



2236 Glenridge Ave

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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CITY CLERK

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8585

We need the following to process your appeal:

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

Location of Hearing:

☐ Telephone: you will be called between _____ & _____

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

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 2236 Glenridge Ave City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55119

Appellant/Applicant: Deanna Dorsey Email: deanna.dorsey43@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

Signature: _____ Date: 4/10/2023

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Georgetown Park of Saint Paul Maple Hills Townhomes

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 2257 Hillsdale Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55119

Phone Numbers: Business 651-738-2806 Residence _____ Cell _____

What Is Being Appealed and Why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- ☒ Vacate Order/Condemnation/Revocation of Fire C of O Condemnation for non safety
- ☐ Summary/Vehicle Abatement
- ☐ Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction Lauren L. Ross (Lightner), Saint Paul-Ramsey County
- ☐ Code Enforcement Correction Notice Public Health, filed this appeal on behalf of Dorsey.
- ☐ Vacant Building Registration
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) _____

please see attached documents

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Saint Paul – Ramsey County Public Health



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April 12, 2023

JIM BERN COMPANY
8162 BLOOMINGTON AVE S
BLOOMINGTON MN 55425

RE: RE-INSPECTION FIRE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH DEFICIENCIES
2234 GLENRIDGE AVE

Ref. # 107397

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was re-inspected for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy on April 11, 2023. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected immediately. A reinspection will be made on April 21, 2023, at 3:00P.M.

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 be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional reinspection fees.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. 2236 - MMC 504.1 - Provide, repair or replace the dryer exhaust duct. Exhaust ducts for domestic clothes dryers shall be constructed of metal and shall have a smooth interior finish. The exhaust duct shall be a minimum nominal size of four inches (102 mm) in diameter and installed in accordance with the mechanical code. This work SHALL require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-
2. 2236 - SPLC 34.23, MSFC 111.1 - This occupancy is condemned as unsafe or dangerous. This occupancy must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office. -
3. Basement and through the house - 2236 - MN Stat 299F.18 - Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials. -Reduce basement 80%
Reduce throughout house 50%

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>

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If you have any questions, email me at james.thomas@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8983 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,

James Thomas
Fire Safety Inspector
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GEORGETOWN PARK OF ST. PAUL
MAPLE HILLS TOWNHOMES

2257 HILLSDALE AVE, ST. PAUL, MN 55119

OFFICE (651) 738-2806

April 6, 2023

To: 2236 Glenridge Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55119

RE: City RE-Inspection

Recently we had another city re-inspection in your home. Here is a list of things in your home that needs to be done **IMMEDIATELY**. The next re-inspection is April 11, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. which is your responsibility and **MUST BE DONE**.

Attached is the city list and all the **highlighted areas are yours to take care of** for the re-inspection.

- Keep all exits and landings free and clear of any belongings.
- You need to keep and maintain a 36-inch clearance around the furnace and water heater. Basement should not be packed full. Must be neat and clean.
- Be sure that if you have a pet, it is on the lease and you have licenses through the City of St. Paul.
- Must keep and maintain a clean and tidy home per your lease agreement.
- Do not use any extension cords! Power bars are allowed only if they have UL approved on them.

You as the tenant are responsible for any fines caused by you. This includes inspection fees if you do not follow instructions given to you by the Inspector.

Please be sure this is all done PRIOR to the re-inspection. **If you fail to take care of the items mentioned on the list, you will be charged back for the fines assessed, and we will file for eviction if this isn't resolved at the time of re-inspection.** If you have any questions, please call the office. Thank you for all your hard work and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
Jon
Property Manager
Georgetown Park Of St. Paul
Cc: Resident File

Good Morning, My name is Deanna Dorsey, 56 with (4) major surgeries pending currently, and Markel/Marcel Williams-Hicks, who are, age 13, they have special needs and are disabled. We all reside at 2236 Glenridge Ave, St Paul, MN 55119 since 2017 and this is our first inspection, so I really didn't know what to expect.

On 2/1/23), I received a notice stating that maintenance would be entering the townhouse for a pre-inspection prior to formal inspection on February 6, th. They seemingly fixed the kitchen sink that was not flowing freely (stopped up), by the way, it's still not fixed, still stopped up.

During the formal inspection-2/7/23, I tried to keep up with the inspector, James

Thomas, as he walked through muttering to himself and the maintenance man. I couldn't keep up (due to healing from a surgery) to hear what he was saying I just caught it when he said failed, remove 80% and when I asked for specifics, he said you will get a letter and I said ok.

On or about, March 01, 2023, I received another notice (that was back dated to Feb. 6th) that said, I had another inspection on March 07, 2023. At that point, I explained that I had done 3 of the 5 issues. I said, I need time and help with basement and dryer will be serviced on 4/4/23. I said, I know I will have homemaking help for 4 hours a day to help and that the company Appliance Warehouse said I have a service contract but they can't get here until April 4th. The inspector said, that's not quick enough, so I said do you know what others options are available to me and he took out his phone, not saying a word, dialed a phone number and said leave a message. I did, still not knowing who it was, As the inspector walked out the door, he said, You need a storage unit and I said I can't afford to pay an on-going rent and storage. I asked him if he had received my email with pictures of what was removed (from Craig had taken) and he said, I received nothing as he turned and left, shaking his head, I was left totally confused. On the next inspection the inspector at that time mentioned a fan that was set on the floor under a window and access to windows, so that was fixed. I then reached out to the owner of the townhomes, letting him know what was going on requesting an answer on what all this means as far as condemnation and or eviction. He got back to me saying that he thought my plan could work and not to worry about it.

So, I didn't worry about it, I took him at his word and I had hired a contractor, Craig of QuikTurns Services to organize and load everything out of home for disposal, that was completed on (3/26/23). Dumpster was removed on 3/30/23 and full home cleaning was completed on 4/8/23.

Turned out, when I left a message it went to a woman named, Lauren of House Calls, who setup the connect with the contractor and provided the dumpster.

On or about 3/29/23, I received another notice for re-inspection on Apr 3rd. I was elated because I know what all was done and would be done, I was so proud of myself and had only glowing things were

said by contractor and owner. On the formal re-inspection 4/3/23, the inspector, to my surprise, the inspector walked around, this time I just sat on couch waiting for him to walk around and say that I passed but that wasn't what he said, he turned to me and said, Did you not hear anything I said. I looked around shocked that he would say that and I immediately started crying as I didn't have words and know all I had done, I had spend about \$3000 (begging and borrowing) to make sure I would pass this inspection this time. There was the hugest lump in my throat to the point I couldn't even speak at all, I just cried, remembering him saying, no one could ever wear this amount of clothing you have, and look at these brand new towels, how many do you use per week and you should not have any storage bins around at all and how much linen can you use? At this point I was at a lose for words and thought I should remain quiet while he ranted. I looked over at the maintenance man for help and he looked back at me with hunched his shoulders mouthing, I don't understand, you did a very good job, while the inspector turned his back calling the building manager, Joni, saying to her in a harsh tone, I'm at 2236 Glenridge Ave, St Paul, MN 55119 saying to her apparently she dosen't understand him or english and she replied, I know, I have that problem often with her, not knowing she was on speaker phone, I replied what and when, she hung up the phone and rushed over. When she arrived, the inspector toured her around and all I heard was him muttering again and her following close behind him saying how when she did inspections, surely she would never pass this and they all left.

I again contacted the owner (on April 3rd) to get the details on my move based on these failed inspections. He said he was confused because he received notice that it passed. I told him about my last communication with the inspector and that he said that I didn't not pass. The owner re-assured me again telling me not to worry and then I asked him to see what was the holdup with my new lease. Exactly, 1 hour later, I received yet another notice that I have a re-inspection on 4/11/23. I don't know how much more I can do, as I am out of money and resources. Please advise asap. 651 442 9262.

After all day on the phone (4/4/23), with Appliance Warehouse sitting at the open door. I realized that Appliance Warehouse was not coming even after I called twice to confirm, thet weren't coming I called them again afterhours 4/4/23, where they said we would be first on the list for 4/5/23 and they never showed up. I called again when they said all they can do is re-schudule for 4/18/23. I really don't what else to do as we can't afford to move. Please help. Thank you.

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Mai Vang

From: quickturnpropertyservicesllc@yahoo.com
Sent: Sunday, April 9, 2023 6:54 PM
To: jsutton@jimbernco.com; lbergerhuber@jimbernco.com; *CI-StPaul_Mayor; Deanna Dorsey; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings; jsoucheray@pioneerpress.com
Subject: Threatening Eviction of a disabled grandma of two disabled grandkids over non existent code violations.
Attachments: 20230408_082608.jpg; 20230408_082347.jpg; 20230408_082227.jpg; 20230408_082341.jpg; 20230315_173217.jpg

Good Evening,

I want to take this time to thank you in advance for hearing me out. I am writing this note on behalf of Ms. Deanna Dorsey (CC'd above) 651-442-9262 who lives at 2236 Glenridge Ave in Saint Paul, and who I believe truly needs all of our help and reasonableness. My name is Craig and I own a cleaning company Ms. Dorsey hired to remove some junk from her house as she was issued a violation notice by an inspector and the City of Saint Paul DSI, and in my experience, this has been a bit extreme. Ms. Dorsey has broken into tears so many times on the phone and I keep telling her to seek legal help, but she doesn't want to, she just wants to be left alone.

Now you may ask who I am. Well I have almost two decades in code enforcement and housing inspections to include working for multiple municipalities. I hold an inactive POST license, and am currently certified through the International Code Council for the international property maintenance code amongst a myriad of other trainings. I actually host and conduct trainings for inspectors. I have written and enforced numerous housing codes, and by far, in my career have never seen someone as bullied as Ms. Dorsey. And, ta boot, I am an eagle scout.

Attached you will find some photos of her home before we came, after the first day and after the most recent inspection.

The Inspector has put her in a position of now being financially strapped and a burden that is truly unfortunate however, I strongly encouraged her to file a complaint with the attorney general, hud and to seek legal council and I would be happy to testify on her behalf.

I have suggested that because her home, although not perfect by many peoples standards, is more than habitable, and for the city to continue to issue condemnation orders and have her housing threatened is truly disappointing. Too many people don't have a voice and I watch them get walked on by inspectors. This is one of those cases. She feels as if the landlord is supportive of these violations without actually looking at them because they want her out just to raise the rental rates.

Deanna called me crying and I told her I would come BACK out Saturday....yesterday, to take more photos. She actually hired a detail cleaning crew ta boot that was there when I arrived because on her most recent eviction letter she states her home needs to be tidy.

She is elderly, and disabled and takes care of her disabled grand kids, and for all of that, she has one of the most kept units in Saint Paul that I have ever been asked to enter.

If you look at the photos its almost like the inspectors or management never even looked at her home. Her most recent letter threatening eviction states,

- Keep all landings clear
- Keep and maintain 36 inch clearance around furnace and water heater
- basement should not be packed full
- Clean and tidy home

- pets must be on lease
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Since day one, none of her landings have been obstructed. Her home is as tidy as a disabled grandmother of two disabled boys ever could be, her clearances were more than acceptable when we first arrived but %80 percent of her basement is just plain empty. So, the pictures say a million words. the most recent letter was issued April 6th.

I feel like this is news worthy because the City of Saint Paul preaches working to protect residents housing rights, and prevent homelessness, but yet we have a tenant her that is doing everything in her power yet no one is willing to talk to her, call her or let her know she is okay or actually protect her housing.

I have attached her phone number and email to this. No need to call me, or email me, or contact me because Ms. Dorsey is the one who truly needs the help and support, but what I will happily tell the world, is through my countless years of working with communities, and during the course of my business now over a decade, I have never seen something so blatantly egregious in inspections, as if the people that are paid to look at these issues, didn't even use there eyes or show up on inspection day. There are far greater problems with the exterior structures of surrounding homes to be concerned with than of Ms. Dorsey's empty basement and landings. There is no reason she should ever feel like she would lose a home in this condition and to be honest, if I owned a rental, I would happily take her on as a tenant, she is more than tidy. Just look at the photos.

And I would honestly be ashamed if I was the one that wrote those inspection violation notices she showed me.

What is this world coming to.

2236 Glenridge Ave.QuickTurn photos taken









