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# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul)(if cash: receipt number 345900 )
  - 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, July 18, 2023

Location of Hearing:

Telephone: you will be called between

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In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: 1:30 p.m.  
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

3:30 p.m.

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 506-510 Shellis Av. N. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Atnafu Yeshidagne Email Atnafu2001@Gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business 612-408-4096 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 612-408-4096

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7/10/23

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): and Menderime Gebretsadik

Mailing 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/Correction
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Need more time to get money to fix the problem



July 10, 2023

FASIKA INC.  
510 SNELLING AVE N  
ST PAUL MN 55104-2329

## Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate

RE: 506-510 SNELLING AVE N  
Ref. # 12289

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was determined to be a registered vacant building on July 5, 2023. Since certificates are for the occupancy of buildings, it has become necessary to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy.

Saint Paul Legislative Code provides that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. In order to re-occupy the building, the following deficiencies (if applicable) must be corrected and a complete Certificate of Occupancy inspection will be required.

### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Interior - 506-510 Snelling Avenue - SPLC 40. Grounds for Pending Revocation. The fire code official may issue a notice to the owner(s) and known interested parties of the city's suspension or revocation of a fire certificate of occupancy issued under the provisions of this code if it is found upon inspection by the fire code official that the building or occupancy is in violation of provisions of this or other applicable safety codes, ordinances, rules and regulations. The commercial building occupancy, or portion thereof, shall not again be used or occupied until such time as the said certificate is issued or renewed or suspension lifted following inspection and a determination by the fire code official that the commercial building occupancy, or portion thereof, is in compliance with applicable safety codes. The suspension, revocation, or denial may be appealed to the legislative hearing officer within ten (10) days of this issuance.

7/5/23: no documentation received from owner to abate this order. **Building has been posted for revocation of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy for the deficiencies in this report and the following issues: Electrical wiring in this area is not to code and there are no permits for this work. Single air conditioning unit located on the exterior of the building installed without permit or inspection. Bollards for protection of this equipment have no permit for installation and no inspections. Commercial kitchen ductwork**

***(exterior of building) is failing and property owner has performed work on the system that does not meet current code requirements. Grease from this assembly continues to leak from seams in ductwork and accumulate on the ground below the ductwork attracting pests. A black iron piping run from the exhaust fan to a metal bucket on the ground is used as grease collection. Multiple windows and doors in the building have been boarded, some windows are boarded even while open with no plan to repair or replace.***

2. Interior - Interior of 506-508 Snelling Avenue - MSFC 703.1, 704.1 - Repair and maintain the required fire resistive construction with approved materials and methods. This work will require a licensed contractor to submit plans for the vacant space and apply for a building permit(s) . Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.

***Building inspector has directed the property owner to return to plan review with updated plans for the space. Property owner has installed gypsum board to interior walls, taped, mudded, painted. Finished floor going in, dropped ceiling in place.***

3. 506 Suite - Entire 1st and Second Floor - SPLC 40.06 - Uncertified portions of the building must not be occupied until inspected and approved by this office.

***This area of the building is uncertified for occupancy and must be inspected and approved prior to any use of this space. Contact DSI Fire Inspector at (651)266-8989 to arrange for inspection and approval.***

4. 508 Suite - 2nd Floor - SPLC 40.06 - Uncertified portions of the building must not be occupied until inspected and approved by this office.

***This area of the building is uncertified for occupancy and must be inspected and approved prior to any use of this space. Contact DSI Fire Inspector at (651)266-8989 to arrange for inspection and approval.***

5. Exterior - At Back Door-along south wall - MSFC 312.2 Vehicle impact protection posts. Guard posts shall comply with the following: 1. Constructed of steel not less than 4 inches in diameter and concrete filled; 2. Spaced not more than 4 feet between posts on center; 3. Set not less than 3 feet deep in a concrete footing of not less than a 15-inch diameter; 4. Set with the top of the posts not less than 3 feet above ground; 5. Located not less than 3 feet from protected object.

***7/5/23: no documentation received from owner to abate this order. When asked at meeting on-site, property owner admitted to installing the posts himself at a 2-foot depth. Posts are required to be installed where mechanical equipment is subject to potential impact from vehicles. No building permit for the installation of bollards (posts) to protect mechanical equipment.***

6. Interior - Ansul System Inspection - MSFC 904.12.5.2 - Provide required six month service of the hood and duct fire suppression system. Provide documentation from qualified contractor.

***7/5/23: no documentation received from owner to abate this order. Due every 6 months, has not been done since April 2022.***

7. Interior - Automatic Shut-off for Gas from Ansul system - NFPA 17A (2017 ed.) 5.2.1.7 All operating devices shall be designed, located, installed or protected so that they are not subject to mechanical, environmental, or other conditions that could render them inoperative or cause inadvertent operation of the system.

***Provide the missing cover for the gas valve that actuates the automatic gas shut off when the extinguishing system in the exhaust hood is activated. Recommend shutting off the main gas valve for the cooking equipment at this time until the business is re-opened.***

8. Interior - Throughout Building - MSFC 901.6 - Provide required annual maintenance of the fire extinguishers by a qualified person and tag the fire extinguishers with the date of service.

***Last serviced in April 2022.***

9. Interior- 506 - Electrical Outlets - MSFC 604.1 - Repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. This work requires a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.

***7/5/23: no documentation received from owner to abate this order. Out of 4 outlets identified in the space, two are full of sheetrock mud; one GFCI appears new, but painted over along with fourth outlet.***

10. Interior- 506 - Finished Space - MSFC 603.5.3 - Provide clearance around all heating equipment.

***7/5/23: no documentation received from owner to abate this order.***

***Heater hanging from ceiling with new dropped ceiling tiles all around it. Cannot confirm if it works.***

11. Interior- 506 - Hanging Heat Plant - SPLC 34.11 (6), 34.35 (3) - Provide service of heating facility by a licensed contractor which must include a carbon monoxide test. Submit a completed copy of the Existing Fuel Burning Equipment Safety Test Report to this office.

***7/5/23: no documentation received from owner to abate this order.***

***Provide a copy of the ORSAT testing for formerly vacant space prior to use of this space. Any corrections to unit need to be documented.***

12. Kitchen - Hood Ductwork - MSFC 607.2 - Provide an approved hood and duct ventilation system to remove the grease laden vapors. This work will require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.

***7/5/23: no documentation received from owner to abate this order.***

***No proposal, no plans, no permit, no work done on the ventilation for the cooking equipment to correct grease accumulations on ground, building.***

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: [Laura.Huseby@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Laura.Huseby@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8998 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Laura Huseby  
Fire Safety Inspector

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