

Mai Vang - 904 St. Paul Application for Appeal - Fire Code Deficiency

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RE: 904 St. Paul Application for Appeal-Fire Code Deficiency

On Wednesday, March 7, 2012 I had a lengthy and helpful phone conversation with Donna Sanders about my pending appeal regarding my property. She advised that I send you both an email explaining the details regarding my appeal.

Background

We have owned the house at 904 St. Paul Avenue since 1994. In 2007 we purchased my parents family farm in Big Stone County (far western Minnesota) and moved our family from St. Paul to Clinton, MN. We now rent 904 St. Paul Avenue dwelling primarily to St. Thomas University and William Mitchell Law School students. Our recent fire inspection yielded a list of things that needed to be addressed. The vast majority involved simple repairs and general housekeeping on the interior of the dwelling. To date 90% of that work has been completed and what remains will be corrected before the March 19 re-inspection.

The two items that I wished to discuss at the appeal were the exteriors of the house and garage. As detailed in the correction notice there is some peeling paint on the portions of the house and garage and some of the soffit and siding on the garage are in need of repair. We agree that the work needs to be done. We are currently getting bids from contractors to potentially replace the siding on both the house and garage. I am appealing for more time to get bids, so that we can make an informed decision on whether to install new siding or alternatively to repair the garage and repaint the house. If the decision is made to repair and repaint I would do the job myself. As I am a farmer, spring planting and calving season will soon be upon us. I would specifically ask for more time to correct these 2 items so that the work could be completed later in the summer of 2012.

I had planned to attend the Appeals Hearing in person. On Tuesday March 6, we received word of a death in our family which required us to spend 2+ days in St. Paul last week. If it is required that I attend the hearing in person, I will make every effort to be there. It would prove to be a hardship, both financially and in time spent away from our farm (190 miles from Saint Paul) at this busy time of year. So I am hoping that this letter explaining my situation might suffice-if a decision regarding my appeal could be made without my personal presence it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help in this matter and thanks to Donna Sanders for the help she gave me last week.

Sincerely,

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