



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

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**HEARING DATE & TIME**  
 (provided by Legislative Hearing Office)  
 Tuesday, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location of Hearing:  
 Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1405 Van Buren City: St. Paul State: MINN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: John Grafstrom Email: j.grafstrom@comcast.net

Phone Numbers: Business N/A Residence 651-690-5623 Cell 651-529-4337

Signature: John Grafstrom Date: 11/03/2017

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 725 Cleveland Ave So, Apt 201, St. Paul, 55116

Phone Numbers: Business See above 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 statements



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October 26, 2017

JOHN R GRAFSTORM  
CAROL J SIME  
2130 WATSON AVE  
ST PAUL MN 55116-1146

### **FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE**

RE: 1405 VAN BUREN AVE  
Ref. #116329  
Residential Class: C

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on October 16, 2017 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 November 30, 2017 at 1:00 PM.**

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. Exterior - Trims - SPLC 34.09 (1)(2), 34.33 (1) - 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.-  
Paint windows and doors trim

2. Exterior - Yard - MSFC 307.1 - All fires on the ground must be a minimum of 25 feet from structures or contained in a grill or outdoor fireplace. Wind speeds must be under 10 mph, constantly attended, a means of extinguishment must be provided. Only natural firewood can be burned (no construction materials, brush or waste materials), and fire shall be extinguished if the smoke is deemed a nuisance.-  
Remove fire pit in the yard
3. Interior - Basement - MMC 504.6 - 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 may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-
4. Interior - Basement - MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved Carbon Monoxide Alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturers instructions.-  
Provide a smoke detector in the basement.
5. Interior - Floor Vent Register at Kitchen Entry - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17(5) - Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner.-  
Vent register in floor is cracked and does not support weight. Repair or replace this grate/register.
6. Interior - Kitchen Sink Waste Line - SPLC 34.11 (1), MSBC 2902.1, SPLC 34.35 (1), MPC 301.1 - Repair or replace and maintain all parts of the plumbing system to an operational condition.-  
Improperly installation of P-trap for kitchen sink.
7. Interior - Second Floor Sleeping Room - SPLC 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door in good condition.-Door is not fitted to frame at the top.
8. Interior - Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (6), 34.34 (5) - Exterminate and control insects, rodents or other pests. Provide documentation of extermination.-  
Remove dead mouse.

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 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Laura Huseby  
Fire Inspector

Reference Number 116329

## St. Paul C of O Correction Appeal

- Current conditions in the construction industry make it difficult to comply with the deadline set in the correction order. There is currently a shortage of skilled laborers who are familiar with older properties and can be trusted to make repairs properly.

My normal repair man is on vacation and will not return for an additional three weeks. I will not be able to even schedule him because of the backlog of work that he has accumulated from his regular customers.

- The current cold weather affects the paint and caulking materials needed for some external repairs. Materials cured under cold temperatures usually do not last as long as those cured under warmer conditions and most likely shouldn't be attempted until next spring.

For these reasons, I will not be able to comply with the required completion date for the corrections requested in the inspection report.

### Progress That has Been Made

- The holes in the foundation have been plugged by Gardner Construction on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$2,040.
- Rainbow PestExperts will return to the property on Monday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> to complete extermination work on the inside of the house.

### Request for Postponement of Deadline

For all the above reasons, I am requesting a postponement of the required completion date for all the items on the order until April 30, 2018.

  
John R. Grafstrom

Please note my new address:

725 Cleveland Ave. So., #201, St. Paul, MN 55116

From: **seth krachmer** stkrachmer@yahoo.com  
Subject: Invoice from Gardner Construction, Inc  
Date: October 30, 2017 at 5:12 PM  
To: j.grafstrom@comcast.net

John

Thank you for the work.

Seth



## Gardner Construction, Inc

INVOICE	DUE DATE	BALANCE DUE
seth 17262	11/04/2017	\$2,040.00

[View invoice](#)

Dear John Grafstrom,

Your invoice is attached. Please remit payment at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your business - we appreciate it very much.

Sincerely,  
Gardner Construction, Inc



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Invoice

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MN # BC096839

**BILL TO**

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