

CITY OF SAINT PAUL Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

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January 25, 2012

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSE

David R. Hofgren Nightingale Arboriculture 5299 Raymond Avenue Mounds View, MN 55112

RE:

Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle license held by David R. Hofgren d/b/a Nightingale Arboriculture for the

City of Saint Paul

License ID #20040002988

Dear Mr. Hofgren:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended suspension of the Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle license held by David R. Hofgren d/b/a Nightingale Arboriculture for the City of Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

On December 15, 2011, you were sent a letter and <u>RENEWAL INVOICE</u> from the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) stating that your Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle license expired as of September 12, 2011. You currently owe \$267.00 in delinquent license and late fees.

You were also asked to submit the following: 1) a current certificate of General Liability Insurance; 2) current vehicle information (VIN, plate #, year, make and model) and 3) a completed <u>Certificate of Compliance Minnesota Workers' Compensation Law</u> form. You were given until January 5, 2012, to pay the license and late fees and submit the requested information. As of today's date, neither has been received.

In addition to the suspension of your Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle license, pursuant to Saint Paul Legislative Code §310.05 (m) (2), the licensing office will also recommend a \$500.00 matrix penalty for failure to submit the required information in order to maintain your license.

At this time, you have three options on how to proceed:

1. You can pay the delinquent license and late fees and submit the requested information. If this is your choice, you should send the payment and information directly to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than Monday, February 6, 2012. Information should be directed to the attention of Christine Rozek. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Payment of the delinquent license and late fees and submission of the requested information will be considered to be a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.

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- 2. If you wish to <u>admit</u> the facts but contest the penalty, you may have a public hearing before the Saint Paul City Council, you will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting the facts and requesting a public hearing. I will need to receive your letter by **Monday**, **February 6**, **2012**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to suspend your license and impose the \$500.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
- 3. If you no longer wish to do business in the City of Saint Paul, you will need to send a written statement to that effect to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Monday**, **February 6**, **2012**. Information should be directed to the attention of Christine Rozek.

If you have not contacted me by Monday, February 6, 2012, I will assume that you do not contest the suspension of your license and imposition of the \$500.00 matrix penalty. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact me at 266-8710.

Sincerely,

Meghan Kisch

Assistant City Attorney

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cc: Christine Rozek, Deputy Director of DSI

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the day of January she served the attached the **NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSE** and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

David R. Hofgren Nightingale Arboriculture 5299 Raymond Avenue Mounds View, MN 55112

(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 25 1 day of January 2012

Notary Public

