



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 CK 13106)
 - 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>April 28, 2015</u>
Time <u>1:30pm</u>
Location of Hearing: <u>Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse</u>

voice mail left. E-mail sent.

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 2298 Priscilla St. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55108

Appellant/Applicant: Robert Thayer & Nancy Meade-Thayer Email meade.thayer@comcast.net

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence 651-644-2621 Cell 651-276-0287

Signature: Nancy Meade-Thayer Date: April 14, 2015

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): same as above

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 2255 Gordon Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence same as above Cell same as above

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.)

See attachments

To: St. Paul City Council- Legislative Hearings

Re: Appeal of Fire C of O Deficiency for parking area at 2298 Priscilla St., St. Paul

We have received a Deficiency for the exterior parking area at our triplex at 2298 Priscilla St. and wish to appeal this deficiency. Our appeal is based upon the following discussion supporting woodchips in a parking area as an excellent substrate.

Primarily, we are strongly opposed to contributing to the storm water runoff problem. We are in the Capital Region Watershed District, where 42% of surfaces are impermeable.¹ The storm water runoff problem includes:

- 1) Pollutants that runoff carries;
- 2) The sheer volume of water from storm water runoff is a major contributor to flooding.

We have owned 2298 Priscilla since 2004. Early in our ownership, we removed impervious concrete at the rear of the property and have used woodchips in our parking area continuously.

The advantage to using woodchips in our parking area include:

- 1) A dust-free surface, per Saint Paul Legislative Code 34.08 (7);
- 2) The woodchips absorb rainwater and do not contribute to storm water runoff;
- 3) When the woodchips break down, we promptly replace the woodchips;
- 4) Woodchips, as opposed to asphalt, do not contribute to the urban heat island effect.

Additionally, our general rental management approach is environmentally friendly.

A few of our activities supporting this approach include:

- 1) Use of woodchips on our gardens to reduce water needs;
- 2) Advocacy for recycling with our tenants;
- 3) Installation of high efficiency furnaces for each of the forced air heating areas in the building.

We request that the use of woodchips in our parking area be approved for our triplex at 2298 Priscilla St., St. Paul.

Sincerely,

Robert Thayer and Nancy Meade-Thayer
Owners, 2298 Priscilla St., St. Paul, MN

¹ From Capitol Region Water District website: www.capitolregionwd.org



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April 8, 2015

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FIRE INSPECTION CORRECTION NOTICE

RE: 2298 PRISCILLA ST
Residential Class: A

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on April 7, 2015 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.

Please have the dryer vent replaced under permit immediately and complete the Application for the parking area and return as soon as possible.

A re-inspection for compliance will be by May 28, 2015.

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 - Parking Area - SPLC 34.08 (7) - All parking spaces shall be paved with asphalt, concrete, or durable dustless surfacing. Before any existing spaces may be paved, site plan approval must be obtained as specified in the St. Paul Zoning Code. Contact DSI Zoning at 651-266-9090. An Application for Legal Nonconforming Status has been provided which required a notarized statement as proof that the wood chips in the parking area has been present since 1991.

2. Interior - Basement - MSMC 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 and installed in accordance with the mechanical code. This work requires a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. Replace the dryer vent to meet code. Permit required.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>

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: (651-266-8585) 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 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