

## Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 3:20 PM  
**To:** 'Maria Mikel'  
**Cc:** charleseugenebethel@gmail.com; cherylanmikel222@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RE: 605 Como Request for Fire Code Provisions

Hello Ms. Mikel,

Ms. Moermond was informed that you, Cheryl or Mr. Bethel had made a request for a layover to Mai Chong Xiong in Ward 1 Office. On May 3<sup>rd</sup> I emailed you all that this will be rescheduled to May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. You responded to me that you were not able to get a hold of Mr. Bethel to attend the hearing and wishes to reschedule. I informed with Ms. Moermond of your request for rescheduling. On May 9, I contacted Mr. Bethel and spoke to him about your request to reschedule. I offered Mr. Bethel the following week (May 16) and he said he will be able to attend. My assumption was that he would relate this information to you and Cheryl.

On May 16 no one was present for hearing, but Ms. Moermond and Mr. Neis reviewed your question for clarification on the type of Group the building was classified under. This code information was sent to you yesterday and that was when I informed you of the no show hearing.

Earlier, I emailed you the resolution to her recommendations. If you agreed, there is no need to attend tonight's public hearing.

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**From:** Maria Mikel [mailto:maria.rose.mikel@gmail.com]  
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**Subject:** Re: 605 Como Request for Fire Code Provisions

Hello Ms. Vang,

I was surprised to receive this email as my last email was unanswered until today. No one informed myself or Cheryl that there was a hearing yesterday. We certainly would have attended. We did not receive notice via email, phone, or mail.

We have contacted an electrician who can do the work for around \$1500 which we can accommodate.

Does Ms. Moermond have her recommendation for the city council? From our last hearing, it's our understanding she said she would be granting an equivalency. We'd like to review this verbiage so we can move forward knowing what will be in our business' permanent record.

Thank you,

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On Tue, May 16, 2017 at 3:37 PM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Please note, no one appeared for the hearing today. The recommendation to the City Council tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. in Room 300 Council Chambers has no change.

**Mai Vang**

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**From:** Maria Mikel [mailto:[maria.rose.mikel@gmail.com](mailto:maria.rose.mikel@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 3:08 PM  
**To:** Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
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**Subject:** Re: 605 Como Request for Fire Code Provisions

Hello Ms. Vang,

Thank you for these statutes from the fire code. Do you have clarification on the type of group we are classified under? Specifically the information about Group E and the over/under for occupancy classifications (I believe we were discussing the 50/100 ranges?).

Thanks again,

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On Tue, May 9, 2017 at 11:31 AM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hi All,

Attached please find the MN State Fire Code Provisions.

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**From:** Maria Mikel [mailto:[maria.rose.mikel@gmail.com](mailto:maria.rose.mikel@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 9:02 AM

**To:** Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

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**Subject:** Re: FW: 605 Como Fire alarm appeal update

Hello Ms. Vang,

We have tried to get in touch with our attorney so he can join us for the hearing but have been unable to do so (he is recovering from a medical procedure at the moment). We have reached out to multiple electricians and haven't been able to get bids on the work or information on how extensive it will be. For these reasons, we need to reschedule the hearing.

We will need at a minimum a week to gather bids and to schedule with our attorney so he can attend (he is Cced on this email).

Thank you,

Maria snider

On Wed, May 3, 2017 at 9:42 AM Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Ms. Moermond is willing to have a legislative hearing on May 9 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 330 City Hall and continue the public hearing to May 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 300 Council Chambers.

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**From:** Maria Mikel [mailto:[maria.rose.mikel@gmail.com](mailto:maria.rose.mikel@gmail.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2017 1:01 PM

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**Subject:** Re: FW: 605 Como Fire alarm appeal update

Hello Ms. Vang,

Thank you for the email.

Mr. AJ Neis verbally discussed/recommended at the previous hearing that we would need to install 1 interconnected smoke detector in the basement and possibly 1 in the infant room (2 total). Mr. Neis did not mention at the hearing but has included in his recommendation interconnecting all of the smoke detectors in the building which is a much more substantial undertaking. The recommendation given is far more extensive than what we discussed as an equivalency at the hearing.

We have reached out to contractors to get bids for the work but are fairly certain this cost will be in the thousands.

We believe our current system meets the requirements for a center of our size, operating on ground level. If possible, can either Ms. Moermond or Mr. Neis supply us with the exact law from the fire code for which we are working to be granted an equivalency. We are still unclear which statute is being referenced.

For these reasons, we are requesting another hearing date to discuss this matter. We appreciate your time and consideration and look forward to finding a solution that meets everyone's needs.

Thank you,

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On Tue, Apr 25, 2017 at 10:08 AM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <[mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us)> wrote:

Hello All,

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer, asked that I forward this email from Supervisor AJ Neis to you. If you disagree with any of the recommended proposals made by Mr. Neis and would like to discuss them in a Legislative Hearing, please let me know and a hearing will be scheduled.

Mai Vang

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**Subject:** 605 Como Fire alarm appeal update

I inspected and tested the smoke alarms at 605 Como today.

There are several hard-wired interconnected smoke alarms throughout the building however it is NOT a full functioning fire alarm as required by code.

If the appeal not to require a full fire alarm system with manual pull stations is granted and hard wired smoke alarms are accepted as an equivalency, I would recommend the following changes be made to the current smoke alarms in order to provide adequate coverage.

Add an additional hard wired interconnected smoke alarm in back area of the infant room by the rear exit.

Add an additional hard wired interconnected smoke alarm in basement mechanical room.

Add an additional hard wired interconnected smoke alarm in the first floor mechanical room.

Interconnect the smoke alarms by the office area and preschool rooms with the other smoke alarms in the building.

The owner requested a copy of my report and inspection today. I advised that this would be given to her through the Legislative Hearing Office.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Thanks,

**A.J. Neis**  
***Fire Safety Inspector III***

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