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Type: Resolution LH Vacant
Building Registration

Status: Passed

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**Contact
Number:**

In Control: City Council

File Created: 12/23/2014

File Name: 25 Elizabeth Street East

Final Action: 02/04/2015

Title: Appeal of Jonathan Gutierrez to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 25
ELIZABETH STREET EAST.

Notes:

Agenda Date: 02/04/2015

Indexes: Vacant Building Registration; Ward - 2

Agenda Number: 48

Sponsors: Thune

Enactment Date:

Attachments: 25 Elizabeth St. E.appeal.12-23-14, 25 Elizabeth St
E.Photos.12-16-14, 25 Elizabeth St E.Gutierrez
Ltr.1-14-15

Financials Included?:

Contact Name:

Hearing Date:

Entered by: katie.foss@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Ord Effective Date:

Approval History

Version	Date	Approver	Action
1	12/23/2014	Moermond, Marcia	Approve
2	01/27/2015	Moermond, Marcia	Approve
2	01/27/2015	Dave Thune	Approve

History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Legislative Hearings	01/13/2015	Referred	City Council	02/04/2015		
	Action Text: Referred to the City Council due back on 2/4/2015						
	Notes: Jonathan Gutierrez, owner, appeared.						
	Inspector Matt Dornfeld, Vacant Buildings:						
	- Inspector Senty opened a Category 2 Vacant Building Dec 17, 2014 per Certificate of Occupancy						
	Revocation by Inspector George Niemeyer						

- Inspector Neis appears to have approved this
- Neis' notes: discussed with Inspector Niemeyer; permit has been opened since 2011; no permits for plumbing, electrical or mechanical; I advised to send to VB as a Cat 2
- photos online
- Inspector Seeger was advised of the change in the VB status

Supervisor Leanna Shaff:

- complete construction; no plumbing, heat, mechanical, etc.
- gutted with house wrap

Mr. Gutierrez:

- after they purchased the property, they tried to fix most of the cosmetic issues but as they dug in, they started to find more and more issues; so, it's taking way longer than what they originally estimated because there's more work with structure and foundation; they are trying to make it right
- bought it in 2010
- wants 6 months more time to get it all done; also trying to avoid the fee
- they will get all the permits that they need
- there's no code compliance inspection report
- they had to remove everything because it was all bad and illegal
- the inspectors have been there a couple of times; we will pull the necessary permits

Ms. Moermond:

- will do a 90-day waiver on the VB fee and we will see how things are going then
- there still will be an assessment coming forward for the VB fee because 90 days will have passed and the job won't be done when the tax assessment comes out; she can decrease that when she sees it, which will be about 6 months out; if you are getting close to being done at that time, she can decrease it by so much less; you will be able to pull permits between now and then; you will get a letter in the mail with a yellow/gold post card in it; the letter will explain the assessment for the VB fee; send the yellow post card back and we will schedule a LH so you can come back and talk about how close you are; she will figure out how to decrease the assessment

Mr. Dornfeld:

- are we changing this back to a Cat 1 VB and side tracking the code compliance inspection?

Ms. Moermond:

- pull your building permit and come in with all your fresh plans and we won't require a code compliance inspection

Waive the Vacant Building fee for 90 days and allow permits to be pulled.

2	City Council	02/04/2015	Adopted	Pass
	Action Text:	Adopted		
		Yea: 7	Councilmember Bostrom, Councilmember Brendmoen, City Council President Lantry, Councilmember Stark, Councilmember Thao, Councilmember Thune, and Councilmember Tolbert	
		Nay: 0		
2	Mayor's Office	02/10/2015	Signed	
	Action Text:	Signed		

Text of Legislative File RLH VBR 15-3

Appeal of Jonathan Gutierrez to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 25 ELIZABETH STREET EAST.

WHEREAS, in the matter of Appeal of Jonathan Gutierrez to a Vacant Building Registration Notice at 25 ELIZABETH STREET EAST, the Legislative Hearing Officer has reviewed the appeal and considered the testimony of City staff and the appellant; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends that the City Council waive the vacant building fee for 90 days and allow permits to be pulled; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby accepts and adopts the Legislative Hearing

Officer's recommendation in this matter.

Property is under construction