

From: [Vang, Mai \(CI-StPaul\)](#)
To: [HK Vang](#)
Subject: RE: 971 Arcade Street - VB fee appeal
Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021 8:21:00 AM
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Mr. Vang,

It looks like there is an error on DSI's part so I will draft a new resolution to go to Council on October 6 to reflect the reduction.

Mai Vang

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From: HK Vang <hongkongvang@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2021 7:33 AM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Please do. I attached the CO letter on previous email. Thanks

On Thu, Sep 23, 2021, 7:20 AM Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Ok, let me check with DSI inspector and will get back to you.

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From: HK Vang <hongkongvang@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 22, 2021 5:03 PM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Hello Mai, I am not sure how the city got the final date of August 5th, 2021. The city issued us the certificate of occupancy on May 20th. So it was far before the July date. Please forward my message to upper management that can handle this matter. Thank you!

Hongkong

On Wed, Sep 22, 2021 at 3:35 PM Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello Hong Kong Vang,

The Real Estate Office staff forwarded your voicemail to me and after reviewing your file, the reason for the full assessment of \$2284 was because you did not meet the deadline the hearing officer recommended on May 4. The recommendation at that time was that your assessment appeal be continued to July 7 and if you received your code compliance certificate, she would reduce in half. You didn't get all things done and finalized until August 5. If you wanted to appeal at the next level, you would have to appeal to District Court. However, that deadline has also passed.

Below is the minutes from the hearing on May 4.

Continue PH to July 7, 2021. If property has C of O and is occupied, reduce assessment from \$2,284 to \$1,142.

Hong Kong Vang, owner, appeared via phone

Staff report by Supervisor Joe Yannarely: this is a category 1 commercial vacant building. File was opened November 29, 2016. It was referred with a revoked C of O by Fire on May 7, 2015. Last sale with Ramsey County was September 21, 2018. This is the annual fee of \$2,217 with a service charge of \$157, for a total assessment \$2,284. There are some permits in the last year. Electrical permit was just issued in February.

Moermond: what's going on?

Vang: I was able to get a loan from Northeast Neighborhood Development. My wife and I are working hard to get this into a sandwich shop. Covid made it harder, but we're working hard. It took longer than we anticipated. I had the final building inspection scheduled 2 months ago and Clint only called a couple things. We just need to get him back out. It has been vacant for a while and we've been paying the vacant building fee every year. Our goal was to get it done the end of November but with all the contractor setbacks it took longer. We're about 95 percent done.

Moermond: what is your anticipated date for opening?

Vang: May 1, but we had setbacks with equipment ordering, so now early June is our goal.

Moermond: it has been in the program for quite a long time. It went in in November 2016, so the bill I'm looking at now is for 5 months out of a 12-month year. I'd like to cut this in half for you. You're scheduled to have a Council Public Hearing on May 19, 2021. But that's not quite six months, so I'm going to ask them to continue it to July 7, which is more than six months. On July 7 if you have yourself up and running, I'll recommend cutting it in half and dividing it over 5 years if you'd like

Vang: that's fine, anything else. I understand how it is set up. I'll take anything right now. I'm ok with that.

Moermond: do you want to make it payable over 5 years? Or one bill?

Vang: one bill is fine.

Moermond: in July if the Council adopts this, you'll get an invoice a couple weeks later for half of the \$2,284. You can pay it or it will roll onto your 2022 taxes, and then you'd pay it that way. You can pay part and let the rest roll onto taxes. Just so you know what to expect.

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