

August 16, 2010

Attention: Mr. Bob Kessler
City of St. Paul, Office of DSI
Regarding a \$170 fire inspection bill for my rental at 1673 Iglehart
Avenue, St Paul.

For the past 10 years, my records show, I have paid the city the amount asked of me as owner of that property.

In 2007, the second increase of the annual fee doubled. When talking to Maynard Vinge about the increase, he explained that the \$50 would pay for a fire inspection the city was initiating for rental properties. So I believed what was explained. After two \$50 payments, I wrote notes on the statements I mailed in with the payments for '09 and '10. Generally speaking the notes said "As long as I am paying for an inspection, please inspect."

Now I'm told that those four \$50 payments did not pay for the inspection. I cry foul! Telling property owners one thing in '07 and changing policy some time down the line is deceiving and dishonest. I paid \$200 for the inspection already.

I've spent a goodly amount of money complying with the inspections demands. There is just not enough money in the rental business for me to keep this house as a rental with all the city expects of its landlords.

This policy change has weakened my faith in the cities leaders. Does this seem like the right thing to you? I'm hoping you see that this bill is wrong and waive it, as I know you have the authority to do.

Respectfully,
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