



# 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>7-23-13</u>
Time <u>11:30 A.M.</u>
Location of Hearing:
<u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u>

## Address Being Appealed:

\*PO cannot attend afternoon hearing so I scheduled in the morning.

Number & Street: 1133 Rice ST City: ST Paul State: MN Zip: 55117.

Appellant/Applicant: Nkia Pao Vang Email firstHmong@yahoo.com

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 661.354-4846

Signature: Nkia Pao Vang Date: 7-11-13

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

Address (if not Appellant's): 498 harriet ave shoreview MN 55126

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 651.354-4846

## 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 attachments

493 Harriet Avenue  
Shoreview, MN 55126

July 11, 2013

Saint Paul City Clerk  
Department of Safety and Inspection  
310 City Hall  
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

RE: Re-Inspection of Fire Certificate of Occupancy of 1133 Rice Street  
Ref. # 19508

To Legislative Hearing Officer:

Per a re-inspection letter dated June 28, 2013 that was sent by Fire Inspector Wayne Spiering, I apparently continue to have one remaining deficiency that must be corrected. I am appealing this deficiency condition because the cited Codes have nothing to do with and do not require the additional condition that Mr. Spiering has decided to tack on.

Specifically, this deficiency apparently relates to SPLC 34.08(5), 34.32(3), which states that:  
"all accessory structures including, but not limited to, detached garages, sheds and fences shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. Provide and maintain exterior unprotected surfaces painted or protected from the elements."

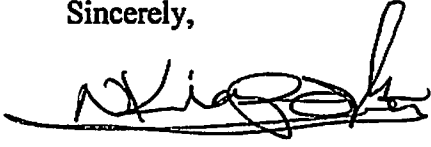
However, an additional condition was added by Mr. Spiering to the above language. This additional condition required removal of my two storage units *simply* for having sat on my property "in excess of 3 months". Frankly, I am confused as to how possessing two storage units for longer than 3 months can violate the above Codes that only address the proper maintenance of the storage units.

Additionally, the storage units were brought onto the property *in response* to the Fire & Safety Inspection conditions that required me to fix over 14 deficiencies in my building (as stated in the January 29, 2013 letter). In bringing my building up to Code, I was forced to move and store my personal property items and merchandise in the storage units. The storage units continue to be a necessary cost for me to maintain since I need the storage space, especially because I now have a tenant who occupies the building.

Now that I have fixed all the deficiencies in the letter dated January 29, 2013, I suddenly have to somehow find a way to remove the storage units as well as all items in the units from the property, which is a very burdensome and costly task for me to do. Again, I've met all previously listed conditions for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy, and do not see how two storage units would substantially interfere with the purpose of the Occupancy

certification. Hence, I respectfully ask that you remove this additional and unnecessary condition. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nkia Pao S. Vang', written over a horizontal line.

Nkia Pao S. Vang



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June 28, 2013

SONG VANG  
2108 MARGARET ST  
ST PAUL MN 55119

RE: RE-INSPECTION FIRE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH DEFICIENCIES  
1133 RICE ST

Ref. # 19508

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was re-inspected for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy on June 28, 2013. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected immediately.

**A re-inspection will be made on or after July 15, 2013.**

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

#### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Exterior - POD Storage - SPLC 34.08(5), 34.32(3) - All accessory structures including, but not limited to, detached garages, sheds and fences shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. Provide and maintain exterior unprotected surfaces painted or protected from the elements. **-Remove the two (2) POD's that have been sitting on the property for in excess of 3 months.**

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>.

You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at [wayne.spiering@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:wayne.spiering@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8993 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Wayne Spiering  
Fire Inspector  
Ref. # 19508