



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

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We need the following to process your appeal:

- ☒ \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul)
(if cash: receipt number check # 2031)
- ☐ 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, August 18, 2015

Time 1:30 p.m.

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 901 Portland City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Chris Worthington Email: cew.worthington@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-655-9647

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7/30/15

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Saint Clement's Episcopal Church

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 901 Portland Avenue, St Paul, 55104

Phone Numbers: Business 651-228-1164 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/Correction
- ☐ Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- ☐ Vacant Building Registration
- ☐ Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

see attached



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July 21, 2015

ST CLEMENT'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
901 PORTLAND
SAINT PAUL MN 55104

FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 901 PORTLAND AVE
Ref. #11814

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on June 19, 2015 for the renewal of your Fire Certificate of Occupancy. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected prior to the re-inspection date.

A re-inspection will be made on August 21, 2015 at 10:30am.

Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation or the revocation of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building shall be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional re-inspection fees.

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING TENANTS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF DEFICIENCIES ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Basement - Exit Signs / Emergency Lights - MSFC 1010.3 - Provide and maintain approved external or internal lighting of the exit sign. **-Repair/replace the inoperable exit signs and emergency lights throughout the basement.**
2. Sanctuary - Emergency Lights - MSFC 1010.5 - Provide and maintain an approved emergency lighting system. **-Provide code compliant emergency lighting in the church sanctuary and narthex. This work must be done by licensed electrical contractor under permit.**

3. Sanctuary - Exit Signs - MSFC 1010.1, 1003.2.10 - Provide or relocate and maintain approved exit signs to indicate a clear path to the exits.-**Install code compliant exit signs in the church sanctuary. This work must be done by licensed contractor under permit.**
4. Sanctuary - Occupant Load Sign - MSFC 1003.2.2.5 - Post the occupant load on an approved sign in a conspicuous location near the main exit of the room.-**Post occupant load sign near the main exit stating the maximum number of occupants for the sanctuary is 344 occupants.**

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>.

You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 ~~days of the date of this order~~.

If you have any questions, email me at: wayne.spiering@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8993 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Wayne Spiering
Fire Inspector

Reference Number 11814

Attachment for appeal of fire inspection correction notice for Saint Clement's Episcopal Church
Ref #11814

During inspection of Saint Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Avenue, on June 19, 2015, four (4) deficiencies were noted.

Two of these deficiencies are not being appealed, and will be corrected before the re-inspection on August 21, 2015.

Basement – Exit Signs / Emergency Lights

Sanctuary – Occupant Load Sign

Two of the deficiencies and the cited corrections are being appealed.

Sanctuary – Exit Signs

Saint Clement's Episcopal Church is a significant historic structure, located in the Historic Hill Preservation District. The sanctuary was designed by Cass Gilbert, and the interior includes many important design elements that create a distinct period aesthetic, including stained glass windows by Tiffany Co. and by Charles H. Lamb & Co. A lighted EXIT sign in the sanctuary is not compatible with the design, materials and aesthetic of the worship space.

Further, the high ceiling and the sprinkler system mitigate fire risk and potential challenges of people evacuating the sanctuary in the event of fire.

Lastly, through many years of inspections, Saint Clement's Church has never been asked to add EXIT signs to the sanctuary. Adding them now would seriously impact the historic fabric of the sanctuary and the worship experience.

Sanctuary – Emergency Lighting

As with lighted EXIT signs, the historic nature of the sanctuary would be spoiled and negatively impacted by typical emergency lighting. The church recognizes the importance of emergency lighting to the safety of people who use the sanctuary. Saint Clement's will engage a fire safety lighting consultant to develop a plan to install code compliant emergency lighting that is compatible with the historic fabric of the sanctuary. This cannot be completed by August 21, 2015. We propose to have a plan identified and the work completed by July 21, 2016.