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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, 8-9-11

Time 1:30

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 457-459 PORTLAND AVE. City: ST. PAUL State: MN Zip: 55102

W.A. DORSEY HOUSE CONDO ASSOC.

Appellant/Applicant: C/O BRIGITTE BACHMEIER Email _____

Phone Numbers: Business 651-225-0880 Residence SAME Cell _____

Signature: Brigitte Bachmeier Date: 7-14-2011

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

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

SEE LETTER FROM MAY 9, 2011 BY FIRE INSPECTOR
1) I DID NOT RECEIVE THIS LETTER UNTIL
JULY 11 AFTER IT WAS REMAILED TO ME. ALSO,
ELECTRICIAN BOB BABER STATES HE DID NOT
GET HIS EMAIL UNTIL FRIDAY JULY 8TH 2011
WE APPEAL (#3) ALL DETECTORS MUST BE WIRED
ON A DEDICATED CIRCUIT. #4 A FIRST FLOOR
DETECTOR TO BE ADDED."



CITY OF SAINT PAUL
Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
St Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

Telephone: 651-266-8989
Facsimile: 651-266-9124
Web: www.stpaul.gov/dsi

May 9, 2011

W.A. Dorsey House Condominium Association
457 Portland Ave
St. Paul, MN 55102

RE: 457 Portland Ave

Dear Brigitte Bachmeier,

I have received your proposal letter dated April 22, 2011 regarding the fire alarm system and deficiencies at the building. I have reviewed this request with my supervisor and with our Fire Engineering Division.

The existing system does not meet the minimum code requirements and we are unable to accept the system as it exists.

We will, however, be able to accept your proposal for an alternate method of compliance. Per our phone discussion, compliance will include the following items:

1. A DSI electrical permit must be pulled by your electrician and the work must be approved by the electrical inspector on completion.
2. All detectors installed as part of this system must be hard-wired to building AC power with a battery backup. Wireless communication may be used for the interconnection only. On the information sheet you provided us, the Kidde detector 1279-9999 would be approved, but the Kidde detector 0919-9999, which is battery powered only, would not be approved.
3. All detectors must be wired on a dedicated electrical circuit, not sharing power with any other fixtures or receptacles.
4. A detector must be provided on each floor: Basement hallway, and 1st, 2nd and 3rd floor stairway landings.
5. All detectors must be positioned appropriately on the wall or ceiling to ensure proper functioning. Please refer to the manufacturer's information on this.
6. Compliance for this system is required on or before June 30th, 2011.

Please let me know if you have any other questions or concerns regarding this work.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Imbertson
Fire Inspector

W.A. Dorsey House Condominium Association
457 Portland Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102
(651) 225-0880

Re: reference #116057
457 Portland Ave side stairway

April 22, 2011

Dear Mitch Imbertson,

Condominium units I,IV, and III at 457 Portland Ave share a common area/side stairway. One of these units has an additional entrance from the backyard sunken garden.

There are currently 3 hard-wired smoke detectors on each level of the staircase for each unit- which are not interconnected.

Permits were pulled for each unit remodel less than 12 years ago. Inspectors signed off after each unit met the requirement that smoke detectors be installed above each unit's entrance door.

I request that our current system be grandfathered in for the following reasons:

The current system was approved by **several** city inspectors while the work was being done. An inter-connected system such as this should only have been required and completed at that time when the walls and ceilings were still exposed.

Last year we had a complete new roof and extensive masonry work done. Exterior repainting and replacement of screens and storms is also overdue. These necessary maintenance and repair are a huge undertaking and financial burden.

Inter-connecting the existing smoke detectors would pose an extreme financial hardship and would be very difficult in a large historic home as it would require tearing out plaster and wood paneling, and rewiring the entire staircase. Furthermore, we do not have a separate electric panel for the common electric.

We consulted Bob Baber from Southern Electric who proposed the following last resort solution which is a wireless, hard-wired, and inter-connected system with battery backed up relay. (Please see system explanation and additional information from Bob Baber's email dated April 13, 2011).

We request that the current set up which requires minimal repair be grandfathered in- as is, or that Bob Baber's viable solution be approved as an alternative.

Please call me if you have any further questions (651) 225-0880

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brigitte Bachmeier".

Brigitte Bachmeier
W.A. Dorsey President

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April 19, 2011

BRIGITTE BACHMEIER
457 PORTLAND AVE UNIT 4
ST PAUL MN 55102

RE: RE-INSPECTION FIRE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH DEFICIENCIES
457 PORTLAND AVE

Ref. # 116057

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was re-inspected for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy on April 12, 2011. 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 or after May 19, 2011. At this time, all work must be completed under permit.**

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. Side Stairway - MSFC 605.6 - Provide all electrical splices within junction boxes.- Provide an approved junction box for mounting interconnected smoke detectors in the hallways. This work will require an electrical permit. Contact DSI at (651)266-8989.
2. MSFC 907.3 - Provide an approved fire alarm system. This work will require a permit(s), call DSI at (651) 266-8989.

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 the original orders.

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If you have any questions, email me at mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8986 between 7:30 a.m - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Imbertson
Fire Inspection
Ref. # 116057

Southern Electric

ROBERT P. BABER
2060 Patricia Street
Mendota Heights, Minnesota 55120
(612) 454-2186

7-13-2011

Brigitte Bachmeier,

I have enclosed the email history of correspondence with the St. Paul City fire inspector Mitchell Imbertson. The letter dated May 9, 2011 authored by Mitchell was attached to an email that was sent to me on Friday, July 8, 2011. As stated by you this was the first time either one of us had any knowledge of this letter. I feel the city should extend your deadline because of this lack of communication on their part. The dedicated circuit provision seems impractical and prohibitive and was not part of my proposal.

Regards,



Robert Baber

Fire Inspector
Department of Safety & Inspections
(651)266-8986 office
(651)266-8951 fax
mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us

>>> "Patty" <pat@teled.co> 4/12/2011 9:06 AM >>>

Mitch,

I've been attempting to call you about my plan to use the wireless interconnected smoke detectors for the stairwell at 457 Portland. Before I take out a permit and begin the work I want to verify that this method will comply with code. I feel it should since they will be hard-wired and battery back-up but powered from each adjacent unit. Please email me or contact me at 612-751-0284 so that I can proceed with the changes required by your correction notice.

Regards, Bob

Robert Baber

Southern Electric

Patty

From: Mitchell Imbertson [Mitchell.Imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us]
Sent: Friday, July 08, 2011 3:23 PM
To: Patty
Subject: RE: Property at 457 Portland Ave., St. Paul inspection notice
Attachments: 457 Portland.DOC

Bob,

I'm forwarding you a copy of the letter sent to the property owner at her request, she was planning to contact you about setting up to have this work completed and wanted to make sure you had the information you needed.

Thank you,

Mitchell Imbertson
Fire Inspector
Department of Safety & Inspections
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>>> "Patty" <pat@teled.co> 4/13/2011 11:30 AM >>>

Please see page 2 of the attached PDF for architectural and engineering specifications.

Regards, Bob

From: Mitchell Imbertson [<mailto:Mitchell.Imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 9:14 AM
To: Patty
Subject: Re: Property at 457 Portland Ave., St. Paul inspection notice

Bob,

Sorry for the delay, I just got back into the office this morning. I will get back to you soon but before I can answer I need to look at this again with the property manager today and will need to go over it with our engineering supervisor.

Thanks,

Mitch

Mitchell Imbertson

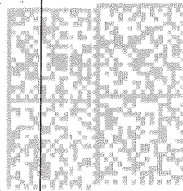


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