



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102  
Telephone: (651) 266-8585

**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 784240)
- 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, March 11, 2025  
Location of Hearing:  
 Telephone: you will be called between \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_  
 In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: 2:00 P.M.  
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1771 Reaney Ave City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Gary Blair Email gary@carpetcourt.com

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (651) 303-6591

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 2/20/25

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Gary Blair

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 1769 Reaney Ave., St Paul, MN 55106

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## What Is Being Appealed and Why? *Attachments Are Acceptable*

- Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O Modified Code Enforcement, dated 2/14/25 Ref # 59211
- Summary/Vehicle Abatement SPLC Code designation was misapplied and/or not applicable
- Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction Code Enforcement Correction Notice for the claimed deficiencies. All stairs are constructed safely and in a state of professional maintenance. Retaining Walls are scheduled for maintenance following the winter season.
- Vacant Building Registration \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_



February 13, 2025

AILEEN BLAIR  
GARY A BLAIR  
1769 REANEY AVE  
ST PAUL MN 55106-4243

**CORRECTION NOTICE - RE-INSPECTION COMPLAINT**

RE: 1771 REANEY AVE  
Ref. # 59211

Dear Property Representative:

A re-inspection was made on your building on February 13, 2025, in response to a complaint. You are hereby notified that the following deficiencies must be corrected prior to re-inspection date.

**A reinspection will be made on March 10, 2025 at 10:30AM.**

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

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.33(2) - Repair or replace the unsafe stairways, porch, decks or railings in an approved manner. Every outside stair, porch and deck shall be constructed safely and shall be capable of supporting imposed loads as determined in the building code and shall be kept in a professional state of maintenance and repair with proper anchorage. **This work shall require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.** Northwestern most post is twisting out of place and is not properly secured to decking. Fasteners are beginning to deteriorate from rust.

2. SPLC 34.09 (1)(2)(a), 34.33 (1)(b) - Provide and maintain all exterior walls free from holes and deterioration. All wood exterior unprotected surfaces must be painted or protected from the elements and maintained in a professional manner free from chipped or peeling paint. Retaining wall on both Reaney Ave and White Bear Ave sides are significantly deteriorated. Immediately repair. **This work shall require a permit. Contact DSI at (651) 266-8989 for more information.**
3. SPLC 34.08 (10) - Exterior sidewalks, walkways, and stairs. All sidewalks, walkways and exterior stairs shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair, free of defects and hazards. Provide adequate lighting to rear stairs.

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 the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at [Jack.Harrington@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Jack.Harrington@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-9142 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Please help to make Saint Paul a safer city in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Jack Harrington  
DSI Fire Safety Inspector

Ref. # 59211

From: Jack Harrington Jack.Harrington@ci.stpaul.mn.us  
Subject: Correction Orders for 1771 Reaney Ave  
Date: Feb 14, 2025 at 7:40:36 AM  
To: Gary Blair gary.carpetcourt@gmail.com

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Good morning,

After speaking with Leanna, I have updated correction orders for you regarding 1771 Reaney Ave.

1. We need documentation for the contractor you had out as soon as possible. The invoice, license number, and name and contact information of the licensed individual should all be provided together. We need this shortly so we can review them with a Building Official and discuss next steps if/as needed.
2. The retaining wall needs to be repaired under permit.
3. The solar lights are not sufficient for the stairs. The lights need to be able to function at all hours of the day and throughout the entire day. Permanent lights need to be installed.

This process has been going on for several months now and we will be looking at further enforcement action if these are not completed or we do not have copies of signed contracts by our next inspection date of March 10, 2025. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Jack

**City of Saint Paul**

**Jack Harrington**

**Fire Safety Inspector II**

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January 29, 2025

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  - 1) Posts for handrail are pushing out. Northwestern most post is twisting out of place and is not properly secured to decking. Fasteners are beginning to deteriorate from rust.
  - 2) Steps and landings aren't clean and are causing a slipping hazard.

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