

Thank you for hearing me today. My name is Lisa Allred and my property is located at 1313 Seminary Ave, St Paul, MN 55104. I wish to appeal this summary abatement order and contest the need for this hearing as I was not given a chance to be compliant to the order. I also do not believe procedures were followed by the Department of Safety and Inspections according to DSI's own website. I object to the way DSI is handling this matter and ask for help from the legislation hearing office. It is my hope that what I have to say will allow you to help us reach a fair and realistic resolution.

I sent you a copy of the summary abatement order. This order defined my property as a nuisance but gave no reasons for this label. The order contained my 4 expired code compliance lists ONLY. No other issues were listed on this abatement order. This implies nothing had changed with the property nor were there any immediate problems that needed to be addressed or they would have been listed on the abatement order. The summary abatement order advised, "if you have any questions or request additional information, please contact Joe Yannarely at 266-1920. You can see this on page 5 of the abatement order.

I called Mr. Yannarely on October 19, 2020 and requested additional information. I asked Mr. Yannarely why I was receiving this abatement notice as it did not list any reason to suddenly label my house a nuisance and it certainly did not give a reason why it suddenly needed to be demolished. The expired code compliance lists were the only things included. He said he did not know because he was not the one who did it. I told Mr. Yannarely I wanted to contest the abatement order as no new issues were listed and therefore I disagree with the nuisance status and order to demolition.

I advised if there is additional information that I was not privy I had a right to know the reasons. I was told by Joe there was nothing I could do. **If I was given the correct information from DSI regarding my right to appeal after specifically requested this information, an appeal would have been filed that day within the time limit.**

The abatement order itself did not include any information about my right to appeal but told me to call Mr. Yannarely if I needed additional information. I followed the order. I followed what Mr. Yannarely said and I was given wrong information. I should be allowed to appeal.

I told Mr. Yannarely if I could not appeal then I wanted to inform him I have complied with the summary abatement order. I told him since there is nothing new added and the order just contained my expired code compliance lists then all of the work has been done and I wanted a re-inspection.

I went into detail about each of the 4 lists and while we were on the phone, Mr Yannarely actually discovered the plumbing list had been signed off on and should not have been included. This meant that one fourth of the abatement order was completed and DSI should have definitely known this.

I explained the mechanical inspector at the time advised that she had all the paperwork including the Orsat test results and the vent cleaning certificate. These were sent directly to DSI from the professionals and DSI should have these in their records and certainly should not have included them in the abatement order. At the time, the mechanical inspector just needed to make sure the central air turned on and she would sign off. I asked Mr. Yannarely for the mechanical inspector to come and reinspect.

I explained the building permit was pulled at the time and everything on the building list was also completed and I asked for someone to come to the house to confirm.

I also explained how we were ready to sign off on the electrical list and then hit a snag with the electricity in the garage. I explained all of the electrical inside the house was completed. The garage electrical box by the door had already been inspected with just a blank needed. The inspection to the garage was impossible as my mother's estate filled the garage from wall to wall. DSI made an agreement with the electrician Joe from Edison Electric 612-670-1996 that they would exclude the garage outlets if all the electricity was *completely severed* to the garage. After much consideration, I agreed to this even though my electrician explained I would incur much greater expenses later. The DSI inspector then reneged on the deal and advised the garage needed to be inspected.

This change in agreement halted the completion on the code compliance as it took a considerable amount of time to clear my mother's belongings from the outlets and by then the code compliance lists had expired.

I told Mr Yannarely that all outlets were now cleared and asked for an inspection. He said it didn't matter. There was nothing I could do at this point. This was October 19th, seventeen days (17) days before the deadline on the abatement order of November 5, 2020. **This does not allow for compliance of the order.**

DSI's website advises their procedure is to send an order to correct, then send a summary abatement order and if that is not answered then set up a court date/public hearing after the deadline passes as the owner did not comply. I have sent a copy of this information from their website to you. DSI did not follow their own procedures. I never received an order to correct. The abatement order was the first notice I received.

I decided to respond in writing to the abatement order. I faxed this response to the Department of Public Safety before the November 5, 2020 deadline. A lock box was placed at the house for anytime access. **This was the second notice to DSI that I have complied.** A copy of this response and the fax confirmation was sent to you. I received no verbal or written response from DSI regarding my written compliance and no re-inspection was done. Procedures were not followed. **This shows DSI's intent was to not allow or respond to compliance from the property owner.** This abatement order should be null and void.

On November 6, 2020, I received the official notice for the public hearing from Steve Magner. This notice was sent 18 days after I was told of the public hearing date by Joe Yannarely. This delayed notification makes it look like I did not comply with the abatement order which is not right. I did comply. I informed Joe Yannarely of completion of everything in the abatement order both verbally and in writing. It also did not follow procedures according to DSI's website as it was set up well before the deadline on the abatement order and not one day after non-compliance as the notice implies.

I feel my rights are being violated and I am not being heard. I feel like the rules have not been followed. In fact the rules have not been followed since my home first ended up on the vacant building list. All of this is because my mother had a stroke in 2007 and I assure you this information is relevant as it explains why my home is on the vacant building list. I was her only family here in Minnesota. My mother was temporarily in a nursing home when her landlord evicted her from her rental home because she had the stroke. Her considerable amount of personal property, 50 years worth to be exact, all went to my home at 1313 Seminary.

I did not want to put her life in the garage so I put everything in the house and there was a lot of it. I lived in my home and all of my personal belongings were in my home. As my mother also had a

pension from 50 years of correcting law books at West Publishing, the nursing home decided my mom should pay extra for her private room even though almost all were private. When I didn't pay them, they decided to come to my property looking for money. I ran out of boxes and a lot of my mothers things were in garbage bags and they extremely over exaggerated and labeled my home a garbage house They boarded it up while I was away for the day. Once the home was boarded, they called the water company and shut off the water then called it condemned because there was no water They stopped the mail to the house so I had no idea what was going on. My mother was going to come to my home permanently once everything was ready and now she would be unable to do this. This is how my home got on the list. I was unable to stop any of this from happening.

I was now required to secure code compliance lists. I moved all of my mothers belongings to the garage. These code compliance lists were completed by DSI with my personal property exactly where it is now. These lists were incredible long and contained things that were there when I purchased the home in 1993. The home passed inspection at closing so the extent of the lists was quite mind-boggling. After completing work that I was able to do, I went to pull a building permit from DSI. DSI told me my code compliance lists were expired and I would have to do them again. I was never told there was a time limit on these lists.

I then went to work securing all of the funds I needed to purchase a new code compliance and pay for all of the work. I paid for a plumbing permit and a master plumber. The entire plumbing list was completed. This was signed off on by the DSI plumbing inspector.

I paid for the Orsat test and the vent cleaning and the entire mechanical list was complete. I sent the mechanical list from the abatement order to you showing the items that are done. I also sent the page from the abatement order showing the building list with the completed items marked off. The building permit was pulled from Richard at DSI and he again advised that I was pre-Bostrom. Finally, I sent the electrical list from the abatement order showing the completed items. I also sent the receipt for completion of the work by the electrician.

My intent at the December 8, 2020 public hearing was to introduce these facts and ask that a reversal of the abatement order be granted as procedures were not followed. If not, I ask that an appeals hearing be granted as Joe Yannarely at DSI was asked directly for information about appealing and told me there was nothing I could do. This information was incorrect. If not, I ask that an appeals hearing be granted as the summary abatement order itself did not inform me of my right to appeal the abatement order. If not, I ask that I am allowed to obtain a certificate of occupancy as I complied to the summary abatement order as written and provided anytime access to the property to inspect.

I was not in attendance at the December 8, 2020 hearing through no fault of my own. I was given Mai Vang's telephone number from the public hearing office from Joe Yannarely. I spoke with Mai Vang on November 30, 2020 and she asked at what number I could be reached for the hearing. I gave her 651-424-8776. Mai Vang did not use this number but rather secured an invalid number from the Department of Safety and Inspections. I did not receive a call on December 8, 2020. I do not know how something like this can happen when this matter is so important. It created the appearance of non-compliance and disinterest in the outcome of my house. This is far from the truth. I sent you a copy of the email correspondence with Mai Vang apologizing for the error.

This also allowed DSI to add invalid information that I was not able to object to or defend. DSI advised that they were unable to reinspect the premises due to the personal property in the house. I stipulate that DSI has inspected the house twice already and set precedence as to the personal property not being a

problem to complete a third inspection. The personal property remains exactly as it was in the first two inspections. This lack of lists also does not allow me to show the court what has been completed.

I furthermore strongly object to the staff estimate as to the amount of funds needed to obtain my code compliance certificate and certificate of occupancy. If DSI was unable to perform a new inspection according to their own words, then estimates must be based on the expired code compliance lists. I have shown the plumbing list is complete and signed off according to DSI records and should not be included. I have also provided a receipt for the completed electrical work. This accounts for 2 of the 4 lists and the expensive 2 at that and therefore the estimate is completely overinflated and inaccurate. The certificates for the Orsat test and the vent cleaning were also sent directly to DSI. These repairs represent a majority of the code compliance lists and show the inaccuracy of the staff estimate. If DSI is privy to other information as to additional repairs I was not given this information and ask for a complete breakdown of this estimate and from where it is derived.

I have not purchased the performance bond at this time although funds are available as I am again requesting a reversal of this abatement order. I am asking for this hearing to be canceled, this situation to be de-escalated and this abatement order dismissed.

I thought DSI wanted to work with me to resolve this situation. Joe Yannarely told me to purchase a new code compliance and bring this to the public hearing along with any estimates. I purchased a new code compliance but then did not hear from anyone. Ten days later I secured Nathan Bruhn's name and number and spoke with him immediately. Nathan told me he was trying to get a hold of me but was given a wrong number. I explained the situation to Nathan on November 13, 2020 and he advised he would see if this could be "backed up". He said he would check it out and call me back. He called me Monday November 16, and advised he could see where the plumbing was signed off on so he would not include this in any new lists but he would have to do new lists on the others. This encouraged me to tell him again about the electrical. Nathan advised he did not have enough information. I called the electrician and he immediately called Nathan. My electrician called me back and set up an appointment to look at the outlets in the garage. All the electrical is complete in the house and the garage and just needs to be inspected. Nathan called me back on November 19, 2020 and advised he did not know if the inspectors would be able to get in the next week due to the shortened holiday week. I told him I understood and hoped to get the lists I needed as soon as possible so I had what Joe Yannarely told me to bring to the hearing. I believed that Nathan had the power to back this up as he stated and believed he had the power to not include the plumbing and the electrical in any new lists. I thought we were working together and if it proceeded, Nathan would help me show the legislative hearing offices that my old lists were completed. I have not heard from Nathan since.

I was misled by Nathan from DSI. I no longer believe DSI is working with me or even listening to me and I do not think they have my best interest at heart. I want to make sure the rules are being followed as I do not believe they are and I am asking the legislative hearing office for their help.

I want to thank you for hearing me today. I hope we can deescalate and resolve this in an expeditious manner. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Lisa Allred