



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585

We need the following to process your appeal:

CITY CLERK

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number check 9033)
 - 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

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2014

Time 1:30 pm

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 777 Selby Av. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Gerd Bents Email gerdbents@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 715-220-0189

Signature: [Signature] Date: _____

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 1402 Edmund Av. St. Paul, MN 55104

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

Fire doors - see attached

Code Enforcement Correction Notice

Vacant Building Registration

Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)



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St. Paul City Clerks Office,
Re: Application for Appeal - Fire C of O Correction
Location: 777 Selby Ave. St. Paul, MN 55104
Owner: Transforming Community LLC, Gerd Bents

To whom it may concern:

We have been working closely with Fire Inspector Sebastian Migdal to bring our recently renovated apartments up to date with fire codes. Attached are the list of corrections/ deficiencies that he has requested we complete. We are in the process of completing each one.

However, we wish to appeal number 4 "UPPER LEVEL DOORS LEADING TO TENANT SPACES - FIRE DOORS". The doors that are currently in place are original to the building. They are in above average condition considering their age (nearly 90 years). Removing these doors to replace with 20 minute fire-rated doors would be an aesthetic abomination, considering we renovated the original apartments back to their original splendor. The doors match the existing millwork, have been in place since the building was built, and to fabricate doors that comply with a 20 minute rating would be extremely cost prohibitive. We would be pleased to place door closers on the existing doors in order to comply with that portion of the request.

Please consider our appeal. We are good landlords who care about our community and our tenants. We have "A" ratings on all of our properties, and we have worked diligently to comply with the remainder of the fire C of O regulations.

We appreciate you time and consideration.

Gerd Bents, President
Transforming Community
gerdbents@gmail.com
715-220-0189





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September 8, 2014

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITY LLC - ATTN: GERD BENTS
1402 EDMUND AVE
ST PAUL MN 55104 USA

RE: RE-INSPECTION FIRE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH DEFICIENCIES
777 SELBY AVE

Ref. # 13801

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was re-inspected for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy on September 8, 2014. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected immediately. **A reinspection will be made on October 9, 2014 at 10:00 AM.**

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 be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional reinspection fees.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. MAIN LEVEL-UNOCCUPIED SPACE THAT IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - SPLC 33.05 - Uncertified portions of the building must not be occupied until inspected and approved by this office.
-All open permits will have to be finaled prior to occupying this space. Contact inspector prior to occupying this space.
2. OPEN PERMITS - MSFC 105.1.1 Permits required. Permits required by this code shall be obtained from the fire code official. Permit fees, if any, shall be paid prior to issuance of the permit. Issued permits shall be kept on the premises designated therein at all times and shall be readily available for inspection by the fire code official.
-There is an open building permit for the residential space. Contact the building inspector Todd Sutter and have the permit finaled prior to the reinspection.

3. UPPER LEVEL COMMON HALLWAY-SIDE STAIRWELL-REAR STAIRWELL - FIRE SEPERATION - MSFC 703 - Repair and maintain the required fire resistive construction with approved materials and methods. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-9090.

-Provide proper fire separation (1 hour rating) between the side stairwell and the rear stairwell (where the window is presently located).

4. UPPER LEVEL-DOORS LEADING TO THE TENANT SPACES - FIRE DOORS - MSFC 703 - Provide, repair or replace the fire rated door and assembly. The minimum rating must be: 20 Minutes

-Provide fire doors where needed. The fire doors must be equipped with door closers.

5. UPPER LEVEL-UNIT 1 - DEADBOLT LOCK - MSFC 1003.3.1.8 - Remove unapproved locks from the exit doors. The door must be openable from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort.

-Remove the additional dead bolt lock as discussed during the reinspeciton.

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 the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at Sebastian.Migdal@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8985 between 8:00 a.m - 9:30 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Sebastian Migdal
Fire Inspector
Ref. # 13801