



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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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
- for abatement orders only: ☐ Email OR ☐ Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2018

Time 2:30 p.m.

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 466 Saratoga St. S City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55105

Appellant/Applicant: Janette Hillard Email: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651-699-6001 Cell _____

X Signature: Janette E. Hillard Date: 9-1-18

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:

Janette is 84 years old. She didn't understand the severity of the notices she was receiving. She didn't contact her family about them. The notice sent on 8-27-18 was received on 8-31-18 due to the need to be forwarded because she was no longer living in St. Paul.

Revised 4/10/2017

Appeal for
466 Saratoga Street S.
Saint Paul, MN 55105
Janette Hillard, owner
Prepared by Diane Baluczynski, daughter

Janette has recently developed some cognitive problems which her family is now realizing are more severe than previously thought. She has difficulty with problem solving and does not like to ask for help, probably because that would indicate that she needed a change in her situation. She also has hoarding tendencies which caused her home to be very cluttered. Unfortunately, this has resulted in unhygienic and unsanitary conditions in her home. She was presented a notice to vacate on August 16th due to trash in the home and unsafe conditions for emergency workers. She has been living with me since that date, but our home is not appropriate for her since we only have one bedroom on our main level and she has difficulty with stairs.

At present, we her children, are working at cleaning up the home and removing trash and excess items. A lot of the clutter was paper; magazines, catalogs, old mail. The trash and paper clutter is mostly gone from the home and we have washed most of the dishes, floors and other surfaces in the kitchen and bathroom. We have engaged Quick Turn Property Services, LLC to help with cleaning out the rest of the property. Their crew of 4-5 will be coming on September 8, 2018 to help get the home in observance of code. Any further cleaning needed will be completed by family members after the crew has done its work.

Our hope is that Jan will be able to return to her home, probably temporarily, until we are able to find more appropriate housing such as assisted living or an adult foster care home. We are in contact with House Calls to get help for Jan so that she will be able to live in her home as long as possible, which is her wish.

We ask for the Vacant Building Registration fee to be waived because Janette was not able to understand the severity of the condition of her home and is on a fixed income. Due to a reverse mortgage she has very little, if any, capital in her home and very little savings.

Thank you for considering her appeal.



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August 27, 2018

Janette E Hillard
466 Saratoga St S
St Paul MN 55105-2545

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION NOTICE

The premises at **466 SARATOGA ST S** has been inspected and found to meet the legal definition of a Vacant Building as described in Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43. You are required by law to register this building with the Department of Safety and Inspections, Vacant Building Division, by filling out and returning the registration form provided with this letter. You are also required to pay the annual Vacant Building Registration Fee of **\$2,127.00**. The fee is due upon receipt of this letter and must be paid no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, as required in Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43. If this building is vacant due to a fire, complete the enclosed registration form and return it to this office within 30 days.

Please return the enclosed registration form along with your payment by September 27, 2018 .

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.

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.

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 , Matt Dornfeld, at 651- 266- 1902 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, Matt Dornfeld, at 651- 266- 1902.

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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