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Legislative Hearings

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Room 330 City Hall & Court House/Remote

1:00 p.m. Hearings

Vehicle Abatement Orders

- 1 [RLH SAO 25-75](#) Appeal of Rashad Turner to a Vehicle Abatement Order at 805 MINNEHAHA AVENUE WEST.

Sponsors: Bowie

Grant to January 1, 2026 for removal of all vehicles from back yard. Allow 2 vehicles to park in area behind garage (abutting alley) and grant to April 1, 2026 for compliance (via removal or site plan approval).

Rashad Turner, occupant, appeared via phone

[Moermond gives background of appeals process]

Moermond: are you an occupant, is Katelyn Fierst the owner, occupant.

Turner: we all live here, she is the owner, but I'm the one who put the stuff back there.

Staff report by Supervisor Lisa Martin: November 24, 2025 a Vehicle Abatement Order went to owner and occupant for 3 vehicles parked in the back yard, which is not an approved surface. Compliance date was for December 5, 2025.

Turner: Inspector Vang explained everything so I have a good grasp of what is required. The unimproved surface, things like that. From our side, the previous owner here and the home next door had mentioned the lots being grandfathered for gravel. That was one question. The other part is now I understand we're not allowed to be in the backyard, because it is winter and the gravel isn't ok and we can't install concrete or asphalt, if I moved the trailer and boat to the gravel area behind the garage—which is out of the backyard—would that suffice at least until spring?

Moermond: you aren't using the boat right now. The cargo trailer is being used for what?

Turner: I usually have it connected to my truck. It is for my coffee trailer we have it out in the spring. Parked when we aren't using it and it hasn't been a problem. I only

moved it there to free up the space on the side of the street. That can be moved, but the boat was put back there at the direction of my immediate neighbors who wanted it there.

Moermond: why is the double garage not an option?

Turner: we have an EV, and the charger is in there. We did look at trying to get the charger outside of the garage.

Moermond: so that's one vehicle. It is a double garage, is it just storage in the rest?

Turner: the way the built the garage you're probably losing 3 feet on each side due to shelving. The boat wouldn't fit in there.

Moermond: I don't think your neighbor is in Code Enforcement, so I don't think you were getting good advice there. Looking at an aerial photo of the site it doesn't look to me it was set up as gravel parking. It doesn't look like it was put in with a plan. With this type of coverage what does the department need?

Martin: there needs to be a site plan filed and specifications that need to be met with setbacks. Go to second floor of 375 Jackson and they can help put together something for the spring.

Moermond: you aren't an owner of the property but you do own the vehicles?

Turner: I think we may both be on the trailer, but the truck, yeah.

*Moermond: but the land title is Ms. Fierst only? Ramsey County taxation just has her.
Turner: ok.*

Moermond: so any changes with the land have to have her name on the application. I can't do a ton for you. We'll give you to January 1 to get the vehicles out of the back yard. For the area behind the garage that abuts the alley, I can live with 2 vehicles being parked there through April 1 then the area has to be in compliance with local codes and approval and if it isn't done you need to have those vehicles gone. They can come back once you have approvals. Cars need to be parked 4' from the property line and the alley.

Martin: just make sure the alley isn't blocked in any way. Especially with that boat trailer there.

Moermond: we'll set you up with a Council Public Hearing January 14th for you to look for a different outcome if that's what you want.

Referred to the City Council due back on 1/7/2026