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# CITY CLERK APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

**Saint Paul City Clerk**

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8560

The City Clerk needs the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee payable to the City of Saint Paul (if cash: receipt number \_\_\_\_\_)
- Copy of the City-issued orders or letter which are being appealed
- Attachments you may wish to include
- This appeal form completed
- Walk-In OR  Mail-In

YOUR HEARING Date and Time:	
Tuesday,	<u>8-23-11</u>
Time	<u>1:30</u>
Location of Hearing:	
<u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u>	

*Janie let him know the date*

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1525 Alameda st. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55117

Appellant/Applicant: Scott Somers Email stsomers@charter.net

Phone Numbers: Business 541-271-1984 Residence — Cell 541-707-0784

Signature: *[Signature]* Date: 8/8/11

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): NA

Address (if not Appellant's): \_\_\_\_\_

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
- Fire C of O: Only Egress Windows
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other

Please see attached

## **Fire Inspection Correction Notice Deficiency List of Appeals**

Property Address: 1525 Alameda St., St. Paul, MN 55117

Owner: Scott Somers 541-707-0784

### **What is Being Appealed and Why?**

Item #2: It's my understanding that Code does not require this.

Item #3: Basement kitchen and recreation room we installed by the previous owner of the prior owner, likely pre-2000. Basement area was rented out as a room in a single family house. It was not our intent to create separate households, but it appears that is what we did. No interior key locks were ever installed. Tenants were able to roam throughout the house. Basement tenant has vacated since report was written. Remaining main floor tenant has agreed to rent entire house. Basement WILL NOT be rented to a separate tenant. If it pleases the Legislative Hearing Officer, we will disable the stove in the basement.

Item #4: Please see Item #3.

Item #6: Basement ceilings are in the same condition as they were when the house was purchased in 2003. I wasn't, and am not, aware of any water damage in the basement ceiling.

Items #7 & #8: I live in Oregon, but flew to Minnesota during week of July 4, 2011 in order to solve the water in the basement issue. While I was there, I rolled back the wet carpet and removed damaged carpet padding. I removed damaged dry wall and identified crack in basement wall where water was entering basement. I used a water/bleach mixture to kill small amount of mold that had developed. I ran two fans and a dehumidifier in the basement during that week. My intent was to close up the wall during that week as evidenced by the new carpet padding, tack strips, and joint compound remaining in the basement and the sheet rock in the garage. Once the wall and crack dried out, by intent was to seal the crack with mortar repair. However, the wall did not dry out during that week. In order to mitigate future ground saturation on the southeast section of the house, I removed several shrubs and significantly increased the slope away from the house. I then lined the area with 6 mil plastic and covered with river stones to allow for proper drainage. Last week (week of August 1) I had a contractor inspect the east and southeast exterior of the house to locate other areas where water may be originating. He identified a large gap between front steps and house as a possible entry point. This week (week of August 8) he intends to seal the gap. Our hope is that this action eliminates the problem. We won't know for sure until we receive a large rain event. If this doesn't solve the problem we have had discussions about installing drain tile and sump pump, but prefer other, less intrusive means.

Item #10: House was built in 1948. Windows and size of windows are original as I understand. If the minimum size for egress windows were turned sideways, the second level windows would be 2 inches short of compliance. We respectfully request a variance for this item.



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July 29, 2011

SCOTT T SOMMERS  
THOMAS J TARABA  
1113 HEMLOCK CT  
REEDSPORT OR 97467-1927

### FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 1525 ALAMEDA ST

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on July 29, 2011 for the renewal of your Fire Certificate of Occupancy. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected prior to the re-inspection date.

**A re-inspection will be made on August 29, 2011 at 9:30 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 shall be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional re-inspection fees.

YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING TENANTS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING LIST OF DEFICIENCIES ARE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY.

#### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Exterior-Doors - SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.32 (3) - Repair and maintain the door latch.-Provide all storm doors with closures.
2. Exterior-Doors - MSFC 1003.3.1.8 - Remove unapproved locks from the unit doors. The door must be openable from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort.
3. Interior-Basement - SPLC 62.101 - Use of this property does not conform to zoning ordinance. Discontinue unapproved use or call DSI Zoning at (651) 266-8989 to convert to legal use. Discontinue:-This home is a single family home. Owner converted into a duplex without approval or permits. Remove the kitchen from the basement including all appliances and have a licensed plumber cap the plumbing.
4. Interior-Basement - SPLC 34.14 (2), 34.34 (5) - Provide an approved electrical service adequate to meet the buildings needs. This work may require a permit(s), call DSI at

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- (651) 266-9090.-Hire licensed electrician to certify the electrical installed in the basement meets code or provide approved permits for the work.
5. Interior-Basement - UMC 504.6 - Provide, repair or replace the dryer exhaust duct. Exhaust ducts for domestic clothes dryers shall be constructed of metal and shall have a smooth interior finish. The exhaust duct shall be a minimum nominal size of four inches (102 mm) in diameter. This work requires a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.
  6. Interior-Basement Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.33 (6) - Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner.-Provide under permit the ceiling in the basement bathroom and repair all water damaged ceilings in the basement.
  7. Interior-Basement Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.33 (6) - Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner.-Repair or replace the carpeting that was damaged by water.
  8. Interior-Basement Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.33 (6) - Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner.-Repair the walls that have been damaged by water, and have a mold/mildew like substance.
  9. Interior-Basement Throughout - MSFC 605.1- All light fixtures shall be maintained with protective globes if originally equipped.
  10. Interior-Egress Window throughout - MSFC1026.1 - Provide and maintain an approved escape window from each sleeping room. The minimum size must be 5 square feet of glazed area with a minimum of 24 inches of openable height and 20 inches of openable width. With a finished sill height not more than 48 inches. This work may require permit(s). Call DSI at (651) - 266-9090. Refer to the Escape Windows for Residential Occupancies handout for more information.-The windows on the second floor measured 18H x 27W side by side double hung.
  11. Interior-Throughout - MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved Carbon Monoxide Alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturers instructions.
  12. SPLC 34.11 (6), 34.34 (3) - Provide service of heating facility by a licensed contractor which must include a carbon monoxide test. Submit a completed copy of the Saint Paul Fire Marshal's Existing Fuel Burning Equipment Safety Test Report to this office.
  13. SPLC 39.02(c) - Complete and sign the provided smoke detector affidavit and return it to this office.

For an explanation or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=211>

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: (651-266-8688) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.

If you have any questions, email me at: [lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8988 between 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Lisa Martin  
Fire Inspector



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July 13, 2011

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## INSPECTION APPOINTMENT

Dear Property Owner:

An inspection of your property has been scheduled as follows:

<b>Address:</b>	1525 ALAMEDA ST	<b>Units:</b>	1
<b>Date:</b>	July 29, 2011	<b>Time:</b>	11 am
<b>Inspector:</b>	Lisa Martin	<b>Phone:</b>	651-266-8988
		<b>Email:</b>	<a href="mailto:lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us">lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us</a>

You or your responsible representative is requested to meet the inspector at the front of the building to admit and accompany the inspector throughout the building, including each rental unit. It is the responsibility of the owner to notify the tenants at least 24 hours in advance that an inspection will be done. Please have keys available to all units and common areas.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and it is a criminal misdemeanor violation should you not permit this inspection by failing to appear for this appointment without rescheduling with the inspector. In addition, a **No Entry Fee of \$60.00** may be assessed to the Renewal Fee whenever the owner or responsible representative needs to re-schedule the appointment but fails to notify the inspector, **in writing**, by 8:00 a.m. on the date of the inspection.

If you no longer own this building, contact the inspector immediately between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday.

### FOR CONDOS:

The interior of owner-occupied dwelling units are **exempt** from this inspection. In condominium buildings, only *rental* units, the common areas, and utility area will be inspected.

### FOR APARTMENTS AND DWELLINGS:

A **Smoke Detector Affidavit** and an **Existing Fuel Burning Equipment Safety Test report** **must be completed at the time of inspection**. For these forms, information and other inspection handouts, please visit our web page at: <http://www.ci.stpaul.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=211>

Thank you for your co-operation.