

Zimny, Joanna (CI-StPaul)

From: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:26 AM
To: 'John Harrigan'
Cc: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul); Yannarely, Joe (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: attn: Joanna Zimney; Fee Waiver for 1731 Ivy Ave

Mr. Harrigan,

Per Joe Yannarely, Vacant Buildings, and Ms. Moermond, If by April 22nd he has certificate of code compliance certificate DSI will refund the Vacant Building Fee. If not it goes through in its entirety. You'll need to communicate this information to your buyer.

Thank you,
Joanna



Joanna Zimny

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From: John Harrigan <harriganjj@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 12:08 PM
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Subject: attn: Joanna Zimney; Fee Waiver for 1731 Ivy Ave

From: John J. Harrigan
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To:
Joanna Zimney
Executive Assistant Legislative Hearings
City of St. Paul

Dear Ms Zimney,
Your letter of October 25 confirms that the City of St Paul has waived the vacant building fee for 1731 Ivy Ave for 180 days. At the hearing I made it perfectly clear that we intended to sell the property as soon as possible to someone who could rehab it. And nobody at that hearing said the fee waiver would terminate the moment the house was sold. If you planned to terminate the waiver, you should have told me at the time. Accordingly, the fee waiver should have applied to the person who bought the property, Scott Swanson.

However, Scott informs me that the City is not granting the fee waiver.

He has asked me to contact you, and I am writing to request that the fee waiver continue to be granted. Your letter clearly states that the fee waiver was for the building, not for the individual who owned the building at that moment. Further, when the fee waiver was granted, it was clear to everyone that the house would be sold as soon as possible. No one ever stated that the fee waiver would terminate the moment the house was sold.

I also request a change in the date of starting the 180 day waiver. There are two reasons for this.

First, no permit work could be done on the building until The City gave me its Code Compliance Inspection report. Despite frequent requests by me to expedite the compliance inspections, I did not get the inspection report until December 5. Consequently none of the permits to bring the house up to code could be issued until the day after December 5.

Second, in practice, Scott Swanson could not start the rehab process until he acquired ownership of the house. This was delayed by the time it took to get for the Probate Court to authorize me as Personal Representative of my son's estate, to sell the property to him. The sale of the house closed on Feb. 24, 2020.

Because of these circumstances, I request that the 180 day period start on Feb 25, 2020.

We wish to rectify this situation as soon as possible. I'm hoping that this letter is sufficient to do that. If not, could you let Scott and me know what we must do to get the issue resolved?

You can reach me at 651 410 7392 or harriganjj@gmail.com.

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