



# 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>9-27-11</u>
Time <u>1:30</u>
<b>Location of Hearing:</b>
Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 966 Lafayette City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Thao Xiong Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Business 651 214-2157 Residence 651 292-0759 Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: Thao Xiong Date: 9/19/2011

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Thao Xiong

Address (if not Appellant's): 655 Thomas Ave St. Paul, MN 55104

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence 651 292-0759 Cell 651 214-2157

## 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

Basement bedroom are short 1/2 feet  
I unable to repair, because  
ceiling to short.



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September 15, 2011

THAO XIONG  
CHUE YANG  
655 THOMAS AVENUE  
ST PAUL MN 55104-2744

### FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 966 LAFOND AVE  
Residential Class: A

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on September 15, 2011 for the renewal of your Fire Certificate of Occupancy. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected prior to the re-inspection date. **A re-inspection will be made on October 17, 2011 at 11:00am.**

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 shall be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional re-inspection fees.

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING TENANTS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF DEFICIENCIES ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

#### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Basement - SPLC 34.13 (1) - Provide and maintain all habitable areas with a ceiling height of 7 feet over 1/2 the floor area.-Basement rec room and bed room are only 6 feet 5 inches high throughout.

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: (651-266-8688) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.

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 7:30a.m. -9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Michael Urmann  
Fire Inspector

September 19, 2011

To whom it may concern:

My name is Thao Xiong and I am the owner of the 966 Lafond Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104 property. Recently on July 14, 2011 Public Housing came to inspect my home and stated that the basement bedroom ceiling was only 6'5". The minimum ceiling height is 7 feet. I understand that it is a housing quality standard that the ceiling of the basement bedroom has to be 7 feet but unfortunately the basement was built to only be 6'5". The ceiling height did not pass with Public Housing so they suggested to get it approved by the Fire Inspection Department. I've made a inspection with the Saint Paul Fire Inspection Department in August and they came out to inspect my home. The inspection went well and everything passed except for the basement ceiling height. Our inspector, Michael Urmann said that the ceiling height was only 6'5" and that it needed to be 7 feet so included with this letter is the letter written from Michael Urmann stating the deficiency of the basement height. I am aware that the height of the ceiling is not to standard that is why I am writing this letter to appeal the ceiling height of my basement. I am unable to change the height of the basement and the bedroom down there because the ceiling was built to the extent that it can be. There is very little space left between the ceiling of the basement bedroom and the floor to the upstairs. Included with this letter I have taken photos to explain the situation. As you can see they left very little space between the ceiling of the basement and the floor to the upstairs for any pipe and wiring purposes. I can't change the way the basement was built and so this is why I am writing this letter to get a appeal from the City of Saint Paul. I need this appeal so it will be approved by Public Housing and the Fire Inspection Department. Thank you for your time if you have any questions you can reach me at 651-214-2157 or you can reach my daughter, Gao Xiong at 651-214-4679.

Sincerely,

Thao Xiong  
Home Owner