



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

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

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| HEARING DATE & TIME (provided by Legislative Hearing Office) Tuesday, <u>October 18</u> |
| Time <u>1:30 p.m.</u> |
| Location of Hearing: Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse |

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1600 Upper Afton City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Celeste Yanisch Email _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651-772-2577 Cell 651-587-6325
sjperron@co

Signature: Celeste Yanisch Date: _____

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell _____

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 we were asked to do a safety inspection
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice _____
- Vacant Building Registration _____
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) listed as a rental property



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August 12, 2016

Celeste R Perron
 1596 Upper Afton Rd
 St Paul Mn 55106-6839

Talked to Maynard on 8/16/16
 All properties MUST HAVE fire + CO de
 within 1 year of
 No exceptions

call : 266-8585
 appeals phone number

Fire Safety Inspection Appointment

Dear Property Owner:

We have scheduled an inspection of your property. The details of the inspection are listed below.

Address: 1600 Upper Afton Road

Units: 1

Date: September 2, 2016

Time: 11am

Inspector: Jonathan Gaulke

Phone: 651-266-8994

Email: Jonathan.Gaulke@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Action Required By You:

You or someone representing you must report to the front of the building to accompany the inspector throughout the building, including each rental unit, where applicable. Please have keys available to all units and common areas. The owner of a building is responsible for notifying the tenants that an inspection will be done at least 24 hours before the inspection.

If you no longer own or manage this building, contact Jonathan Gaulke at 651-266-8994 immediately.

Additional Action Required For Housing

You must complete a **Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detector Affidavit** prior to the inspection.

The success of your initial inspection determines what happens next in the inspection cycle. Routine self-inspections before our visit can help you get the best grade possible.

About the Inspection

Forms, fee schedules, a pre-inspection checklist and other inspection handouts and information are available on our website at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>. Thank you for your co-operation.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and the collection of inspection fees. It is a criminal misdemeanor violation to not appear for this appointment without rescheduling with the inspector. In addition, a No Entry Fee of \$72.00 may be assessed to your Renewal Fee if you need to re-schedule the appointment but fail to notify the inspector in writing by 8:00 a.m. on the date of the inspection.

1596 Upper Afton Road
St. Paul, MN 55106

Application Appeal Board
310 City Hall. 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Application Appeal Board,

We have been asked to write this appeal for our property at 1600 Upper Afton Road, St. Paul, because it has been (incorrectly) designated a rental property subject to safety inspection. We would like to have the property correctly identified in your books so it is not subject to such expensive inspections.

We have been living at 1596 Upper Afton Road for the past 32 years since we rescued a 1914 farmhouse in poor condition and improved it into a property that has been on the St. Paul city home tour and a yard improvement website. When our neighbors at 1600 Upper Afton died, we purchased their home and property with the intent of having our parents live nearby as they aged. No parents are living in 1600 yet, but we have hosted many overnight relatives and family members (we have 13 brothers and sisters between us who are all married with children) who have needed a place to stay when coming into town. We do not charge rent and the yards are maintained by us.

Our plan is to renovate the home at 1600 Upper Afton in a similar manner to what we have done to 1596. We have not made any substantial changes to 1600 since my husband injured his back in 5/2016 (after retirement) and has not been cleared to work on such projects. The plan is to improve the home to this decade's standards with rewiring, re-plumbing, new windows and a new kitchen and bathroom.

We do not plan to rent the house. It is not a vacant house as it contains many pieces of our furniture and hosts people occasionally. It has a functional hard-wired smoke alarm.

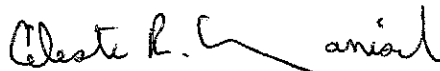
If you check with our neighbors, I am sure they will all report that we are excellent home owners who take pride in our home and yard, and maintain them as well (and often much better) than many others in our area. Any

guests we have had have been quiet and unobtrusive. The loudest noise you will hear from us is a dog bark, a leaf blower, or the son's motorcycle.

We have enclosed photos of the property at 1600 Upper Afton so you can see that it is being maintained and is in good repair. We have not taken photos of the cellar because the lighting is poor with the tiny cellar windows.

Please understand that we hold this property (1600) with the idea of improving it. We are not trying to do anything underhanded or that will undermine our neighborhood and St. Paul. We like to take the bleak and turn it into beautiful

Sincerely,

 Celeste Yanisch

 Steven J. Perron

Celeste Yanisch (clinical psychologist, now retired)

Steven Perron (patent strategist at 3M, now retired)

1600 Upper Afton Road

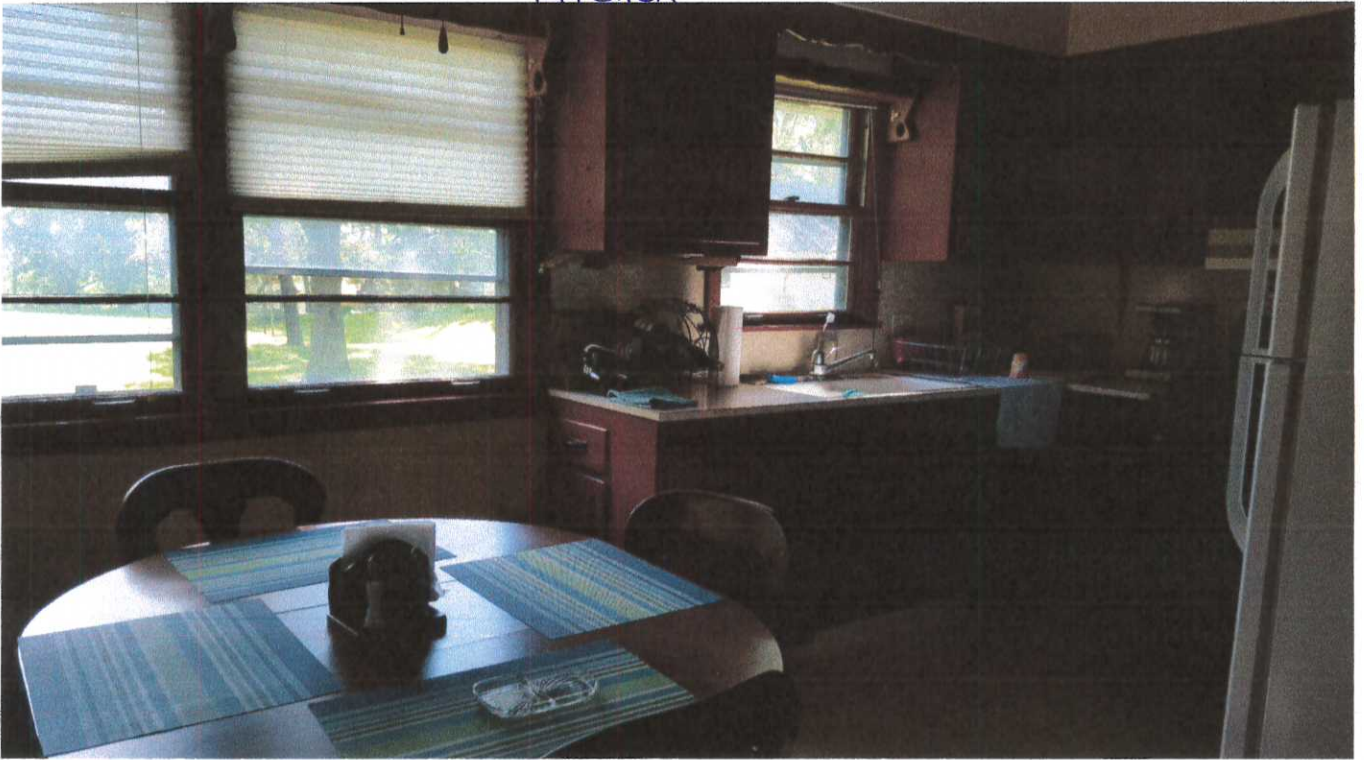
street view of house front



west side of house



Kitchen



Sun room



West side of living room



East side of living room



Back patio - tires will be removed shortly



Main bedroom - main floor



2nd bedroom - main floor



1 bathroom - main level



House Hallway to Bedrooms

