



March 9, 2012

Marcia C. Moermond
Legislative Hearing Officer
Office of the City Council
Legislative Hearings
310 City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102-1615

VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Re: Order to Repair 1456 Cohansey Street
Our File No. 51937.1

Dear Ms. Moermond:

This law firm represents Richard Bednar, the owner of the property at 1456 Cohansey Street in St. Paul. For reasons that are perplexing and unclear to me, Mr. Bednar has been unable or incapable by himself of getting all necessary final inspections of the property completed.

Please note that Mr. Bednar has expended considerable money and time in rehabilitating the property, and ostensibly, what remains to be done are final sign-offs on the plumbing, mechanical, and building inspections. The electrical inspection has been successfully completed.

I am fearful that not all of these inspections will be completed by the next time Mr. Bednar is expected to appear in front of you on Tuesday, March 13. I do not want to speculate as to what possible impediments may be preventing Mr. Bednar from getting all the inspections completed. It is becoming clear, however, that without any malevolent intent on his part or disregard for the law, he is overwhelmed and apparently not capable of successfully completing the process on his own.

As a result, I have asked a family member to intervene and help. Mr. Bednar's sister, Diane Schmitz, has agreed to step in and to shepherd the inspection process through to final conclusion. She would be available March 16, 19, and 20 to be present at the Cohansey Street residence and to see that the necessary inspections are completed. She will be calling Jim Seeger at the City Inspections Office to determine what inspections remain to be completed and to schedule any uncompleted inspections for those dates. She will provide Mr. Seeger with her contact information, including her cell phone number.



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I apologize for the delay. In concluding that Mr. Bednar needs family assistance to complete any remaining inspections, we have undertaken the steps necessary to put in place a family support system to help finish the process. As a result, we ask that the City withhold any punitive action, including forfeiting Mr. Bednar's performance deposit, until the end of this month to see if family intervention and assistance can resolve the issues and finally bring this matter to a successful conclusion.

Thank you for your patience and consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John P. Boyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

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