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To Whom it may concern,

I am a St. Paul resident (frogtown) and I am writing to appeal the current vacant building fee for property at 1010 Edgerton st. The home was vacant and caught on fire in 2020. At the end of 2020, I purchased the home in order to restore it. At the end of 2020, the vacant building fee for "2021" was paid. Over the course of 2021 I worked on the restoration of this small cottage style house that was built in the late 1800s. It took a lot of work and almost everything needed to be replaced or restored in some manner. It has taken alot of time and money to complete this restoration and to be able to take this house, which could have been torn down, and make it into a home for someone. As the end of 2021 neared, the vacant building fee letters came for the next years amount. Talking with enforcement officer, I was told that the VB fees are not prorated based on time in the year the home is on the VB list. So I asked if I could have some extensions as I had shown i had made progress on the restoration of the home. He said it could be extended. While I was hopeful I would be able to gain occupancy before the end of the year, the permitting process took longer than expected but finally in March I was able to pass all inspections and take this property off the VB list. My ask is simply to dismiss the VB fee based on the fact that I have restored the home and it is no longer vacant and the time which the VB fee covers (late 2021-present) I up kept the property and have not burdened the city and its resources by requiring them the to clean or maintain the property.

I thank you for your time.

Matthew Heimann