**08/24/2011:** Transfer to CO

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Throughout: MSFC 605.5 - Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring. First Noted on: 08/10/2011, Notice#: 3, Severity: 2, Status: Deficiency

Throughout: MSFC 605.4 - Discontinue use of all multi-plug adapters. First Noted on: 08/10/2011, Notice#: 3, Severity: 2, Status: Deficiency

Throughout: MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved Carbon Monoxide Alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturers instructions. First Noted on: 08/10/2011, Notice#: 3, Status: Deficiency

Throughout: SPLC 34.19 - Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building. Provide access throughout the building for a full CoFo inspection. First Noted on: 08/10/2011, Notice#: 3, Severity: 2, Status: Deficiency

Upper room: MSFC 1011.2 - Remove the materials that cause an exit obstruction. Maintain a clear and unobstructed exitway. Remove the air conditioner from the required egress window in the upper bed room. First Noted on: 08/10/2011, Notice#: 3, Severity: 4, Status: Deficiency