

Mai Vang

From: Mai Vang
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 8:43 AM
To: Roger Barcus
Cc: Joanna Zimny; James Hoffman
Subject: RE: Assessment appeal for 677 California Ave VB2512 - CORRECTION
Attachments: RE: Assessment appeal for 677 California Ave VB2512

Hi Rogert Barcus,

I want to inform you that in my October 15, 2025 email to you rescheduling your hearing, I stated January 26 which is a Monday. We only have hearings on Tuesday so this should be on **January 27 via telephone between 10am-12:30pm**. I want to also inform you that our department has not gotten any update on the data recovery at Dept of Safety & Inspections since I last sent you the attached email; therefore, the January 27 hearing is likely going to be reschedule again. I will update you when that date gets close. Again, I apologize for the inconvenience.

Once again, please work with building inspector on open permits.

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From: Roger Barcus <rogerbarcus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 13, 2025 9:02 PM
To: Mai Vang <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: Assessment appeal for 677 California Ave VB2512

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If your Fire certificate of occupancy was reinstated

He passed the inspection and told me I'd hear from the city after this. By this you're telling me that you do not know that he passed the house, right?

On Mon, Oct 13, 2025 at 2:26 PM Mai Vang <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

I apologize for the inconvenience and understand your frustration. When you were in hearing on Feb 18, 2025, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommended your vacant building fee be waived for 90 days to May 1, 2025 and allowing permits to be pulled. If your Fire certificate of occupancy was reinstated, she

would grant the appeal and release from the Vacant Building Program. Looks like this didn't happened; therefore, the fee was processed as an assessment. Since the cyber incident in July, have you got your certificate? If you plan to sell, you will need to disclose to the buyer that there is this pending fee and the title co will need to put the fee into an escrow until the matter is heard. If it's paid at closing, then the matter is closed.

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No way! We need to settle this. We need to sell the house.

On Tue, Sep 9, 2025 at 12:42 PM Mai Vang <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Mr. Barcus,

My apologies once again. Due to the transition of DSI's new system and us unable to pull information, your September 18th hearing is canceled and rescheduled to **November 10, 2025 between 9am-noon**. Your new city council public hearing will be January 14, 2026 at 3:30 pm Room 300.

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Mr. Barcus,

Looking at the record, you appealed the Vacant Building Registration Notice on February 18, 2025. The hearing officer waived the vacant building fee for 90 days to May 1, 2025 to get your Fire Certificate of Occupancy reinstated and allowing permits to be pulled. After the 90 days expired, staff checked the record and found that Fire C of O wasn't reinstated; therefore, they had to process the fee to assessment and this is why there is this assessment fee. The city's internet is still down due to the cyber-attack so I am unable to gather more notes or information for this hearing. My apologies for the inconvenience, but I will have to reschedule this again to **September 18, 2025 via teleconference call between 9AM-noon**. Discussion can be made at the hearing.

Thank you for your patience.

Best,

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From: Roger Barcus <rogerbarcus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 7:37 AM
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Subject: Re: Assessment appeal for 677 California Ave VB2512

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I may have the info you're looking for-677 E California

I paid the 25\$ for a conference call so 677 wouldn't be on the Vacent list. Their decision was to give us until April 28th to get the work done.

Inspection date when Fire inspector Alex came-April 28. 2025. He said we'd fixed everything on the list. I'm

Sending you a copy of the list and the permit I bought.

He said it would be up to those working in this to get back to me with their decision. I waited but I heard nothing until the letter came about us being on the Vacent list.

So you understand why I was surprised.

Roger Barcus

On Thu, Aug 7, 2025 at 3:56 PM Mai Vang <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

We rely on a system from Dept of Safety & Inspections to look up the info in order to conduct a hearing.

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What info are you looking for?

On Wed, Aug 6, 2025 at 11:02 AM Mai Vang <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Hello Mr. Barcus,

You are scheduled for a Legislative Hearing on August 12, 2025 via telephone between 10am-noon. However, due to the inability to gather information for the hearing due to the City's cyberattack, I am wondering if I can reschedule you to **August 26, 2025 same time** (not sure if system will be up either), but will let you know. Please confirm. Thank you.

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