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From: Bryce Beverlin II <brycebeverlinii@hotmail.com>
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To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: File #J1412A for 959 3rd St E

August 15, 2014

Dear Marsha Moermond of the City of Saint Paul,

I am writing to you in lieu of appearing at the Legislative Hearing on August 19, 2014 at 9AM. Due to work restrictions I am unable to attend at the listed time.

This letter is in regards to File #J1412A, Assessment #148538, for property address 959 3rd St E in Saint Paul, MN. The assessment is in regards to a mowing conducted by the City of Saint Paul on June 19, 2014. I seek to have the assessment removed due to the lack of communication by the Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI).

Previous to the mowing date, I was out of town. When I returned, I received a letter from James Hoffman (DSI), ordering me to "cut tall grass or weeds" on the property. Although not wildly out of control, the lawn needed to be cut. I immediately set out to accomplish this. However, I discovered that my garage had been broken into while I was away and my lawn mower missing. Starting on Monday June 16, the date of the next inspection listed on the initial notice, I left multiple messages with James Hoffman (DSI) asking if I could have an extension in order to purchase a new lawn mower to cut the lawn. On each message I explained my situation and I asked for him to call me back at his earliest convenience to talk with me about this issue. I never received a call or message from James Hoffman (DSI). On June 19, I purchased a lawn mower and returned home to find that the grass had been cut. A neighbor informed me that the city had come that day and cut the grass. Since I was aware the notice stated that the mowing would cost \$160 per hour with a minimum of one hour charge for mowing (it normally takes me about 15 minutes to cut the entire lawn), I called James Hoffman (DSI) yet another time to explain my situation and avoid being charged for the city mowing. I recently received a "Public Hearing Notice" regarding this issue and called the city staff number listed. I spoke to Tanya at the city staff on August 14. She informed me that I should call the DSI supervisor and try to work this issue out. I have left multiple messages with Mark Kaisersatt (acting supervisor of James Hoffman this week) at DSI and have not received a return call as of the time of this letter. This morning, I even called during the 7:30AM - 9AM window in which Mark and other DSI members are supposedly in their offices.

In short, I have made every effort to contact the appropriate person(s) listed on the notice. They never returned my calls. I made every effort to purchase a new lawn mower in a timely manner (it took me 3 days from the date of finding my own mower missing). I have been charged \$320 for this mowing procedure. At very least, I wish to find out why the DSI employees never returned any of my calls. At best, I hope to avoid the hefty \$320 charge for a mowing that normally takes me about 15 minutes to complete.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and I apologize I am unable to appear in person due to my work schedule.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at this email address or via phone at 808-779-4173.

Thank you,
Dr. Bryce Beverlin II