

***CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings**

From: Jim Byers <jim_byers02@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 02, 2013 8:16 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: Marcia Moermond and My Vang

Dear Ms. Moermond,

My Vang and I have communicated several times about the following matter. She mentioned to send this letter to you. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Jim Byers

Dear Ms. Moermond,

I am writing today to have you eliminate the charges against 1169 and 1173 St. Paul Avenue. There hasn't been an issue with the properties for quite a while until this past summer. I talked with the city inspector about the grass notice this past summer and he mentioned that it wasn't a huge issue because we both agreed that it hardly rained in the Twin Cities this past summer but he had to follow up on it because there was a complaint. Everything was taken care of. Also, pertaining to the two notices I mentioned to My on the telephone my brother only has his name on the property at 1173 St Paul Avenue. I have maintained full financial responsibility for the property since it was established in his name. Usually a plot with a duplex on it has only one property address. This plot has two separate property ID numbers so this would mean that I will be charged double the amount by the City of St. Paul for this situation. If a similar crew were sent to one plot it would not cost double. Thus, I am being charged \$640.00 pertaining to this situation. Moreover, I would like to let you know that I did not ignore your letter stating that the two properties needed to be cleaned. I live in Massachusetts now and it is not unusual for mail to take four days to get to my address in Ashland, MA. By the time I got your letter it was too late to react to your letter. Additionally, I was stunned to find out that it was necessary to clean up the property. I have it looked after by a friend of mine who lives less than a mile away from the properties.

I would also like to let you know that we moved out here for employment reasons and I have not been able to find full-time employment in my school district or surrounding towns

since May of 2010. My wife is currently employed full-time but these charges will cause a substantial financial burden on my family and children. Not to mention with this situation being so close to Christmas we have informed our children that we will have to delay any real Christmas gifts until we find out how this situation is resolved.

Please know that I am close to begging you to have mercy on my family pertaining to this situation. To further support my good faith to be a good citizen, please pass on my telephone number, (508) 309-6001, to the person or persons who had an issue with this situation. I think you would agree that it would be the Minnesota Nice thing to do. We have tried several times to sell these properties since we have moved to Massachusetts and cannot get market value for them. We are currently in discussions with Joel Oakland, a realtor at Neckland and Oakland Realty to put the properties on the market again, as I am told the residential market is improving in some areas of the Twin Cities.

Again, please consider the financial burden this situation will cause my family. We are not rich by any stretch of the imagination. The only reason my brother's name is on the other property is I tried to help him years ago and now it is blowing up in my face. Please help me.

Sincerely,

James Byers