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From: Mitchell Imbertson
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2025 10:39 AM
To: Jaswant A. Teekasingh; Brian Schmidt
Cc: Adrian Neis; *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings; gsa2groupllc@gmail.com; Gautam Singh; Gus Nicklow
Subject: RE: Re[2]: re-inspection notice

Good afternoon,

I accompanied Fire Safety Supervisor Brian Schmidt on this inspection and can clarify requirements regarding the two items noted on this report. In regard to your question about the appeal process, the ordinance gives you 10 days to appeal from the date of the letter which is 11/22/25. If you wish to appeal, you are encouraged to do so.

Regarding the inspection of the entire property, I can explain why a full walk-through was made of the building. The Fire Certificate of Occupancy for this property was revoked for non-compliance over a year ago on October 17, 2024. In order to re-instate the Certificate of Occupancy, a full inspection of the property is required. I understand that you appealed this and as part of the appeal result it was approved that you were given under 1/3/25 to have permits finaled in order to have the Certificate reinstated. As copied from the appeal letter:
"This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on November 19, 2024 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council grant to January 3, 2025 to have permits finaled and the Fire Certificate of Occupancy reinstated."

Since that deadline was not met, the property was referred to the City's Registered Vacant Building program. This was also appealed with the following result:
"This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Legislative Hearing officer Marcia Moermond recommended that the City Council deny your appeal and waive the Vacant Building fee for 90 days (to May 11, 2025) and allow permits to be pulled. The property remains a Category 2 Vacant Building but the Code Compliance Inspection requirement is waived."

Based on this status, we are again in a situation where a full inspection of the building was required in order to approve and reinstate the Fire Certificate of Occupancy.

The two correction items on the report were explained at length during the inspection by Inspector Schmidt and by me but I'm more than happy to clarify any additional questions that have come up about this work.

1. Fire door maintenance – The building was observed to have a room in the northwest corner that was constructed and used as a flammable liquid storage room as defined in MN State Fire Code section 5704.3.7. Per this code reference, fire separation for this room is required in accordance with specific requirements from the Building Code. The existing door to this room was observed to be in poor condition and lacking a self-closing device, so it did not meet any standard of being considered as a fire-rated door. However, we also observed and discussed that your current flammable liquid storage appears to be significantly reduced from previous quantities. Since the quantity of flammable liquid has been reduced to below standard limits and since there is currently no observed open mixing of flammable liquids, this separated room would no longer be required.
   If you choose not to maintain this room in the manner in which it was originally constructed, we are requesting acknowledgement of this and would like to confirm that you are aware of these reduced storage limits. If you choose to maintain the high-hazard flammable liquid storage and mixing room, then the fire door needs to be replacement.

For a replacement door, the specific questions would be best addressed by DSI Building Inspectors if a permit is pulled to install the door.

2. Exits Sign – I understand from your email this has already been addressed, thank you.

Sincerely,

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From: Jaswant A. Teekasingh <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 5:58 AM
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Cc: Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; *CI-

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Subject: Re[2]: re-inspection notice

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Good Morning,

This is an auto response I received this morning regarding the letter I sent earlier. How can I be expected to deal with your office request when I cannot get a timely response. This reply only came to me, and I would like someone in this email chain who has the authority to respond to please do so.

Thank you,

Jaswant Teekasingh

------ Original Message ------
From "Brian Schmidt" <brian.schmidt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
To "Jaswant A. Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
Date 11/23/2025 10:52:25 PM
Subject Automatic reply: re-inspection notice

I'm currently out of the office and if you are in need of assistance please contact 651-266-8989 and they will direct you to someone that can help you. I will be back in the office on 12/16/24.

------ Original Message ------
From "Jaswant A. Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
To "Brian Schmidt" <brian.schmidt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc "Mitchell Imbertson" <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; "Adrian Neis" <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us; "gsa2groupllc@gmail.com" <gsa2groupllc@gmail.com>; "Gautam Singh" <jim.g.singh@gmail.com>; "Gus Nicklow" <gnicklow@meshbesher.com>
Date 11/23/2025 10:51:31 PM
Subject Re: re-inspection notice

Attached is the notice I received and my response and request for clarifications.

------ Original Message ------
From "Brian Schmidt" <brian.schmidt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
To "Jas Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>; "Jaswant A. Teekasingh" <autocare@1stopautocare.com>
Cc "Mitchell Imbertson" <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; "Adrian Neis" <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Date 11/17/2025 2:45:01 PM
Subject re-inspection notice

Jas

Here are the re-inspection orders with the re-inspection date. If you have any questions, please contact me.
Thanks

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