



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8585

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We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee payable to the City of Saint Paul
(if cash: receipt number check 002004)
 - 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

<p>HEARING DATE & TIME (provided by Legislative Hearing Office) Tuesday, <u>8-19-14</u></p> <p>Time <u>2:30 PM</u></p> <p>Location of Hearing: <u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u></p>
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Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 897 Jessie St. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55130

Appellant/Applicant: Clare Gallagher Email clareggg8480@yahoo.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 612-919-6917 Cell _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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 _____
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice _____
- Vacant Building Registration _____
- Other _____

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August 11, 2014

St. Paul Dept of Safety
310 City Hall #310
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: 897 Jessie St. - St. Paul, MN 55130

I received a bill from your department stating that unless I paid a \$25.00 fee to dispute the \$1,440.00 bill that I received for a "vacant" house, I would be billed for this amount. The house caught on fire in March 2014 from the tenants daughter putting oil in a pan for french fries and then sitting down and going to sleep. The fire alarms woke her up. I was out of town until May, 2014.

I have enclosed a check for \$25.00 to dispute this amount. A building permit has finally come through so the contractor, which I met with on Friday, August 8 said that he thought this coming week, they would start the demo of the fire and also smoke damage. The insurance company sent me a check for \$120,000 and then the contractor went through everything and found another over \$40,000 that the adjuster didn't put down on the original amount. This has been the big holdup.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Clara (Clare) Gallagher
26785 Fremont Dr.
Zimmerman, MN 55398
612-919-6917
clareggg8480@yahoo.com

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August 6, 2014

RE: 897 Jesse Street, St. Paul, MN 55130
#J1409B; #J1411A, #1412A

City of St. Paul
Attn: Ms. Mai
#310 City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Ms. Mai,

Thank you for all of your help today when I called about the three different letters that I got today from the City of St. Paul about my burned house at 897 Jesse St. I hope we will be starting on demo and rebuilding next week. The general contractor, Dean Johnson Homes, 4700 County Road 19, Medina, MN, 55357 (763-479-4820) has applied for a permit that is in the City offices. It will be reconstructed and not rebuilt as a new structure. I have sent in checks to the city for something or other, I am not certain what. As I said on the phone, I wish that all of these departments could be put together so there would be one outcome. Now I have letters from Public Improvement, Dept of safety and inspections, vacant building registration, and public hearing. The addresses are 375 Jackson St. 15 W. Kellogg St. All of this should be put together. I am 75 years old, just had a hip replaced and eye surgery last week and parking downtown is horrible.

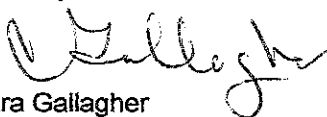
I have worked two and three jobs all my life to be able to retire and go down South. I was in Mission, TX when the renter called me and said the house was on fire. The arson investigator said that the renters twenty year old daughter was going to make french fries, put grease in a pan on the stove, sat down on the couch and fell asleep, awaking when the fire alarms went off and the house was filled with smoke. Because the renter had let her renters insurance lapse when she was paid off one of her jobs, she did not have renters insurance. I called my insurance agent and told him what happened and he started a claim. It took five weeks for the Safco Insurance adjuster to send me 53 pages of covered items and now Mr. Johnson just sent in a list of items the adjuster missed and was okay'd by Safco.

The fireman for some reason knocked out the windows from the inside of the house and there is window glass all over the yard. I REFUSED to cut the grass with all the shards of glass there. Knocking all the windows out (casement, crank out type) was unnecessary. Especially on the second floor and the egress window in the basement. I have seen the firemen do this at other sites and I appreciate their work but sometimes it is overkill.

I have enclosed the three letters that I received for you to check. You said that you would bring this to the City Council meeting, which I appreciate.

Please do call with any questions. Thank you again for your help and I hope that all of these departments can be merged into ONE.

Sincerely,


Clara Gallagher
612-919-6917



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

August 04, 2014

Nuisance Building Code Enforcement

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220

Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

651-266-8989

651-266-1919

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Clara J Gallagher Trustee
26785 Fremont Dr
Zimmerman MN 55398-9328

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION FEE

WARNING LETTER

The Saint Paul City Council has adopted legislation which requires owners of vacant buildings to pay an annual fee and submit a registration plan on the form(s) enclosed with this letter. The annual fee is **\$1,440.00**. The purpose of this fee is to partially reimburse the City for administrative costs for registering and processing the Vacant Building Owner Registration forms and for the cost of monitoring these properties for compliance with Saint Paul Legislative Codes.

*The fee for the vacant building located at **897 JESSIE ST** is now past due. You have fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter to pay this bill before this fee is sent to assessment, to be collected with your property taxes.*

Do not mail cash

Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43 requires this fee be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the building becomes vacant, and if not paid the owner shall be subject to collections and prosecution as prescribed in the Legislative Code. Also, if at any time the registration fee is unpaid and owing, building permits will be denied for this building.

The full amount owed will be assessed to, and collected with, the taxes for this property as permitted by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.

The owner(s) still will be subject to a criminal Summons and Complaint for failure to pay this vacant building registration fee. This citation will necessitate a court appearance in Ramsey County District Court and the owner(s) will be subject to penalties provided for by law. The enclosed registration form must accompany the fee payment.

If you wish to pay in person, you may do so at:

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

All category 2 and category 3 vacant buildings must be winterized with gas and water services shut off or, alternately, an excess flow gas valve must be installed in the dwelling, within sixty (60) days of the date of this Notice.

**WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL IS REQUIRED BEFORE A
CATEGORY 2 OR CATEGORY 3 VACANT BUILDING CAN BE OCCUPIED OR SOLD.**

Category 2: Requirements include: 1. register/re-register the building, 2. pay outstanding fee(s), 3. obtain a code compliance report, 4. submit for approval a rehab cost estimate from a licensed contractor and a schedule for completion of all code compliance work, 5. submit proof of financial responsibility acceptable to the City, and 6. obtain Zoning approval of the proposed use.

Category 3: All requirements listed for Category 2 vacant buildings, AND obtain a **Certificate of Occupancy OR Certificate of Code Compliance** prior to the sale of the building.

If the use of this building meets the definition of a nonconforming use by the Zoning Code then the use will lose its nonconforming status 365 days from the date the building was declared vacant.

If you have questions about this registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the Enforcement Officer, Tom Friel, at 651-266-1906.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated. Thank you.

Steve Magner

Vacant Buildings Program Manager
Department of Safety and Inspections

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information
Vacant Building Registration Form

SM: tf

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