



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

**Saint Paul City Clerk**

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8560

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CITY CLERK

The City Clerk needs the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee payable to the City of Saint Paul (if cash: receipt number 351878)
- Copy of the City-issued orders or letter which are being appealed
- Attachments you may wish to include
- This appeal form completed
- Walk-In OR  Mail-In

<b>YOUR HEARING Date and Time:</b>
Tuesday, <u>NOV 6, 2012</u>
Time <u>2:30 pm</u>
<b>Location of Hearing:</b>
<u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u>

## Address Being Appealed:

*aka 831 Germain Street*

Number & Street: 1598 East 7th City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Geneva Mitchell Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Business 651- Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 651-399-8607

Signature: Geneva Mitchell Date: 10/25/12

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

*Our building claiming vacant and us as the people living there knew nothing about this situation*



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

Nuisance Building Code Enforcement  
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

651-266-8989  
651-266-1919  
[www.stpaul.gov/dsi](http://www.stpaul.gov/dsi)

October 19, 2012

Samuel Tesfaye  
829 Germain St  
Saint Paul MN 55106-4257

## VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION NOTICE

The premises at **831 GERMAIN ST**

has been inspected and found to meet the legal definition of a Vacant Building as described in Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43. You are required to register this building with the Department of Safety and Inspections, Vacant Buildings Division, by filling out and returning the registration form provided with this letter. You are also required to pay the annual Vacant Building Registration Fee of **\$1,100.00**. The fee is due upon receipt of this letter and must be paid no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, as required in Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43. If this building is vacant due to a fire, complete the enclosed registration form and return it to this office within 30 days.

**Please return the enclosed registration form along with your payment by November 19, 2012.**

### **Do not mail cash.**

If you wish to pay in person, you may do so from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at:

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS  
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

You may file an appeal to this fee or registration requirements by contacting the Office of the City Clerk at (651) 266-8688. Any appeal of this fee must be made within ten (10) days of the date of this notice.

**If the registration fee is not received in this office within 45 days of the date of this letter the full amount owed will be assessed to, and collected with, the taxes for this property as permitted by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.**

The Code Enforcement Officer has notified the Building Inspection And Design Section that this property meets the legal definition of a registered vacant building and in accordance with Legislative Code Chapter 33, no permits (except demolition, wrecking and removal permits) will be issued until the requirements of all applicable ordinances are fulfilled.

All category 2 and category 3 vacant buildings must be winterized with gas and water services shut off or, alternately, an excess flow gas valve must be installed in the dwelling, within sixty (60) days of the date of this Notice.

**WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL IS REQUIRED BEFORE A CATEGORY 2 OR CATEGORY 3 VACANT BUILDING CAN BE OCCUPIED OR SOLD.**

**Category 2:** Requirements include: 1. register/re-register the building, 2. pay outstanding fee(s), 3. obtain a code compliance report, 4. submit for approval a rehab cost estimate from a licensed contractor and a schedule for completion of all code compliance work, 5. submit proof of financial responsibility acceptable to the City, and 6. obtain Zoning approval of the proposed use.

**Category 3:** All requirements listed for Category 2 vacant buildings, AND obtain a **Certificate of Occupancy OR Certificate of Code Compliance** prior to the sale of the building.

If the use of this building meets the definition of a nonconforming use by the Zoning Code then the use will lose its nonconforming status 365 days from the date the building was declared vacant.

**You must contact the Enforcement officer, Dave Nelmark, at 651-266-1931 to find out what must be done before this building can be legally reoccupied.**

The Enforcement Officer may declare this building(s) to constitute a Nuisance Building subject to demolition and issue an Order to Abate under authority of Legislative Code Chapter 45. In the event this building is declared a Nuisance Building subject to demolition, the Enforcement Officer will notify all owners and interested parties of the Order to Abate, as provided in the Legislative Code Chapter 45.

If you have questions about this annual registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the Enforcement Officer, Dave Nelmark, at 651-266-1931.

This registration form and fee is required by law. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Thank You,

Steve Magner  
Vacant Buildings Program Manager  
Department of Safety and Inspections

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information  
Vacant Building Registration Form

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CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS  
 DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT  
 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
 Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

October 18, 2012

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**SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER**

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Yog hais tias koj hais lus Hmoob thiab koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb zwb. Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

Samuel Tesfaye  
 829 Germain St  
 Saint Paul MN 55106-4257

Occupant  
 831 GERMAIN ST  
 St Paul MN 55106-4257

Samuel Tesfaye  
 2133 Eagle Bluff Cir  
 Burnsville MN 55337-6646  
 CO Revoked/Vacant

**As owner or person(s) responsible for: 831 GERMAIN ST you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.**

- Remove improperly stored or accumulated refuse including: garbage, rubbish, discarded furniture, appliances, vehicle parts, scrap wood and metal, recycling materials, household items, building materials or rubble, tires, brush, etc., from yard areas.**
- Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth.**
- Remove and properly dispose of all animal feces from yard areas.**
- IMMEDIATELY secure all buildings which are open to unauthorized entry, including:**
- Other:**

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before **October 24, 2012**, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes. Charges: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be approximately \$260.00 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

**You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times**  
**FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CITATION**

*Issued by: Dave Nelmark Badge Number 326 Phone Number 651-266-1931*  
**If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.**

Appeals: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, whichever comes first. No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310, City Hall, St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this Correction Order with your appeal application.

**\*WARNING** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within such 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.