



**1966 Benson Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota 55116
(651) 690-2401**

APPEAL OF STORAGE HEIGHT VARIANCE

Date of Hearing – February 20, 2013

I. History

Amidon Graphics (“Amidon”) is a family-owned business located at 1966 Benson Avenue in St. Paul. Amidon is engaged in the commercial printing business and its core product offerings include:

- Order Form Envelopes
- Insert Cards
- Free Standing Inserts
- Placemats
- Direct Mailings
- Photo Envelopes

Amidon has been in business for more than 60 years and has been in its current location at 1966 Benson Avenue in St. Paul for 37 years. During this time, Amidon has grown from 10 employees to 84 employees today, with plans for further expansion discussed in greater detail below.

Amidon’s facilities are approximately 71,000 square feet, which includes 45,000 square feet of production space and 19,000 square feet of storage space. The property is fully developed, with no space for additional construction. The property is not connected to City water, but is supplied by a well. As a result, the facilities are un-sprinklered. Based on prior discussions with the City, due to the distance from the nearest water main with sufficient flow and the fact that the soil is bedrock, it not logistically feasible or economical to connect to City water at this time.

Amidon has stored paper in 16 foot stacks for as long as anyone can remember. While Amidon was aware of the 12 foot storage height maximum, it believed a variance had been issued allowing it to stack up to 16 feet. To support this fact, fire inspections have made no reference to this issue since 1999. It was not until the previous inspector retired that this issue resurfaced.

II. Paper Storage

As a commercial printing company, the success of Amidon’s business is directly linked to the price of paper, which is a commodity subject to significant fluctuations in cost. To hedge against fluctuations in the price of paper, Amidon purchases paper in bulk quantities when prices are most favorable. Most orders are in quantities of 5-10 truckloads and it is rare for an order to be smaller than 1 truckload due to higher pricing and additional freight costs. Further complicating this issue is the sheer quantity of different paper types, weights and sizes utilized by Amidon. Amidon currently stocks more than 200 varieties of paper, in varying quantities, with a total inventory of between 1.75 and 2.5 million pounds of paper (currently 1,975,000 pounds). Roll sizes range from 13 to 26.5 inches in width with weight varying between 600 and 2,200 pounds per roll.

Currently, paper is stored in a single warehouse, with rolls stacked 16 feet high (ceiling height in the warehouse is approximately 20 feet). The warehouse has room for approximately 260 stacks of paper. Based on a 17” roll size, the resulting storage capacity of the warehouse is as follows:

Storage Height	# of Rolls/Stack	Total Weight
12 feet	8 rolls	1,872,000
14 feet	9 rolls	2,106,000
16 feet	11 rolls	2,574,000

With a 14 foot maximum, storage space (based on weight) would be reduced by approximately 20%. With a 12 foot maximum, the reduction would be approximately 30%.

Currently, at the northwest corner of its facility and adjacent to the current paper storage warehouse, there is 6,150 square feet of space used for flex-storage and an additional 2,500 square feet of space that was previously used as a day-care. Amidon has immediate plans to acquire additional equipment and convert this space into additional manufacturing space, which would increase production capacity by 10% and result in at least 3-5 new full-time jobs. However, these plans will be in jeopardy if Amidon is forced to reduce storage heights from the current height of 16 feet.

Enforcement of the 12 foot maximum, as well as the 14 foot maximum proposed by the LHO, would immediately and negatively impact Amidon’s ability to compete within its industry. Among other things, it would force Amidon abandon its expansion plans and convert the flex-storage space into additional paper storage, rather than manufacturing space. Effectively, Amidon will have outgrown its facilities and may be forced to explore relocation if further expansion is desired.

III. Inspection and Hearing

Amidon’s most recent fire inspection for renewal of its Certificate of Occupancy occurred on November 29, 2012. The inspection identified 4 issues, including paper storage exceeding the 12 foot maximum. Amidon filed an appeal of this issue and a hearing was held on December 18, 2012, which was laid over until January 15, 2013. At the hearing, the LHO recommended a 2 foot variance, permitting storage up to 14 feet.

The LHO’s recommendation was based, in part, on events surrounding Amidon’s construction of the existing paper warehouse space in 1997. Among other items, the LHO relied on a letter from Paul Amidon dated July 23, 1997, which the LHO interpreted as a request for deferral of enforcement of the 12 foot maximum storage height pending completion of construction in October of that year. The LHO also referenced subsequent inspections in 1998 and 1999 which identified storage height issues.

Amidon maintains that it has stored paper in 16 foot stacks for as long as anyone can remember, including in the current warehouse since the time of its construction in 1997. In fact, the walls and support posts in the warehouse are marked to identify the 16 foot storage height.

Amidon was under the belief that a variance had been granted to allow this practice. The fact that this issue was not identified for 13 years (since 1999) supports Amidon's position.

IV. Request for Variance

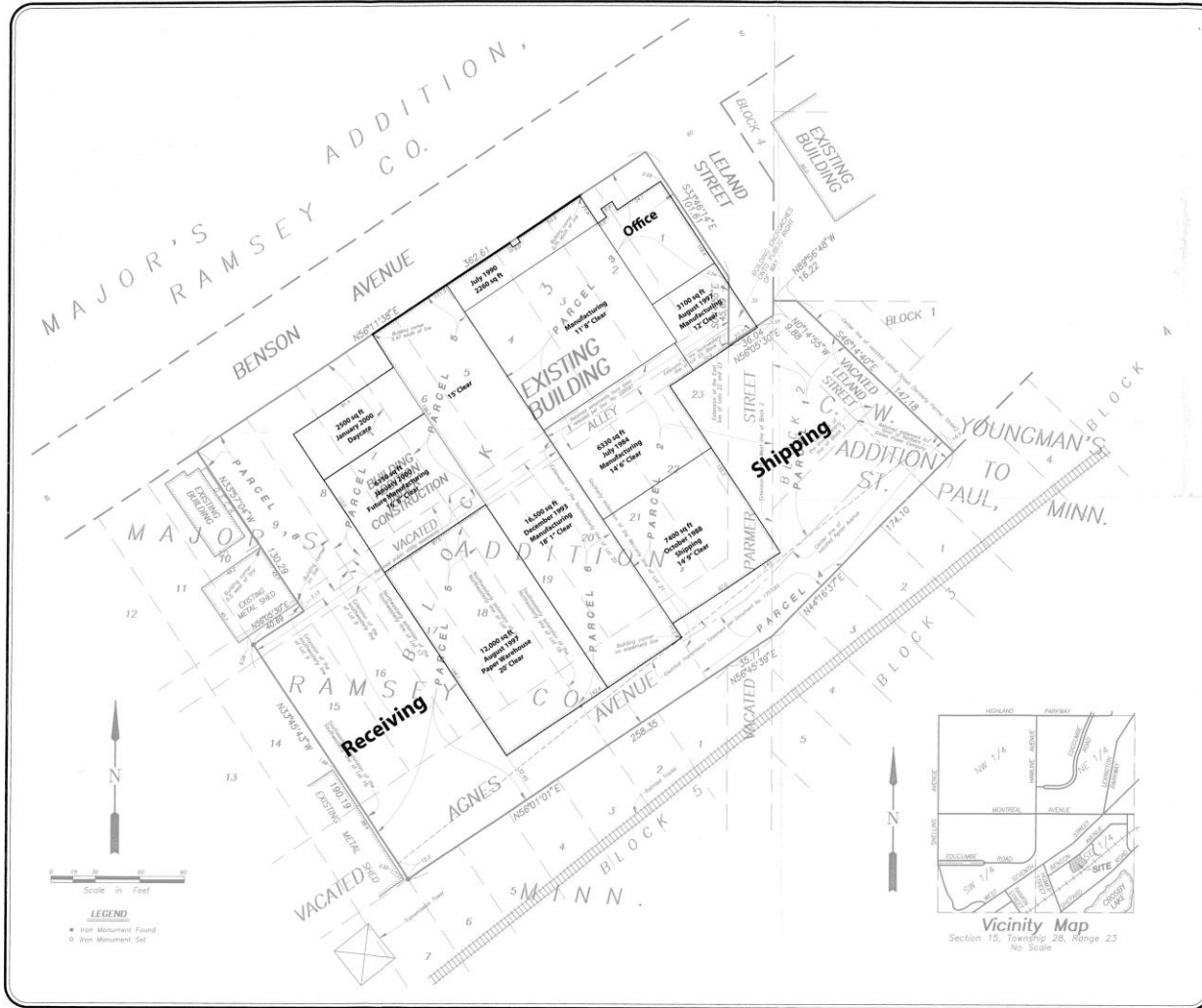
While Amidon acknowledges the City's legitimate safety concerns, it believes the risk of fire is minimal, regardless of storage height. Because of the densely-packed nature of rolled paper, the rolls are not easily ignitable (a fact the inspector admits). While rolled paper can be difficult to extinguish in the event of a fire, Amidon maintains this risk would not be mitigated by limiting storage height below the current level of 16 feet.

Based on the foregoing information, Amidon respectfully requests the City formally grant a 4 foot variance from the 12 foot storage height maximum, thereby allowing stacking of paper rolls up to 16 feet high.

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EXHIBIT A



Boundary and Building Location Survey for: AMIDON GRAPHICS

- NOTES**
- Bearings shown are based on an assumed datum.
 - Area = 129,024 square feet (2.96 acres).
 - Zoning = I-1 (Industrial).
 - Building Setback = 0.
 - This property is located in Flood Zone X (area of minimal flooding) per Flood Zone Panel No. 275248 0019 dated July 2, 1991.
 - Building setback, zoning and flood zone information obtained from the City of St. Paul Planning Department.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

PARCEL 1:
Block 2, "C.W. YOUNGMAN'S THIRD ADDITION TO ST. PAUL, MINN.", that part of adjoining Leiland Street, formerly Farmer Street, vacated, lying Southwesterly of the center line thereof, East and South of the West and North lines, respectively, of said street of the Northwesterly line of Lot 23 and the East line of said Lot 22 and 23. That part of Farmer St., vacated, lying between the extension across said street of the Northwesterly line of Lot 23, Block 3 and the center line of vacated Agnes St., all in Major's Addition, Ramsey Co., Minn.

PARCEL 2:
Lots 21, 22 and 23, Block 3, and that part of the adjoining alley, vacated, and adjoining Agnes St., vacated, lying between the extensions across said alley and that part of the Northwesterly line of Lot 23 and the East line of said Lot 22 and 23. That part of Farmer St., vacated, lying between the extension across said street of the Northwesterly line of Lot 23, Block 3 and the center line of vacated Agnes St., all in Major's Addition, Ramsey Co., Minn.

PARCEL 3:
Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 3, Major's Addition, Ramsey Co., Minn., together with that part of vacated alley occupying said Lots by reason of the vacation thereof, according to the recorded plat thereof, and situate in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

PARCEL 4:
That part of the South 1/2 of vacated Agnes Ave. of vacated Farmer St. and of vacated Leiland Street which occurred by Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Block 3, C.W. Youngman's Third Addition to St. Paul, Minn., and Lots 9, Block 5, Major's Addition, Ramsey Co., Minn., that lies between the Western line of Lot 21, Block 3, Major's Addition, Ramsey Co., Minn., extended Southwesterly and the center line of said vacated Leiland Street, according to the recorded plat thereof, and situate in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

PARCEL 5:
Lots 5, 6, 15, 16, 17 and 18, Block 3, Major's Addition, Ramsey County, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder, in and for Ramsey County, Minnesota.

All of the vacated alley adjacent to Lots 7, 8, 17 and 18 in said block lying between the Northwesterly extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 17 and the Northwesterly extension of the Northwesterly line of Lot 15, and

The southeasterly half of the vacated alley adjacent to Lots 15 and 16 in said block lying between the Northwesterly extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 15 and the Northwesterly extension of the Northwesterly line of Lot 16, and

All of vacated Agnes Avenue lying between the Southwesterly extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 15 and the Southwesterly extension of the Northwesterly line of Lot 18, and

The Northwesterly half of vacated alley adjacent to Lots 5 and 6 in said block lying between the Southwesterly extension of the Northwesterly line of Lot 5 and the Southwesterly extension of the Southwesterly line of Lot 6.

PARCEL 6:
Lots thirteen (13) and twenty (20), Block three (3), and that part of adjoining alley, vacated, and adjoining Agnes St., vacated, lying between the extension across said alley and that part of the Southwesterly line of said Lot 18 and the Northwesterly line of said Lot 23, all in Major's Addition, Ramsey Co., Minn., according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the County Recorder, in and for Ramsey County, Minnesota.

PARCEL 7:
Lots 7 and 8, Block 3, Major's Addition, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

PARCEL 8:
Lot 9 and that part of the northwesterly half of the adjoining alley, vacated, lying between the extension across said alley of the Northwesterly line of said Lot 9 and the Southwesterly line of said Lot 9, Block 3, Major's Addition, Ramsey County, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct representation of a survey of the boundaries of the land above described and of the location of all buildings on said land.

Dated this 18th day of January, 2000.

REHDER & ASSOCIATES, INC.
[Signature]
John A. Froust, Land Surveyor
Minnesota License No. 16525

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EXHIBIT B

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
Fire Inspection Division
Ricardo X. Cervantes, Director



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

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December 6, 2012

PAUL AMIDON
AMIDON GRAPHICS
1966 BENSON AVE
SAINT PAUL MN 55116

FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 1966 BENSON AVE
Ref. #14776

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on November 29, 2012 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 January 3, 2013 at 1:00 pm.**

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. **Exterior -Entry Doors** - MSFC 2703.5 - Provide NFPA 704 hazard identification HM-1. **Blue = 2 Red = 4 Yellow = 0 White = leave blank Size = 6 inch min.**
See handout on DSI website at: www.stpaul.gov/dsi > Fire Certificate of Occupancy > Hazard Identification Placard Information (for HM-1).-
Provide updated hazard placards posted at exterior entry doors to the building.
2. **Near Stevens/ Prep** - M100s Mezzanine - MSFC 1011.2 - Remove the materials that cause an exit obstruction. Maintain a clear and unobstructed exitway. - *Maintain clear aisle through the mezzanine area.*

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3. **Near Stevens/ Prep** - MSFC 1010.5 - Provide and maintain an approved emergency lighting system. - *Repair non-working emergency light.*
4. **Paper Storage and Box Storage Warehouse Areas** - MSFC 2302.1 - Reduce and maintain storage height to 12 feet or less or provide approved high-piled storage protection to code under permit.

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: mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8986 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Imbertson
Fire Inspection

Reference Number 14776

EXHIBIT C



City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Minutes - Final Legislative Hearings

Marcia Moermond, Legislative Hearing Officer
Mai Vang, Hearing Coordinator
Jean Birkholz, Hearing Secretary
Mary Erickson, Hearing Secretary
legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us
651-266-8560

Tuesday, December 18, 2012

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Special Tax Assessments

- 1 RLH TA 13-17 Ratifying the Appealed Special Tax Assessment for Real Estate Project No. CRT1303, Assessment No. 138202 at 1235 ALBEMARLE STREET.

Sponsors: Brendmoen

Reduce the assessment from \$278.00 to \$128.00.

Lonnie Labruca, obo David Flavin, appeared.

Sean Westenhofer:

- Cost is \$128.00, service charge is \$150 for a total of \$278.00, single-family, Fire Certificate of Occupancy*
- Orders done on May 24, 2012*
- Invoice billing is July 12, 2012 and August 13, 2012*
- Order and Billing sent to responsible party/property owner Deise Capital LLC, c/o Al Conrad, 103 Wildwood Beach Rd, Mahtomedi MN 55115*

Ms. Moermond:

- got a couple of inspections here, actually just a regular Fire C of O*

Leanna Shaff:

- they had a water shut off*
- revoked C of O*
- went to Category 2*
- then water was back on, inspection passed*
- long time for inspection so this is the correct C of O fee which is now \$170*
- went to old responsible party*

Ms. Labruca:

- is there a central phone number? My staff has called the City. Property manager, Al Conrad, suddenly stopped one day and it was transferred to me*
- got other 45 properties to deal with and told City to transfer to us but there were some that didn't get to us*

Joel Essling:

- questioned what is the phone of the current property manager*

- since the alley is asphalt, the parking lot needs to be asphalt; they need to secure a permit from the zoning desk
- this property will be out of the Certificate of Occupancy Program
- these items will be referred to a Code Enforcement inspector for further inspections
- the work plan will be due Jan 2, 2013
- City Council Public Hearing Jan 16, 2013

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/16/2013

1:30 p.m. Hearings

Fire Certificates of Occupancy

- 30 RLH FCO Appeal of Matt Connelly to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1966
12-652 BENSON AVENUE.
- Sponsors:** Thune
- Laid over for inspector to provide past file information.
- RE: 1966 Benson Ave (general retail and service -B-Commercial)
- Mike Amidon, owner, and Matt Connelly appeared.
- Fire Inspector A. J. Neis:
- Fire Inspection Correction Notice dated Dec 6, 2012 for an inspection that was conducted Nov 29, 2012 by Inspector Mitchell Imbertson
 - appealed today: #4: reduce and maintain storage height to 12 feet or less or install sprinklers
 - stored here is very large rolled printing paper
 - they are looking for a 4-foot variance to increase their stacking ability to 16 feet
- Mr. Connelly:
- this is a commercial printing company, Amazon Graphics
 - they buy paper when it's on sale and then store it
 - the warehouse is about 20 feet high; if they have to bring storage down to 12 feet, they will only be using about 35% of their warehouse space
 - these paper rolls are very, very densely packed; more densely than the tree from which they came; they are difficult to ignite
 - being able to increase stacking from 12 feet to 16 feet increases their storage capacity by about 25%, which is a big thing for them
 - he remembers that at one time, they were allowed to store their paper at 16 feet; there are red lines painted on the walls indicating the 16 foot limit
 - there is no racking in this warehouse
 - paper is a commodity; it's a competitive market; we purchase it when it's on sale and store it; it's an advantage they would like to keep
- Mr. Amidon:
- they can't sprinker because they have well water; they've checked it out in the past
 - it's all bedrock down there, too
- Mr. Neis:
- will pull the paper files to see if there's a previous variance
 - no photos

Ms. Moermond:
 - looking for height requirements and dimensions of rolls

Mr. Connelly:
 - the paper rolls are about 40 inches in diameter and anywhere between 17 - 25 inches tall
 - 1000 lbs - 1500 lbs per roll
 - very tightly wound

Ms. Moermond:
 - if there is a previous variance, we have no question here at all
 - because the nature of the storage, she's inclined to recommend they get a variance
 - she would like to see some photographs and a little more analysis
 - will lay this over for 1 month to LH Jan 15, 2013

Laid over to the Legislative Hearings due back on 1/15/2013

31 RLH FCO
12-654

Appeal of Philip O'Brien to a Reinspection Fire Certificate of Occupancy With Deficiencies at 669 CASE AVENUE.

Sponsors: Bostrom

Deny the appeal and grant an extension to July 1, 2013 for Items 1-4.

RE: 669 Case Ave (duplex)

Philip O'Brien, GPRE Properties, Responsible Party, appeared.

Fire Inspector A. J. Neis:
 - Fire Certificate of Occupancy Inspection Correction Notice dated Dec 10, 2012 written by Fire Inspector Ben Ellis
 - appealed today are some the exterior code violations
 - still haven't received the fuel burning report on the first unit and the smoke detector affidavit
 - the inspector tried numerous times to gain compliance

Mr. O'Brien:
 - is appealing items 1, 2 and 3 for an extension on the exterior work (painting and concrete work)
 - items 5, 6, 7 will be completed by re-inspection Dec 28, 2012
 - Orsat Test - he has invoice
 - an inducing fan needs to be replaced; will be done by Dec 28
 - #4 - has photos; it's always been used as a parking area; timbers are there to define it clearly (there's a dead alley and a hill)
 - bought house in Feb 2012, a bank foreclosure
 - when finances allow for it, he would like to put a garage there - would like to keep the parking as is until then

Ms. Moermond:
 - will recommend granting an extension to Jul 1, 2013 for items #1, #2, #3 and #4 (asphalt or pavers; must pull a permit and go through site plan review)

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/16/2013

32 RLH FCO
12-651

Appeal of Andrew Songle to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1936 CARROLL AVENUE.

EXHIBIT D



City of Saint Paul

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
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Tuesday, January 15, 2013

9:00 AM

Room 330 City Hall & Court House

9:00 a.m. Hearings

Remove/Repair Orders

- 1 RLH RR 11-96 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 869 FULLER AVENUE within fifteen (15) days after the February 1, 2012 City Council Public Hearing. (Public hearing continued from September 5)

Sponsors: Carter III

Remove or repair the building by December 31, 2013.

RE: 869 Fuller Ave (duplex)

No one appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

- the county is going to be rehabilitating this structure*
- work is estimated to begin in last spring 2013*
- will recommend the City Council grant an extension through Dec 31, 2013 to complete the rehabilitation or removal*

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/6/2013

- 2 RLH RR
12-31 Ordering the rehabilitation or razing and removal of the structures at 702 THIRD STREET EAST within fifteen (15) days. (To be laid over to April 23, 2013 Legislative Hearing and May 1, 2013 City Council public hearing)

Sponsors: Lantry

To be referred back to LH on April 23, 2013 and CC on May 1, 2013.

RE: 702 Third St E (duplex)

Charles D. DeLisi, owner, and Brad Griffith, Edina Realty, appeared.

Mr. DeLisi:

- has spoken with Jim, Twin City Roofing yesterday; he said the roofing is about 90%*

- explanation: His wife had fallen in the house and broke her wrist and he was taking care of her
 - he also discharged the on-site manager who was unqualified (didn't even shovel the sidewalk, etc.); so, he called the city and complained about every little detail that needed to be repaired

Fire Inspector A. J. Neis:

- Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate
 - it's a large 13-Unit apartment building
 - Mar 2012 - their office received a complaint that there were interior and garage violations on the property
 - an inspection was made Mar 6, 2012 by Inspector Mitch Imbertson, who issued Orders to correct several code violations; he attempted to make several re-checks through Sep 2012 with no compliance on the Orders
 - Inspector Imbertson next consulted with Mr. Neis, who recommended doing an early C of O inspection, which he started in Sep 2012
 - still, there has been no progress with compliance

Mr. Sitzmann:

- he has had no problem with this building for 67 years; he holds the bar up high
 - he has been remiss because he was caring for his elderly wife of 66 years as well as procrastinating
 - he needs a little more time; he's a responsible person; he's not a slacker
 - the inspector is very conscientious
 - requesting additional time
 - he will resolve every detail on the Order by Feb 7, 2013

Ms. Moermond:

- the items that are left are pretty straight forward and they do need to be taken care of
 - the new deadline will be Feb 22, 2013 to come into compliance, and Mr. Sitzmann won't need to have that placard posted

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/6/2013

1:30 p.m. Hearings

Fire Certificates of Occupancy

16 R LH FCO Appeal of Matt Connelly to a Fire Inspection Correction Notice at 1966
 12-652 BENSON AVENUE.

Sponsors: Thune

Grant the storage height variance of 2 feet. Therefore, the paper rolls may be stored to a height of 14 feet moving forward. The existing storage of paper rolls at 16 feet must be reduced to 14 feet by March 1, 2013.

RE: 1966 Benson Ave (general retail and services - B - commercial)

Matthew T. Connelly and Michael Amidon, Amidon Graphics, owner, appeared.

Fire Inspector Leanna Shaff:

- this is a continued -- there was a question as to how high they can pile the storage of large paper rolls

- read an email from Inspector Neis: before you make a final decision, you requested further information. Based on Inspector Mitch Imbertson's research, they expanded the warehouse to accommodate for this exact issue. Since they could not add sprinklers because the water supply in that area will not support the required system for high piled storage, the only option was to increase the warehouse space. While I mentioned in the appeal the densely packed rolled paper storage is not easily ignitable; if it does, it will take an enormous amount of water to extinguish. I forgot to mention the additional concern that there is most likely not enough water pressure in the area for fire fighters to use, as the old saying goes, "big fire; big water."

- Mitch writes earlier: during a number of inspections and re-inspections during 1997, '98 and '99, deficiencies were noted for storage exceeding 12 feet high; these Orders were checked-off on but there weren't any note to record that suggest that any appeals were filed. Also included in the condition folder is a letter from Paul Amidon, Amidon Graphics, dated 7-23-97; this letter states that they are unable to comply with the limits for the height of paper storage because they were out of space in the building; he requested an extension until 10-20-97, when a new building would be completed to expand to; there was no mention of any attempt to obtain a variance for permit increase in height; more recent inspections-don't see any other occasions where they are cited for exceeding 12 feet and didn't see any reference to variances or appeals

Mr. Amidon:

- they have always stacked to 16 feet; when they added on the warehouse, during the plan review, they were given the 16-foot limit (Ms. Shaff: there is nothing in the file that indicates that)
- on every inspection they have had, the stacks have been over 12 feet

Ms. Moermond:

- is looking at the photos that she asked for from Mr. Connelly
- will split the difference and recommend the limit be set at 14 feet
- City Council Public Hearing Feb 6, 2013
- Appellant can ask the Council for 16 feet

Referred to the City Council due back on 2/6/2013

17 RLH FCO
12-651

Appeal of Andrew Songle to a Fire Certificate of Occupancy Correction Notice at 1936 CARROLL AVENUE.

Sponsors: Stark

RE: 1936 Carroll Ave (duplex)

Andrew Songle, owner, appeared.

Ms. Moermond:

- the question for these next properties is whether or not a Fire Certificate of Occupancy existed (should or shouldn't you have been interpreted to have a C of O at the time?)

Fire Inspector Leanna Shaff:

- determined that this was an incomplete student house application by Inspector Urmann; it basically states that he did not have a valid Fire C of O or a original Fire C of O prior to Jun 27, 2012

Ms. Moermond:

EXHIBIT E

AMIDON GRAPHICS

July 23, 1997

Mr. Mike Urmann
Fire Inspector
City of St. Paul
Dept. of Fire & Safety Services
100 East Eleventh St.
St. Paul, MN 55101

Re: Certificate of Occupancy
1966 Benson Avenue

Dear Mr. Urmann:

This letter sets out Amidon Graphics' intentions regarding compliance with various fire code provisions raised by you during fire inspection of the above premises. Specifically, you were concerned about the method of paper storage in the existing building, including height of stacks, aisles between stacks and space between stacks and structural members.

As discussed, Amidon intends to raze the "pole barn" on the southwest corner of the premises so that a new structure can be built. The new building will be used for paper storage. Most of the paper which is currently stored in the existing structure will be moved into the new building upon completion of construction.

We recently submitted site plans for the new building to the City of St. Paul and received preliminary approval. The modified site plan as well as a building plan will be submitted to the City in the near future. The scheduled completion date for the building is October 20, 1997.

It is impossible for Amidon to comply with the Fire Department's requirements for paper storage prior to October 20, 1997 because it has no other location for paper storage. Therefore, we request an extension until October 20, 1997 to comply with the paper storage requirements.

Sincerely,



Paul Amidon
President

EEB/hs

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EXHIBIT F





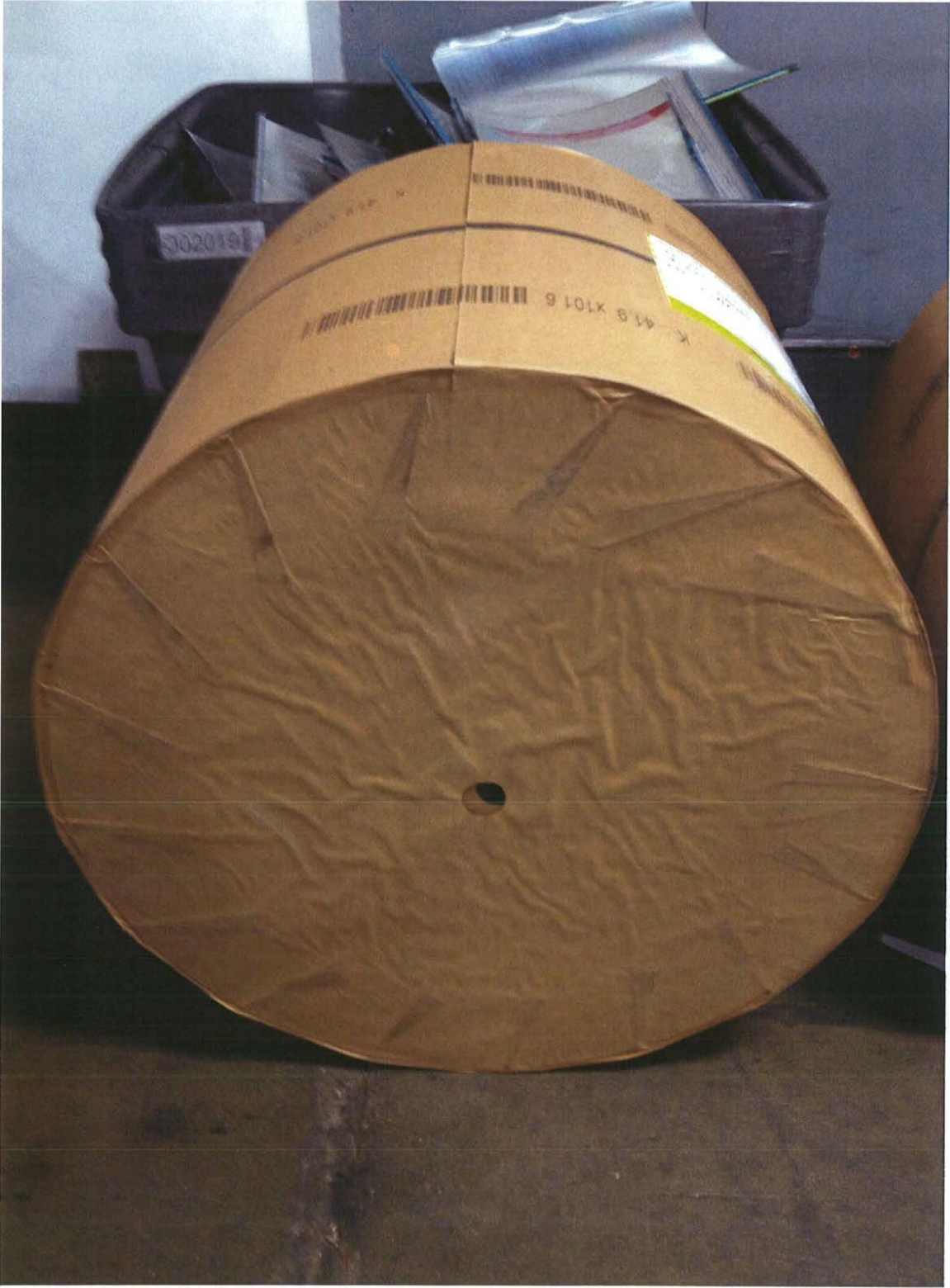




EXHIBIT G



