

RLH FCO 19-126



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8585

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We need the following to process your appeal:

CITY CLERK

- ☒ \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number 950455)
- ☒ Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
- ☒ Attachments you may wish to include
- ☒ This appeal form completed
- ☒ Walk-In OR ☐ Mail-In

for abatement orders only: ☐ Email OR ☐ Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, NOV. 26 2019

Time 1:30 P.M.

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 584 N Fairview Ave City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Harcros Chemicals Inc Email: kroepe@harcros.com

Phone Numbers: Business 651-647-0149 Residence _____ Cell _____

Signature: Kevin Roepke Date: 11/18/2019

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why?

Attachments Are Acceptable

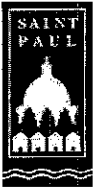
- ☐ Vacate Order/Condemnation/Revocation of Fire C of O
- ☐ Summary/Vehicle Abatement
- ☒ Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction
- ☐ Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- ☐ Vacant Building Registration
- ☐ Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Comments:

NEED ADDITIONAL TIME TO
CONTACT THE CORRECTIONS

KEVIN ROEPKE

CRAIG MADER



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November 12, 2019

HARCROS CHEMICALS
584 FAIRVIEW AVE N
SAINT PAUL MN 55104

FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 584 FAIRVIEW AVE N
Ref. #15408

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on November 12, 2019 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 after December 12, 2019.

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. **Main Warehouse - Exit Signs** - MSFC 1104.3, 1011.1 - Provide and maintain approved directional exit signs. - *Remove the old fire exit sign which doesn't properly point to an exit on the rear wall. Provide one or more additional exit signs as necessary so that the proper exits are readily identifiable from the warehouse space.*
2. **Main Warehouse - Front Exit Door** - MSFC 1008.1.9.3 - Remove unapproved locks from the exit doors. The door must be openable

from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort. - *Remove 2nd door lock from the exit door so that door is openable from interior with a single motion.*

3. **Main Warehouse** - MSFC 5003.1.3 - Reduce and maintain the hazardous materials storage quantity. - *Main warehouse is currently classified as S-1 Warehouse Ordinary Hazard and is in excess of maximum allowable storage quantities for multiple chemicals. Complete change of occupancy process to obtain approval of main warehouse for H-4 High Hazard or reduce storage quantities in an approved manner.*
4. **Rear Chemical Rooms** - MSFC 5003.5 - Provide NFPA 704 hazard identification placards per handout HM-1. - *Relocate or provide additional hazard placards for the rear chemical rooms so that the placard is visible from outside of the room even when fire door is closed.*
5. **Rear Chemical Rooms** - MSFC 313.1 - Fueled equipment, including but not limited to motorcycles, mopeds, lawn-care equipment and portable cooking equipment, shall not be stored, operator or repaired within a building except within approved rooms. - *Relocate the fueled equipment from the hazardous materials storage room to avoid ignition sources within the flammable liquids room.*

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: (651-266-8585) 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 Safety Inspector

An Equal Opportunity Employer

Reference Number 15408

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November 18, 2019

Legislative Hearing Officer
Saint Paul City Council
310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Subject: Application For Appeal

Harcros Chemicals Inc., received a Fire Inspection Correction Notice on November 12, 2019. Five deficiencies were identified within the notice. We will have deficiencies 1,2,4 and 5 corrected within 30 days. We are appealing deficiency # 3.

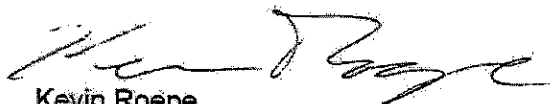
The Harcros facility located at 584 Fairview Ave is a chemical warehouse and distribution facility. The facility stores a variety of chemical products to include a large quantity of corrosive liquids and solids. The current occupancy classification of the warehouse is an S-1 Ordinary Hazard and the facility has maintained that occupancy since at least 2001 with annual fire inspections conducted. The nature of activities and products stored within the warehouse have not increased since this time and have actually been reduced since 2017. Based upon this year's fire inspection, we have been advised that the quantities of corrosive solids and liquids would put our warehouse into a H-4 High Hazard classification. This occupancy classification would require significant changes to our facility's fire protection such as the addition of a sprinkler systems in our main warehouse and office areas that are not currently in place. Our flammable storage room is currently the only part of the facility that has a sprinkler system installed. Reducing quantities of corrosives to meet the S-1 classification is not feasible with our type of business. Current water flow and pressure information that supplies our facility was provided by the City of Saint Paul. This water flow information appears to be inadequate to supply sufficient water to the facility for a traditional water based sprinkler system. Meeting fire protection requirements for an H-4 classification are expected to be extremely costly and require a significant amount of time for planning and implementation.

Harcros is appealing this deficiency notice and requesting additional time to collect information that would allow us to develop a Fire Protection Plan that is acceptable to the City of Saint Paul.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kevin Roepe at 913-621-7716 or at kevin.roepe@harcros.com.

Sincerely,

HARCROS CHEMICALS INC



Kevin Roepe
Compliance Manager

Employee Owned

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