



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee payable to the City of Saint Paul (if cash: receipt number check 27358)
 - 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, <u>June 11, 2013</u>
Time <u>3:00 p.m.</u>
Location of Hearing: Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Lorraine okay with date & time

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1566 E. MONTANA City: St. Paul State: MINN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: GARY & Lorraine Victor Email: N/A

Phone Numbers: Business N/A Residence 651-784-0171 Cell N/A

Signature: X Gary & Lorraine Victor Date: 5-31-13

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): N/A

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: N/A

Phone Numbers: Business N/A Residence N/A Cell N/A

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
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other

*Sewer Backup in main line due to tree roots which cost us \$1,065.80
Removal of City Blvd. tree due to tree roots in our main line. Greg was out from Forestry and said, tree was healthy so would not remove Blvd tree. We have never had a problem all these years. The city put in a new PVC pipe from street to our property line. We feel this is what caused the problem in our main sewer line has never been cleaned out since we lived here. After the new pipe was connected to the main sewer line, the sewer line was cleaned out. The said sewer line was cleaned out. The sewer line was cleaned out. The sewer line was cleaned out.*

*"My husband works till 12:00 on Tuesdays"
Came into our house & put a camera through pipe to see if gas piping was in sewer line which it wasn't, he took the pipe*

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May 23, 2013

Gary and Lorraine Vietor
1566 Montana Avenue E.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55106

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Vietor:

I'm writing regarding your request for the City of Saint Paul to remove the public boulevard tree in front of your home at 1566 Montana Avenue east. As you have explained it, you feel the tree is responsible for blocking your sewer line and creating costly service and/or repairs.

During our telephone conversation about a week ago I explained that unless there is a problem with the tree itself, e.g., a structural or health issue, or a construction/excavation issue where the tree needs to be removed, the City does not remove public boulevard trees over sewer line issues.

I agreed to have the tree investigated and this was done almost immediately after our conversation. As I understand, Forestry employee Greg Reese visited the site and talked with you, explaining that the 9 inch D.B.H. maple tree was in good health and not a candidate for removal.

I sympathize with your predicament knowing full well the cost you are incurring, especially if the sewer line or connections are leaking and need repair. This is usually the situation that occurs when tree roots infiltrate a sewer line and lead to a blockage. I encourage you to look closer into the condition of the line itself and, if you haven't already done so, you may want to explore the Department of Public Works to investigate anything that can be done about your sewer line connection to the city's sanitary system.

However, the boulevard tree is on the public right-of-way, is thriving in fine health, and is a valuable community asset. Again, as stated previously, the City's policy is to not remove trees in good health and condition.

Sincerely,

Cy Kosel
Natural Resources Manager

Cc: Gary Korum

Greg Reese



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