



# City of Saint Paul

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## Master

**File Number: RLH VBR 18-7**

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**Type:** Resolution LH Vacant  
Building Registration

**Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 2

**Contact Number:** 6-8560

**In Control:** City Council

**File Created:** 02/06/2018

**File Name:** 428 Minnesota Street

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Appeal of Pat Wolf, o/b/o H.F.S. Properties, to a Vacant Building Registration Fee Warning Letter at 428 MINNESOTA STREET.

### Notes:

**Agenda Date:** 08/01/2018

**Agenda Number:** 96

**Sponsors:** Noecker

**Enactment Date:**

**Attachments:** 428 Minnesota Street.appeal.02-06-18, 428 Minnesota St.Wolf Ltr.2-16-18.doc, 428 Minnesota St.Wolf Ltr.3-5-18.doc

**Financials Included?:**

**Contact Name:** Mai Vang

**Hearing Date:**

**Entered by:** kathryn.burger@ci.stpaul.mn.us

**Ord Effective Date:**

### History of Legislative File

Version:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	02/13/2018	Referred	City Council	03/14/2018		
	<b>Action Text:</b>	Referred to the City Council due back on 3/14/2018					
	<b>Notes:</b>	<p><i>Pat Wolf, H.F.S. Properties, appeared.</i></p> <p><i>Supervisor Matt Dornfeld, Vacant Building:</i></p> <p><i>-this is the old Woolworths Building that's being rehabilitated; there is work being done daily; it's down to its steel beams</i></p> <p><i>-the Vacant Building fee is due now; it entered the VB Program on Jan 29, 2004; we've collected 9 years of payment of the VB fee by check</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Wolf: we've paid the VB fees all the years when it really was a VB; it is no longer a VB; it's pretty much a complete re-do with the exception of all steel on 2 floors; it was a 3-story bldg; we took the 3rd story off, including the steel; went down to 2 stories &amp; now, we're building back up to 5 stories; Goff Construction is our contractor</i></p> <p><i>-we'll be substantially complete with the 5-story office building in Jun 2018 with occupancy in Jul 2018</i></p> <p><i>-we are appealing the VB registration because it's more like a brand new construction project vs. a vacant building project</i></p> <p><i>-when I spoke with Mr. Ubl, he indicated that it would be his recommendation to waive the VB fee; he</i></p>					

*indicated that he would be here*

*Ms. Moermond: this is neither fish nor foul right now; in order to get out of the VB Program, you need a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Code Compliance & that won't be forthcoming until Jun or Jul 2018 when you complete the work; I'd be more interested in prorating than deleting the fee -the cost of the VB Program is the cost of all of the services associated with vacant buildings divided by the number of vacant buildings*

*Ms. Wolf: are services being rendered at this building?*

*Mr. Dornfeld: due to our increasingly high homeless population & our graffiti artists, we are monitoring the building*

*Ms. Wolf: for the record, there are no sidewalks; it's a full blown construction project*

*Ms. Moermond: I think that you are making a good argument; you are a low service building & you are taking those steps that the city wants to see happen; so, I'm going to ask the City Council to lay this matter over until Aug 1, 2018; if you have your Certificate of Occupancy by Aug 1, 2018, I'll recommend that they delete the VB fee*

*Public hearing continued to August 1, 2018 and if owner receives a code compliance certificate, will delete the vacant building fee.*

2	City Council	03/14/2018	Continue Public Hearing	City Council	08/01/2018
	<b>Action Text:</b>	Public hearing continued to August 1			
2	City Council	08/01/2018			

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