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# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

## Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102  
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**We need the following to process your appeal:**

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number 794036)
- 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>September 1, 2015</u>
Time <u>11:00 a.m.</u>
<b>Location of Hearing:</b> <u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u>

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1020 THOMAS AVE City: ST. PAUL State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: BE and PETER VANG DEAN Email petervangdean@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business 612-822-8000 BE: 651-592-1783 PETER: 612-581-7570 Cell 612-581-7570

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 8/21/15

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): NOTE = BE VANG DEAN IS MARRIED NAME OF BE VANG NAMED ON CORRECTION NOTICE

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 1020 THOMAS AVE, ST. PAUL, MN 55104

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 UN SOUND BASIS FOR ORDER - SEE ATTACHED LETTER
- Vacant Building Registration \_\_\_\_\_
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

St. Paul City Clerk,

We hereby appeal the correction notice of which we were informed in a letter dated 7/29/15 for removal of the deck at 1020 Thomas Ave. or pulling of a permit for same, file no. 15-144055. The "new deck" referred to in this letter was built in 2014. Prior to commencing work, I (Peter) called DSI to make inquiries regarding both the deck and a fence (for which you can see that I did pull a permit). I was told that decks not attached to a building and less than 24 inches above grade were considered landscaping and that no permit was required. This deck meets those criteria.

The description on the city web site pertaining to the correction order says "Deck is fairly high, up 3 steps and without railings..." The deck is less than 24" above adjacent grade. By code, walking surfaces less than 30" above grade or an adjacent walking surface do not require guardrails, and stairways with fewer than four step rises do not require handrails.

We ask that the correction order be rescinded.

Be Vang Dean  
Peter Vang Dean  
1020 Thomas Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
612-581-7570

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Vang Dean". The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large initial "P" and "D".



CITY OF SAINT PAUL  
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

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Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

Telephone: 651-266-8989  
Facsimile: 651-266-1919  
Web: [www.stpaul.gov/dsi](http://www.stpaul.gov/dsi)

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July 29, 2015

Be Vang  
368 Rose Ave E  
Saint Paul MN 55130-3628

- Yog hais tias koj hais tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb zwb.
- Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamaños al (651)266-8989. No costo.

## CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 1020 THOMAS AVE  
File #: 15-144055

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on **July 29, 2015** and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code<sup>1</sup> (see footnote 1, below).

- 1. REMOVE NEW DECK ON BACK SIDE OF THE HOUSE OR PULL A PERMIT FOR NEW DECK AND HAVE INSPECTED BY THE BUILDING INSPECTIONS DEPARTMENT.**

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. The Enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on **August 28, 2015**, by which date the violations noted must be corrected. **Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in the issuance of criminal charges<sup>2</sup> and/or a civil lawsuit, and possible abatement/assessment by the City.** All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permits may be obtained by calling 651-266-8989.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk at 651-266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this Notice when you appeal, and pay a filing fee.)

**If you have any questions or request additional information, please contact me. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to me at 651-266-1924.**

Sincerely,

Sean Westenhofer  
Badge # 330

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Footnotes:

- 1 To see the Legislative Code go to [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov) on the internet, click on "Departments", then click on "Department of Safety and Inspections", scroll down the page for the "Codes". Most Correction Notices derive from Chapter 34.
- 2 Criminal charges can be brought on the day the violation is observed, but generally we allow time to correct unless this is a repeat violation.

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**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 such 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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