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# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

## Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

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 820527)
  - 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

<b>HEARING DATE &amp; TIME</b>
(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
Tuesday, <u>JULY 24, 2018</u>
Time <u>11:00</u>
<b>Location of Hearing:</b>
Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1881 Princeton City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55105

Appellant/Applicant: John Lavik Email johnrlavik@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence 651 699 8119 Cell 651 788 2440

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7/12/18

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

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.)

Appealing order to cut tall grass because we have planted a pollinator friendly, eco friendly, prairie garden in lieu of grass.



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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7/10/18

JOHN R LAVIK  
1881 PRINCETON AVE  
ST PAUL MN 55105-1524**NOTICE TO CUT TALL GRASS AND/OR WEEDS**

1881-PRINCETON AVE File #: 18 - 081800 Insp:

**IF THE GRASS AND/OR WEEDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CUT,  
THANK YOU AND PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.**

Dear Owner/Occupant/Responsible Party:

We received a complaint of tall grass and/or weeds for this property address. The Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 45, requires property owners and/or occupants to keep the grass and/or weeds less than eight (8) inches in height. **This is your official notice to cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from your yard, the boulevard, and from the garage and/or alley areas.**

To ensure compliance with the ordinance, a Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the property after 72 hours from the postmark on this letter. If the grass and/or weeds are more than eight (8) inches, the Enforcement Officer will schedule a City Work Crew to immediately do this work. The cost of cutting the tall grass and/or weeds is **\$160 per hour plus expenses, with a minimum charge of one (1) hour.** This fee plus administrative costs will be added to the special assessments against the property, to be paid with the Real Estate Taxes.

Your cooperation in cutting the grass and/or weeds will be appreciated by the people in your neighborhood. Let's all work together to make Saint Paul the best it can be! If you have any further questions regarding this notice, if you are elderly or disabled and need help with cutting the grass or if you no longer own this property, please call the Code Enforcement Area Inspector Cedric Roby at 651-266-1939.

**The scheduled inspection date for your property is on or after: July 14, 2018**

**APPEALS:** You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk immediately upon receipt of this letter. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this Summary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.

**\*WARNING** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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Ship To  
John Lavik  
1881 Princeton Ave  
St. Paul MN 55105  
United States

PO #

Terms

Due Date

Net 30

11/11/2017

Sales Rep

Shipping Method

Ship Date

JW

1/3/2017

Project	Quantity	Units	Item	Rate	Amount
PRJ3924 Frontyard Prairie 2017 Install	1		Site prep, seed, seeding and erosion blanket. 14 - 4" potted Indian grass installed. (no wood mulch - price reduced) Plus optional boulevard seeding. Work completed 10/12/2017		\$2,970.00
PRJ3924 Frontyard Prairie 2017 Install			Credit for Site Eval Fee	-6.734%	(\$200.00)
			<b>Subtotal</b>		\$2,770.00
			<b>Shipping and Handling</b>		\$0.00
			<b>Tax Total (%)</b>		\$0.00
			<b>Amount Paid</b>		-\$0.00
			<b>Amount Due</b>		\$2,770.00

Memo:

Note:

Accounts not paid in full within 30 days of the invoice date will have monthly finance charges added at a rate of 1.5%.

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**Prairie Restorations, Inc.**

21120 Ozark Court North  
Scandia, MN 55073  
[www.prairieresto.com](http://www.prairieresto.com)

**A. Company Background:** <http://www.prairieresto.com/mission.shtml> (Follow the blue links to learn more)

Prairie Restorations, Inc. (PRI) has been dedicated to the restoration and management of native plant communities for over 39 years. We are fortunate to have worked with thousands of clients on a wide variety of projects in both the public and private sectors throughout the Upper Midwest.

The PRI staff currently consists of 45 full-time professionals and about an equal number of seasonal employees which operate out of six Minnesota locations. Most of the staff has B.S. degrees in natural resource related fields such as biology, forestry, horticulture or wildlife. As a full service restoration company, PRI is able to provide our clients expertise and service in all facets of native landscape restoration. Along with consulting, design, installation and land management services, we also produce our own local ecotype seed and plant materials which are used on all of our projects.

The PRI Team is committed to and passionate about protecting and enhancing our valuable natural resources. It is this dedication that is brought to each and every one of our projects. We are proud to offer the best expertise, services and products available in the industry and appreciate the opportunity to provide you with this proposal.

**B. Project Overview:**

1. Establishing a native landscape ([http://www.prairieresto.com/establish\\_landscape.shtml](http://www.prairieresto.com/establish_landscape.shtml)) in this area will provide a long term, ecologically sound landscape that is adapted to the existing conditions of the site. This native landscape will not require irrigation, black dirt or other soil amendments. . It will add a distinctive look to the property as well as provide valuable habitat for songbirds, butterflies, bees and other pollinators.
2. The project area will be seeded with native prairie grasses and wildflowers that are adapted to the site conditions.
3. To establish this planting, the site will be treated with herbicide to kill existing weeds, tilled and harrowed to provide a smooth seedbed, seeded with native grasses and wildflowers, and covered with straw erosion blanket to protect the seeding and enhance germination.
4. An option is given to plant native wildflower and grass plugs within the project area to add diversity and color within the project area.
5. An estimate for 3 years of Establishment Period Vegetation Management is included in this proposal.

**C. Site preparation:** [http://www.prairieresto.com/installation\\_preparation.shtml](http://www.prairieresto.com/installation_preparation.shtml)

1. As an option, remove spruce tree.
2. In areas with actively growing vegetation, apply a glyphosate herbicide (Roundup® or equivalent) and a triclopyr herbicide (Garlon 3A® or equivalent) with appropriate surfactants, as per manufacturer's directions. Allow a minimum of 30 days before disturbing the vegetation with other procedures.
3. Till the soil to stimulate weed seed germination.
4. Allow the site to green up, followed by an application of a glyphosate herbicide (Roundup® or equivalent) as per manufacturer's directions. Allow a minimum of 10 days before disturbing the vegetation with other procedures.
5. Hand rake the soil to create a firm, smooth seedbed.

**D. Seed and Seeding:** [http://www.prairieresto.com/installation\\_seeding.shtml](http://www.prairieresto.com/installation_seeding.shtml)

1. Seeding dates will be in the spring or summer before August 10<sup>th</sup> or in the fall between September 20<sup>th</sup> and freeze-up.
2. The grass seed will be spread by hand broadcasting throughout the project area.
3. A raking will follow to incorporate the seed into the soil.
4. Following the raking, flower seed will be spread by hand broadcasting onto the soil surface.

5. The seed mixes will consist of the following species and amounts:

**Grass Seed**

**lbs / project area**

**PRI Short Dry Grass Mix:**

40% Little bluestem, 35% Side oats grama,  
 13% Blue grama, 4% Poverty oat grass,  
 4% June grass, 2% Sand dropseed,  
 2% Prairie dropseed, all by PLS weight..... 1/2

<http://www.prairieresto.com/CategoryList.php?cID=12>

**Note:** A cover crop will be sown along with the native grasses at a rate of approximately 25 lbs./acre. Cover crop is an annual grass species that germinates quickly and will reduce the risk of soil erosion on the site. Oats will be used for a spring or summer seeding, and winter wheat will be used for a fall seeding.

**Wildflower Seed**

**oz / project area**

**PRI Short Dry Wildflower Mix:**

20% Purple prairie clover, 18% Hoary vervain, 16% Black-eyed Susan,  
 14% Leadplant, 6% Showy Penstemon, 5% Bush clover,  
 5% Rough blazing star, 3% Stiff goldenrod,  
 2% Common milkweed, 2% Wild bergamot, 2% Prairie rose,  
 2% Western spiderwort, 2% Golden Alexander,  
 1% Yarrow, 1% White prairie clover,  
 1% Northern bedstraw, all by PLS weight..... 1

<http://www.prairieresto.com/CategoryList.php?cID=13>

- E. **Erosion Control:** [http://www.prairieresto.com/installation\\_erosion.shtml](http://www.prairieresto.com/installation_erosion.shtml)
1. Cover crop will be sown along with the native grasses.
  2. Erosion blanket (\$150 or equivalent) will be applied as per manufacturer's directions to the entire project area.

**F. Plants and Planting:**

1. Optionally, the planting can be further diversified with wildflower and/or grass plants (plugs or 4 inch pots). These will be planted individually in appropriate microhabitats throughout, or in designated areas of the project. The plants used will consist primarily of species other than those previously seeded.
2. From the following list a minimum of 8 species will be used.
3. Plant a total of 240 plugs.

**Wildflowers**

<http://www.prairieresto.com/CategoryList.php?cid=10>

Fragrant giant hyssop ( <i>Agastache foeniculum</i> )	Rough blazing star ( <i>Liatrix aspera</i> )
Prairie onion ( <i>Allium stellatum</i> )	Pale lobelia ( <i>Lobelia spicata</i> )
Pasque flower ( <i>Anemone patens</i> )	Wild lupine ( <i>Lupinus perennis</i> )
Pussytoes ( <i>Antennaria neglecta</i> )	Prairie phlox ( <i>Phlox pilosa</i> )
Columbine ( <i>Aquilegia canadensis</i> )	Yellow coneflower ( <i>Ratibida pinnata</i> )
Butterfly weed ( <i>Asclepias tuberosa</i> )	Gray goldenrod ( <i>Solidago nemoralis</i> )
Harebell ( <i>Campanula rotundifolia</i> )	Upland goldenrod ( <i>Solidago ptarmicoides</i> )
Showy penstemon ( <i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i> )	Showy goldenrod ( <i>Solidago speciosa</i> )
Pale purple coneflower ( <i>Echinacea angustifolia</i> )	Heath aster ( <i>Symphotrichum ericoides</i> )
Rattlesnake master ( <i>Eryngium yuccifolium</i> )	Azure aster ( <i>Symphotrichum oolentangiense</i> )
Northern bedstraw ( <i>Galium boreale</i> )	Silky aster ( <i>Symphotrichum sericeum</i> )
Prairie smoke ( <i>Geum triflorum</i> )	Prairie violet ( <i>Viola pedatifida</i> )
Alum-root ( <i>Heuchera richardsonii</i> )	

**Grasses**

14 - Indian grass (*Sorghastrum nutans*) planted in planter bed with wood mulch

**G. Management:** [http://www.prairieresto.com/management\\_overview.shtml](http://www.prairieresto.com/management_overview.shtml)

1. Management (maintenance) plays a vital role in the eventual success of any native landscape installation, especially during the establishment period. Active management of your native landscape is highly recommended to give the project the best opportunity for long term success.
2. During the germination year, the project area may need to be mowed to control annual weed development. If a "closed" canopy of weed cover develops, it should be mowed to aid in the growth of the prairie seedlings by reducing competition. Mowing may also be necessary if the weeds are about to set seed. Optimum cutting height, depending on the wildflower species present, is typically 4 to 6 inches. It is important that the clippings are finely mulched in order to prevent smothering. PRI can provide the mowing services if desired. Please refer to the cost section of this proposal for a mowing quote.
3. In years following the first growing season, Integrated Plant Management (IPM) services are utilized to control annual, biennial and perennial weed species within the developing native landscape. Typical IPM services include spot herbicide spraying, spot mowing, herbicide wicking or hand weeding. These services are billed on a per trip cost agreed upon prior to the growing season. Rough estimates are provided in the cost section of this proposal for these future management activities.
4. Prescribed burning is a highly effective management tool and may be recommended for your project as it matures. Burning stimulates native species to grow more robustly and also help to deter the presence of many non-native and/or woody species. Prescribed burning, when recommended, will be provided as a separate lump sum cost.
5. In lieu of burning, or during years when the site is not burned, a Spring Dormant Mowing can be used to "clean up" previous year's growth and set the table for the new growing season. This mowing would occur early in the spring, as soon as conditions permit. Spring Dormant Mowing, when recommended, will be provided as a separate lump sum cost.

mowing



**H. Anticipated Management:**

The following table conveys the anticipated management procedures for your project during the first 3 growing seasons. Estimates for these procedures are provided in the cost section of this proposal.

Year	Projected Management Procedures
2018	Complete site mowings to control annual weed canopy (2 or 3 mowings as needed). Project monitoring
2019	Complete site mowing Integrated Plant Management (IPM) – includes spot spraying, spot mowing, wicking, hand weeding, and other techniques to control weeds and invasive species (3 to 4 visits are typical) Project monitoring
2020	Spring burn to encourage native plant growth and to help deter the presence of non-native and woody species. Integrated Plant Management (IPM) – 3 to 4 visits are typical Project monitoring

**I. Costs:**

**Project Installation:**

Site prep, seed, seeding and erosion blanket.....	\$2520
Planter bed plants and wood mulching.....	\$200
Optional spruce tree removal.....	<del>\$600</del>
Optional boulevard seeding.....	\$350
Optional Wildflower seedlings (240 @ \$2.50 each) .....	<del>\$600</del>
<b>Total with all options .....</b>	<b>\$4270</b>

**Vegetation Management:**

**Germination year management quote:**

Complete site mowings as needed (1 to 2 mowings are typical) .... **\$200/mowing**

**Future Management Estimates:**

Growing season 2018 (assumes 3 IPM/mow visits) .....	\$600
Growing season 2019 (assumes 3 IPM visits).....	\$600
Growing season 2020 (assumes 3 IPM visits).....	\$600

**Please note:** The *Future Management Estimates* are meant to convey typical management costs for projects of similar size and characteristics. Prior to each growing season, you will receive a specified quote from your project manager detailing the recommended management strategies and associated costs for your project.

PRI will provide a follow-up consultation approximately 1 month after the completion of the project (if the project was seeded in the fall, the consultation will occur the following spring). The Restorationist (or salesperson) will meet with the project owner to assess the status of the project, answer any questions, and provide any necessary recommendations. This follow-up consultation will be provided at no additional cost.

**J. Contract:**

If you accept the proposal as written and want to proceed with the project, please sign the contract below.

Owner (print): John & Kris Lavik Date: 12.26.16

Signed: [Signature] Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name: Lavik Residence Contract Value: \$ 3070

Contractor: *Prairie Restorations, Inc.* (omit tree removal and optional wild flowers)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Jeff West – Site Manager**  
Prairie Restorations, Inc.  
21120 Ozark Court North  
Scandia MN 55073

A 20% down payment is required at this time. Please return a copy of the signed contract, along with payment for 20% of the total project cost. The remainder of the contract will be billed upon completion.

**K. Notes:** Please note that this proposal is valid for 1 months (from the date on the proposal). If the proposal is accepted after the 1 month period, PRI reserves the right to modify the proposal based on cost fluctuations and material availability.

Restoration outline prepared by Prairie Restorations, Inc. (PRI), Princeton, Minnesota