



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul)
- (if cash: receipt number 794018)
- 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, <u>August 4, 2015</u>
Time <u>3:00 P.M.</u>
Location of Hearing:
<u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u>

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1296 POINT DOUGLAS RD City: ST. PAUL State: MN Zip: 55119-5673

Appellant/Applicant: PARIPAT TABTIMTHAI Email _____
ACT. TIM MONTGOMERY (ASSISTING IN ENGLISH WITH MY WIFE, ARI)

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell PARIPAT-210.508.2237
TIM-612.483.9493

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 7/27/2015

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing 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/Correction
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) APPEAL FOR CLARIFICATION ON PERMIT STATUS & UNDERSTANDING



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
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July 17, 2015

Sirijundho Meditation Center of Minnesota
1296 Point Douglas Road So.
St. Paul, MN 55119-5673

Re: 1296 POINT DOUGLAS ROAD S
Permit # : 12 080813, 10509872, 10509876, 11272732

To Whom It May Concern:

Our records indicate that permits listed above have not had a final approval. Section 1300.0220 subpart 1 of the 2007 Minnesota State Residential Building Code requires that "No building or structure shall be used or occupied "until the building official has issued a certificate of occupancy for the stated structure the permits have been issued for. You will have until Tuesday August 4th, 2015 to obtain the proper final approvals on the permits listed above. Failure to obtain the occupancy approvals by August 4th may result in the issuance of criminal charges and/or a civil lawsuit, and possible abatement by the city.

If you believe that these orders are issued in error, you may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the Building Official's office at 651-266-9021. Any appeal must be made in writing within ten (10) days of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this notice when you appeal, and pay a filing fee.)

If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at 651-266-9027 between 7:30 and 9:00 AM.

Sincerely,

Dave P. Nelson
Building Inspector
Department of Safety and Inspections
City of Saint Paul
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul MN 55101
Phone: 651-266-9027
Email: david.p.nelson@ci.stpaul.mn.us

July 27, 2015

Sirjundho Meditation Center of Minnesota
1296 Point Douglas Road South
St. Paul, MN 55119

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Re: 1296 Point Douglas Road South Correspondence to the letter from City of St Paul – July 17, 2015

LETTER OF APPEAL

The monks of the Sirjundho Meditation Center adhere to the precepts of the Buddhist faith. We fast, meditate, respect all living things and devote ourselves to a monastic life in harmony with nature and with our community.

Since 2009, when we purchased a home in St. Paul at 1318 Point Douglas Road (address reference later changed by the City to 1296 Point Douglas Road), we have met with representatives of the City on many occasions and have patiently and respectfully followed all codes and directives.

When the house and other structures that had existed on the property for many years were deemed by the City to be in violation of many safety codes and ordered repaired or demolished within a month after purchase, we agreed to pay to have the City demolish all structures on the property so that we would be in compliance. Demolition was completed the following year in consultation with the City while we continued to patiently live with friends in our community.

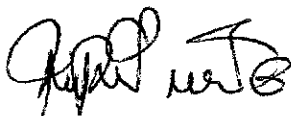
In planning for new structures on the property, we consulted with City inspectors and followed all directives - even paying and waiting for a new land survey to be completed when the City had no survey maps of the area on record for use in a new site plan.

In 2012, a City-approved contractor moved two City-approved structures, one for a residence and one for storage, onto newly constructed and approved foundations on the property. We supplied additional information to the City at each request, including statements about our religious beliefs and the way we live our lives, as other approved contractors waited to perform required plumbing and electrical work. During this time, we continued to patiently live with and rely on the charity of friends in our community.

Contract plumbing and electrical work was completed in 2013, and work began on approved building permits for a deck, other amenities around the house, and to finish the basement. As this finishing work was completed, and our furnishings and possessions were moved into the house and storage building from various locations, inspections were performed. We were under the impression that the inspections performed would result in a certificate of occupancy being issued at some point and have waited patiently.

We have called, or had representatives call the City on various occasions to follow up on the status of our home. Because we have limited proficiency in English, our second language, we rely on friends for help with many communications - including this letter. We had not received any reply to our calls until this month, when we were made aware in a letter from the City that final inspections were still needed before a certificate of occupancy can be issued. Of course, we welcome final inspections on any outstanding permits as we continue to wait patiently and live off the charity of others.

If it is the wish of the City of Saint Paul that we reside peaceably and adhere to all pertinent codes and ordinances, then this is our appeal for fairness and understanding. We have always consulted with and followed the directives of representatives of the City of St. Paul as best we could. We welcome final inspections and look forward to a home in St. Paul. Hopefully, it is not the wish or policy of the City of St. Paul to treat us differently because of our lifestyle or religious beliefs.



Paripat Tabtimthai