



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

RECEIVED
SEP 17 2010
CITY CLERK

Saint Paul City Clerk
310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8560

The City Clerk needs the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee payable to the City of Saint Paul (if cash: receipt number 337938)
- Copy of the City-issued orders or letter which are being appealed
- Attachments you may wish to include
- This appeal form completed

YOUR HEARING Date and Time:
Tuesday, <u>Sept. 28, 2010</u>
Time <u>1:30 p.m.</u>
Location of Hearing: <u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u>

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 481 Thomas Ave City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55103

Appellant/Applicant: Ying Kong Email: yingk78@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell (612) 570-1059

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 9/17/10

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

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
- Fire C of O: Only Egress Windows
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other
- Other
- Other

one windows are only .5 inch off requirements.

- Unable to Live there without approval but at the same time I have no place to stay. - In all could I live there and repair? please.



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

Telephone: 651-266-8989
Facsimile: 651-266-9124
Web: www.stpaul.gov/dsj

August 11, 2010

YING KONG
684 ROSE AVE E
ST PAUL MN 55106

Re: 481 Thomas Ave
File#: 10 511829 VB2

Dear Property Owner:

The following is the Code Compliance report you requested on July 19, 2010.

Please be advised that this report is accurate and correct as of the date August 11, 2010. All deficiencies identified by the City after this date must also be corrected and all codes and ordinances must be complied with. This report is valid for 365 days from August 11, 2010. This report may be used in lieu of a Truth in Housing Report required in St Paul Legislative Code 189. This building must be properly secured and the property maintained at all times.

In order to sell or reoccupy this property the following deficiencies must be corrected:

BUILDING **Inspector: Jim Seeger** **Phone: 651-266-9046**

- Install handrails (34 inches - 38 inches above each nosing) and guardrails (36 inch minimum) at all stairways, and return hand rail ends into a newel post or wall per attachment.
- Repair or Replace any deteriorated window sash, broken glass, sash holders, re-putty, etc as necessary.
- Provide complete storms and screens, in good repair for all door and window openings.
- Weather seal exterior doors, threshold and weather-stripping.
- Prepare and paint interior and exterior as necessary. Observe necessary abatement procedures (EPA, MPCA and St. Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34 for additional information) if lead base paint is present.
- Air-seal and insulate attic/access door.
- Provide major clean-up of premises.
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of house.
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of garage.
- Replace garage roof covering and vents to code.

Re: 481 Thomas Ave
Page 2

BUILDING **Inspector: Jim Seeger** **Phone: 651-266-9046**

- Review all applicable codes & policies when replacing windows including egress windows for sleeping rooms.
- Repair front and rear steps and sidewalk to code.
- Third bedroom windows are 34.5 feet x 19.5 feet of clear opening and do not meet egress requirements. 10.5 sq. ft of glazed area.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

ELECTRICAL **Inspector: Mike Popovich** **Phone: 651-266-9035**

- Ground the electrical service to the water service with a copper conductor within 5 feet of the entrance point of the water service
- Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits
- Verify that circuit breaker amperage matches wire size
- Repair or Replace all broken, missing or loose light fixtures, switches and outlets, covers and plates
- Check all outlets for proper polarity and verify ground on 3-prong outlets
- Install hard-wired, battery backup smoke detector per bulletin 80-1 and other smoke detectors as required by the IRC. Also, Install carbon monoxide detector(s) within 10 feet of all bedrooms
- Throughout building, install outlets and light fixtures as specified in Bulletin 80-1.
- Remove multi tap receptacle cover and properly staple romex in garage
- Remove all multi tap receptacle cover plates.
- Properly wire dryer circuit and ID garage circuit panel.
- Wire basement lights to code.
- All added receptacles must be grounded, tamper-resistant and be on an Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter-protected circuit.
- Any open walls or walls that are opened as part of this project must be wired to the standards of the 2008 NEC.
- All buildings on the property must meet the St. Paul Property Maintenance Code (Bulletin 80-1).
- All electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.

PLUMBING **Inspector: Tom Schweitzer** **Phone: 651-266-9055**

- Basement - Water Heater - No gas shut off or gas piping incorrect (IFGC 402.1)
- Basement - Water Heater - T and P relief discharge piping incorrect (MPC 2210 Subp. 4)
- Basement - Water Heater - gas venting incorrect (IFGC 503)
- Basement - Water Heater - not fired or in service (MPC 2180)
- Basement - Gas Piping - dryer gas shutoff; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 402.1)
- Basement - Gas Piping - run dryer vent to code (IFGC 613.1 - IMC 604.1)

PLUMBING **Inspector: Tom Schweitzer** **Phone: 651-266-9055**

- Basement - Laundry Tub - provide a vacuum breaker for the spout (MPC 2000 B)
- Basement - Tub and Shower - provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 411 1.3.3)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - provide stopper (MPC 1240)
- Exterior - Lawn Hydrants - Requires backflow assembly or device (MPC 2000)
- Obtain plumbing permits prior to commencement of work.

HEATING **Inspector: Paul Lauer** **Phone: 651-266-9041**

- Install approved lever handle manual building shutoff gas valve in an accessible location ahead of the first branch tee.
- Clean and Orsat test furnace burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Check furnace heat exchanger for leaks; provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe.
- Vent clothes dryer to code.
- Provide appropriate size operable window in bathrooms or provide exhaust system vented to outside. A mechanical ventilation permit is required if an exhaust system is installed.
- All supply and return ducts for warm air heating system must be clean before final approval for occupancy. Provide access for inspection of inside of ducts or provide documentation from a licensed duct-cleaning contractor that the duct system has been cleaned.
- Repair and/or replace heating registers as necessary.
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms.
- Provide level pad for A/C condensing unit.
- A gas mechanical permit is required for the above work.

ZONING

1. This property is in a (n) R4 zoning district.
2. This property was inspected as a Single Family Dwelling.

Notes:

- See attachment for permit requirements and appeals procedure.
- Most of the roof covering could not be inspected from grade. Recommend this be done before rehabilitation is attempted.

Re: 481 Thomas Ave
Page 4

This is a registered vacant building. In order to sell or reoccupy this building, all deficiencies listed on this code compliance report must be corrected within six (6) months of the date of this report. One (1) six-month time extension may be requested by the owner and will be considered if it can be shown that the code compliance work is proceeding and is more than fifty (50) percent complete in accordance with Legislative Code Section 33.03(f).

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 651-266-8688. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this notice when you appeal, and pay a filing fee.)

If you have any questions regarding this inspection report, please contact Jim Seeger between 7:30 - 9:00 AM at 651-266-8989 or leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

James L. Seeger
Code Compliance Officer
JLS:ml
Attachments



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

Telephone: 651-266-9090
Facsimile: 651-266-9124
Web: www.stpaul.gov/dsi

April 29, 2009

To: Saint Paul Housing Owners and Interested Citizens

Fr: Bob Kessler, Director
Department of Safety and Inspections

Re: **Uniform Egress Window Policy**

The Department of Safety and Inspections recognizes that the various code requirements for egress windows are confusing and need clarity so that property owners will know what the requirements are when we inspect their properties.

An egress window is very important because it is a life safety means of escape from smoke and/or fire and other potential hazardous conditions. The Department of Safety and Inspections wants to emphasize the public safety of all residents by establishing the following uniform policy for the size of egress windows for residential housing.

Department of Safety and Inspection Egress Window Policy

The Minnesota State Fire Code, which has been adopted by the City of Saint Paul, applies to existing buildings when: 1) identified in specific sections of the fire code; and 2) when, in the opinion of the Fire Marshal, a structure, facility or condition constitutes a distinct hazard to life and property. Minn. R. 7511.0102 (IFC 102.1).

Under the Minnesota State Fire Code, escape windows in existing buildings that were installed prior to April 11, 1983 must have a clear opening of at least 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height **and** 5 square feet of entire glazed opening area, with a finished sill height of no more than 48 inches. Minn. R. 7511.1026 (IFC 1026.1). Windows not meeting this requirement must be upgraded in order to satisfy the Minnesota State Fire Code.

DSI Egress Window Policy—Page 2

In addition, the Fire Marshal has declared that all escape windows with openings less than 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height and 5 square feet of entire glazed area with a finished sill height of no more than 48 inches to be a distinct hazard to life and property. (See Fire Marshal Steve Zaccard's Policy Memo, April 2009).

Window Policy:

Based on the Minnesota State Fire Code, windows in existing structures must have a clear opening of at least 20 inches in width, 24 inches in height and at least 5 square feet of entire clear glazed area, with a finished sill height of no more than 48 inches. In addition, replacement windows cannot be smaller than the originally approved windows, unless the originally approved windows exceed the current building code.

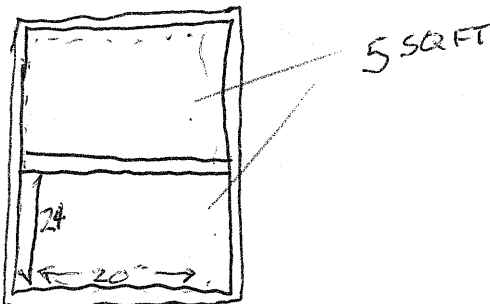
Exceptions:

The only exception to the above policy that may be granted by the Department of Safety and Inspections is for previously installed replacement windows that were installed under permit, inspected, and approved by the Department of Safety and Inspections prior to April 28, 2009.

Appeals:

Orders on an egress windows not meeting these specific requirements can be appealed to the City Council via the City's Legislative Hearing Officer. The Council will consider the benefit to be obtained by complying with the Fire Marshal's orders and the effect on affordable housing, provided that the spirit of the code is complied with and public safety is secured. (Minn. Stat. § 299F.011, subd. 5b).

Please direct any questions regarding this policy to Jim Bloom, the Saint Paul Building Official 266- 9071 or Mr. Dick Lippert, the Manager of Inspections for the Department of Safety and Inspections. 651-266-1922



April, 2009