



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Civil Division

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November 18, 2014

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE LICENSE

Gilbert Odonkor, President  
YAW Construction Group  
4640 Lyndale Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

RE: Sidewalk Contractor license held by YAW Construction Group, Inc., d/b/a YAW Construction Group for the City of Saint Paul  
License ID #20100004344

Dear Mr. Odonkor:

The Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) has recommended revocation of the Sidewalk Contractor license held by YAW Construction Group, Inc., d/b/a YAW Construction Group for the City of Saint Paul. The basis for the recommendation is as follows:

**On November 10, 2014, the Department of Safety and Inspection (DSI) received a notice from the Minnesota Department of Revenue stating that you have an overdue tax liability. Minn. Stat. § 270C.72, Subd. 1 states: "The state or a political subdivision of the state may not issue, transfer, or renew, and must revoke, a license for the conduct of a profession, occupation, trade or business, if the commissioner notifies the licensing authority that the applicant owes the state delinquent taxes payable to the commissioner, penalties or interest."**

**Under Minnesota Law, your license must be revoked unless your tax delinquency is resolved and DSI receives a Clearance Certificate from the Minnesota Department of Revenue.**

At this time, you have three (3) options on how to proceed:

1. If you do not contest the imposition of the proposed adverse action, you may do nothing. If I have not heard from you by **Friday, November 28, 2014**, I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action, and the matter will be placed on the City Council agenda for approval of the proposed remedy.
2. If you wish to admit the facts but you contest the penalty, you may have a public hearing before the Saint Paul City Council. You will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting to the facts and requesting a public hearing. I will need to receive your letter by **Friday, November 28, 2014**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council for a public hearing to determine whether to revoke your license. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.

3. If you dispute the facts outlined above, you may request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). You will need to send me a letter disputing the facts and requesting an administrative hearing no later than **Friday, November 28, 2014**. At that hearing both you and the City will appear and present witnesses, evidence and cross-examine each other's witnesses. After receipt of the ALJ's report (usually within 30 days), a public hearing will need to be scheduled. At that time, the City Council will decide whether to adopt, modify or reject the ALJ's report and recommendation.

Please note: If you choose an administrative hearing, the Department of Safety and Inspections reserves the right to request that City Council impose the costs of the administrative hearing per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (k).

**If you have not contacted me or DSI by Friday, November 28, 2014, I will assume that you do not contest the suspension of your Sidewalk license. In that case, the matter will be placed on the City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.**

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact me at 266-8710.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Karls  
Assistant City Attorney

cc: Dan Niziolek, Deputy Director – DSI  
Gilbert Odonkor, 5220 – 84<sup>th</sup> Court North, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
 ) ss.

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COUNTY OF RAMSEY )

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November she served the attached **NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE LICENSE** and correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:


Gilbert Odonkor, President  
YAW Construction Group  
4640 Lyndale Avenue North  
Minneapolis, MN 55412

Gilbert Odonkor  
5220-84<sup>th</sup> Court North  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443

(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

  
Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014

  
Notary Public

