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From: Neis, Adrian (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 1:29 PM
To: johnbaileyhome@gmail.com; dowellv@yahoo.com
Cc: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul); Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul); Shaff, Leanna (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: question about our fire inspection - ref. # 16197

Mr. Bailey and Ms. Dowell,

Thank you for taking time out of your busy day to allow me access to your property.

During today's inspection I noticed that you have two hard-wired interconnected smoke alarms in the basement, as well as one on the first and second floors directly outside the dwelling units. I tested these alarms and confirmed all sound when one is activated.

As a result, this would meet the intent of the fire separation requirement in the basement and over the boiler as an alternative method of compliance.

I am abating this deficiency, approving your Fire Certificate of Occupancy, and have copied the Legislative Hearing Officer on this email that we are withdrawing this order.

Should you have any further questions, please let know.

Thank you.



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From: Neis, Adrian (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Tuesday, June 12, 2018 9:16 AM
To: 'johnbaileyhome@gmail.com' <johnbaileyhome@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: question about our fire inspection - ref. # 16197

Thank you.

From: John Bailey [<mailto:johnbaileyhome@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 5:53 PM
To: Neis, Adrian (CI-StPaul) <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Valoree Dowell <dowellv@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: question about our fire inspection - ref. # 16197

Hi again AJ -

Ok, my co-owner, Valoree Dowell (cc'd here), can meet you at 10 am on Wednesday, June 13th - she's in Unit 3, you can come around to the back of the building (off street parking lot) when you arrive since that is where the stairs go down into the basement.

We look forward to your assessment of the situation.

thanks (and thanks Valoree! for stepping in)

John.

On 6/11/18 1:54 PM, Neis, Adrian (CI-StPaul) wrote:

Good afternoon Mr. Bailey.

Mike officially retired on May 31st. I will extend your congrats to him.

If possible, I would like to stop by the property and take a look. There may be other alternate methods of compliance that I would like to explore and assist you with

I have the following times available;

Wednesday June 14th Anytime between 10:00 am and noon.

Thursday June 15th Anytime between 9:30am and noon.

Friday June 15th at 1:30pm.

Do any of these times work for you?

Thanks,

AJ

From: John Bailey [<mailto:johnbaileyhome@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 8, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Cassidy, Mike (CI-StPaul) <mike.cassidy@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Neis, Adrian (CI-StPaul) <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: question about our fire inspection - ref. # 16197

Hi Mike and Adrian -

Adrian, the inspections appeal hearing officer said I should loop you in and update you since she thought that Mike might be retiring soon. Congrats on that, Mike!

A quick update on our fire inspection issues at 1725 Hague Ave ... at the appeals hearing I went to, the hearing officer was sympathetic to the high expense of doing the ceiling drywall project and the conversation led to something Mike had the inspections report related to the possibility that there might have been a sprinkler head in the basement at one time near the furnace. The hearing officer and the fire inspector woman at that hearing indicated that putting a sprinkler head or two in the area around our boiler/hot water heater would satisfy the safety requirements for our occupancy permit.

Someone from our HOA is supposed to go back to a hearing on June 19th to discuss the bids we are getting for doing a sprinkler system and she said we would look at them and discuss a reasonable timeline to get those installed. I just got my first estimate today and it's significantly less expensive and less complicated than the ceiling drywall solution.

I just wanted to update you and send thanks for the opportunity to appeal this and find a more affordable solution for our little condo building.

One question I have is...Do you know whether I can have a regular plumber bid/complete this job or if we have to have an official "sprinkler" firm like Summit or Viking do the job?

Thanks much.

John.

On 5/10/18 12:32 PM, John Bailey wrote:

Hi Mike -

Thanks for the reply. I gave them a call and they said they would let us send in an appeal.

Appreciate the advice.

John.

On 5/10/18 8:46 AM, Cassidy, Mike (CI-StPaul) wrote:

Call 266-8585 and explain, they may allow you to file appeal. If that does not work let me know.

From: John Bailey [<mailto:johnbaileyhome@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 12:55 PM

To: Cassidy, Mike (CI-StPaul) [mike.cassidy@ci.stpaul.mn.us]

Subject: question about our fire inspection - ref. # 16197

Hi Mike -

I'm one of the owners of a unit of the small condo building at 1725 Hague Ave that you inspected last month. You gave us a deficiency notice for our basement ceiling to be fixed and according to my co-owner, she said you thought it would be a 1-2 day job.

We've tried to get bids for the ceiling project in the basement and two companies have declined to work on it and one contractor that came by said that it's a major project and super complicated due to the age of the building and the existing infrastructure (pipes, wires, etc) that prevent any straightforward installation - and said it was well beyond the 1-2 day job that you thought it might be. He said that he has to have somebody else on his team come over to look at the project before he would even consider giving me a bid. I'm becoming skeptical that we are going to find anyone to do this at a reasonable cost and in time for the re-inspection on June 22, 2018.

I wanted to check in with you on the appeal option since we are seven days past the 10 day window mentioned in your letter dated April 16, 2018. Do you know if we can still file the appeal or if it will be accepted if it's late?

Thanks.

John.

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