

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Thursday, December 20, 2018 11:52 AM
To: 'Robert Fox'
Subject: RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St

Mr. Fox,

The hearing officer has reviewed the file, photos and video, as well as your written statement and has recommended that the City Council continue the matter from January 16 to City Council Public Hearing on July 10, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 300 City Hall and there are no same or similar violation(s), she will ask the City Council to reduce the assessment from \$478 to \$100.

If you wish to contest to this recommendation, you may attend the July 10th City Council meeting.

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From: Robert Fox [mailto:robfox14@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 12:48 AM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St

Dear Ms. Vang,

Thank you for informing me of the written statement option. I would like to proceed with my written statement being presented at the hearing. Please note that I have changed the original statement that I emailed to you to more accurately reflect the incidents leading to the levying of the assessment. For your convenience, I have also attached the trash hauler scheduling document, which I sent you before, and I have also attached a screen capture showing when I was first informed of the bedframe being left in the alleyway behind my house. If you would, please have all three documents presented together to the hearing officer at the hearing on the 18th.

I do not need to see copies of the documents, before/after photos, etc. but thank you anyway for the offer.

Please confirm that you have received and were able to print the attached hearing documents and that they will be presented for me at the hearing on the 18th.

Most appreciatively,

Robert Fox

On Thu, 12/6/18, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Subject: RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St
To: "robfox14@yahoo.com" <robfox14@yahoo.com>
Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018, 9:28 AM

Yes, we prefer that owner attends in person but we make exception for owner who lives out of state or owner with disability and can't attend. If you want the documents, photos and before/after clean up of the work that was done, I can email them to you.

The hearing officer will review your written statement at the hearing and hear inspector testimony, watch the video and make her recommendation based on that.

If you are not happy with the outcome of her recommendation, you may appeal further at the City Council Public Hearing which is held on January 16 @ 3:30 p.m. in Room 300 City Hall.

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From: Robert Fox

[mailto:robfox14@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:08 AM

To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
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Subject: RE: Assessment Hearing - 1640 Edgerton St

Dear Ms. Vang,

Thank you for responding to my email/voicemail. Is the hearing you've kindly scheduled something I need to attend personally? I live in Los Angeles Angeles I am hoping a written statement can be submitted in my absence. Please advise.

Sincerely,

Robert Fox

Sent
from Yahoo Mail on Android

On Thu, Dec
6, 2018 at 7:30 AM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

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wrote:

Mr. Fox,

I will schedule your
hearing for Tuesday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 330 City Hall.

Mai X. Vang

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From: Robert Fox
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Sent: Thursday, November
29, 2018 12:56 PM

To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
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Subject: Assessment
Hearing

Dear Ms. Vang,

Greetings! I was told by the assessments office that you are the person I need to contact about a particular upcoming assessment hearing. Here is a brief synopsis of my situation.

I recently discovered the assessment page on the city's website and out of curiosity entered my rental property's address where I surprisingly learned I had a number of assessments levied against my property of which I was unaware. One assessment in particular was of concern to me: FILE # J1903A, ASSESSMENT # 198502 (a property clean up). Upon calling the assessments office and being assisted by a very helpful associate, the situation became clear. You see, until maybe 6 months ago I was under the impression that the city had my home address on file due to my interactions with the city regarding my certificate of occupancy. However, at that time (i.e. approximately 6 months ago) I learned an official change of address actually needs to be registered with Ramsey County. I did so immediately upon this discovery, but apparently during the time it took my change-of-address to reach the City of Saint Paul, the assessment listed above was levied and all the notices were sent to addresses where I no longer live, never reaching me. Meanwhile, while all this was happening unbeknownst to me, I was dutifully taking care of my responsibilities as a home owner/ landlord and had arranged with my trash hauler to have a large item pick up scheduled for a bed

frame which my tenant told me she placed in the alleyway (I have attached a printout of the scheduled pick up provided to me by my hauler). The pick up never actually occurred because a few days before the hauler was to arrive the city crews apparently came out and abated the "problem." Until I fortuitously discovered the assessment, I had simply assumed someone decided to take the frame for his/her own personal use. Needless to say, I am greatly vexed to discover an almost \$500 "ticket" has been issued to me under these circumstances.

Would you kindly let me know what I must do to have this situation reviewed with the intention of having the assessment waived or greatly reduced? I believe my record as a home owner, landlord, and former elected District Five Community Council member will prove I am an engaged and responsible member of the city who has never intentionally allowed or contributed to neighborhood blight. Any assistance you can provide toward this end would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert Fox

Owner.

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20-29-22-12-0055

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