

04/09/2015
Regarding File #CRT1508

Dear Leanna Shaft.

→ I can't be at the hearing because I live in Texas.

I'm writing this letter in the hopes it could be presented at the Legislative Hearing on 4/21/15 at 9am.

Back in November, 2014 a fire inspection was done on our home in which we currently have renters. I was to pay \$220 by January 12 to avoid late fees, per the invoice. I ended up sending a check on January 26th knowing that I might accrue a late fee.

My check was returned saying it was too late and had gone to assessments. I assumed this meant that the fee was tacked onto my property taxes so I didn't give it a second thought.

I've now received a letter that there will be a hearing and that I have accrued additional fees called "admin fees" in the amounts of \$120 and \$35. I don't see any mention of admin fees listed on the original invoice for payment. I only see a mention of late fees.

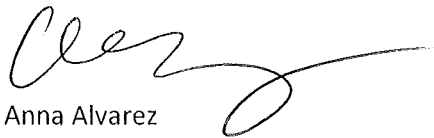
When I sent my check late, I knew I might have to pay a late fee, but I never expected to have to pay \$155 in admin fees. I'm new to being a landlord (as of 2014) and am still figuring out how all of this works.

Would the City Council accept my original fee plus a late fee and consider removing the admin fees? I know I should have paid it on time, but I was only 2 weeks late and I knew I would have to pay a late fee. I'm not attempting to get out of that, but I did not know about the high admin fees.

I would very much appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Attached are a copy of the stamped check and the returned invoice that also shows the date that the check was received by the City of St. Paul (1/31).

Thank you kindly,



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