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We need the following to process your appeal:

- ☒ \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number 950427)
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- ☒ Attachments you may wish to include
- ☒ This appeal form completed
- ☒ Walk-In OR ☐ Mail-In
- for abatement orders only: ☐ Email OR ☐ Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, October 8

Time 1:30 p.m.

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1370 Snelling Ave N City: St. Paul State: Mn Zip: 55068

Appellant/Applicant: Jim + Jane Ertl Email: janemaurine@yahoo.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651-423-5444 Cell 651-324-9120

Signature: Jane Ertl Date: Oct 3, 2019

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 12890 Dodd Blvd, Rosemount, Mn 55068

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651-423-5444 Cell 651-324-9120

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/Correction
- ☐ Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- ☐ Vacant Building Registration
- ☐ Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Please see attached

Attachment to the Appeal regarding 1370 Snelling Ave. N. October 3, 2019

We are appealing item number two on the deficiency list in order to request a variance or, alternatively, an extension of time to reduce the number of occupants. We are not appealing item one and item 3 and those issues are being dealt with by an electrician.

The house is located on Snelling Avenue across from the state fairgrounds and has five bedrooms and two full baths. Most of our renters have been veterinary students from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul campus. We generally find renters by word of mouth and I believe we have a great relationship with our renters. We bought the house when our son started vet school and hope the house provides an atmosphere that is supportive of the needs of our students to be successful in a very challenging curriculum. We occasionally have international students and we find them to be very respectful, polite, and thankful to have housing.

I received an email from one of the professors at the Vet school seeking a room for an international student. I entered into the rental arrangement and received a deposit from the student. I realize I should have known the limitations of numbers but it didn't occur to me at the time that it would be unacceptable to have five students in a five bedroom house. Normally we have had four or fewer renters. For most of last summer we had three renters and, as of now, this coming January we will be down to three again.

I have tried to find alternative housing for the student, without success. Housing for international students is very limited in availability because they need a furnished room which is close to campus since they don't have transportation. Also, they are usually here for just a few weeks and many landlords are looking for renters for longer periods of time.

I feel responsible for this student and want to do all I can to provide suitable housing and honor the agreement I made. I believe having a variance or an extension of time to reduce the number of renters is the best outcome. The renter is not at fault and I want to do everything I can to avoid hardship and to meet the renter's expectations.

We will absolutely abide by the limitation of 4 renters in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.
Jane Ertl



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September 27, 2019

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FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 1370 SNELLING AVE N
Ref. #115359
Residential Class: B

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on September 27, 2019 for the renewal of your Fire Certificate of Occupancy. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected prior to the re-inspection date.

A re-inspection will be made on October 25, 2019 at 9:00AM.

Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation or the revocation of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building shall be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional re-inspection fees.

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING TENANTS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF DEFICIENCIES ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Throughout - MSFC 605.5 - Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring.
-Extension cords were found throughout the property.
2. Throughout - SPLC 34.13 (2), (3), SPLC 34.17 (2) - The unit is overcrowded. Reduce and maintain the number of occupants in the unit to: 4.

-Upon inspection, inspector noticed the possibility of five tenants. Responsible Party confirmed that there were 5 unrelated adults living at the property. Reduce number of tenants to 4.

3. Upper Level - MN Stat. 299F.362 - Immediately provide and maintain a smoke detector located outside each sleeping area.
-Hardwired smoke detector needs replacement. Replace with same power source.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>

You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.

If you have any questions, email me at: adam.powers@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8982 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Adam Powers
Fire Safety Inspector

Reference Number 115359