



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

## Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd. Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8585

We need the following to process your

appeal:

\$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul)

(if cash: receipt number \_\_\_\_\_)

Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed

Attachments you may wish to include  This appeal form completed

Walk-In OR  Mail-In \* 15037 \$25<sup>00</sup>

for abatement orders only:  Email OR  Fax

**HEARING DATE & TIME**

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, Aug 28, 2018

Time 11 AM

Location of Hearing:

Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

### Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 2056 Magnolia Ave E City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55119

Appellant/Applicant: Lori Schilling Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 651-739-2712

Signature: Lori Schilling Date: 8-9-18

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing 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/Correction
- Code Enforcement Correction Notice
- Vacant Building Registration

Comments: I received approximately 5 basically unnecessary notices last summer which were completely complied and file was closed, each time. \* The notices were due to neighbor complaints. \* This particular complaint comes with a bill of \$122.00 which I cannot agree with, nor afford to pay.

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I suspect that this is harrassment from neighbors, either from neighbor across the street, in retaliation of several clean-up complaints in which I have had no part in; OR from new neighbors next door who have extremely high standards. I have lived here for 33 years, with no complaints until last summer.

I retired from full time work in 2015, so my income has been significantly reduced. My house is not for sale, and I ~~am~~ have no interest in investing in perfection for a buyer at this time.

Thank You,

Lori Shilling

P.S.

I replaced my garage roof last <sup>October</sup> ~~summer~~ with a permit and a permit inspection which was approved by building inspector.

Lori Schilling, 2056 Magnolia Ave. E., St. Paul, MN 55119

Corrective Notice File # 17-201597

Appeal background and explanation:

In May of 2017, I spent a couple hundred dollars doing some landscaping and placing woodchips around my deck and garage and planting some plants, on my own accord.

In June of 2017, I received a "notice" to thoroughly clean my yard and remove all weeds, which, by-the-way, were not a terrible eyesore at the time. I complied.

I had made my own plans, arranging helpers at their availability, to repair and replace my garage roof for a weekend in October. That project cost approximately \$1,000. I had obtained a permit and final inspection on the project, which was satisfactory, on my own accord.

I also re-stained my entire deck in October, on my own accord.

I received approximately 4 more compliance notifications, due to neighbor complaints, throughout the summer of 2017, to which I complied. One complaint was made regarding a tree that fell on my deck on a Tuesday in October, I believe - I arranged for help the coming weekend, when helpers were off work to remove the fallen tree. The inspector was there THAT Thursday to respond to a complaint made on Wednesday regarding the tree.

The garage roof repair was started in mid- October, lasting a few weeks as weather and time allowed. The work required removing soffit trim and replacing wood.

I received another notification in November 2017 demanding I recover the soffits or paint them, replace garage door, repair broken window in back of garage - (basically nit-picking my garage) with a deadline of December something. I called to ask for an extension since we had an early winter. June 1 of 2018 was the new deadline.

In May of 2018, after snow-melt. I had my son and my dad to help me. We replaced the soffit trim on one side of the garage and painted the other side. We bought and installed a new side door. We repaired the back window. And I even power-washed the stucco, which wasn't required.

June 1 came and went with no further notifications. I had maintained compliance, obviously.

I went through June and July, keeping my yard neat and clean, cutting grass regularly, spraying weeds several times, and MOSTLY just living my life and minding my own business as I always do.

THEN, on August 8, 2018, I received this notification, out of the blue, fining me \$122.00 and demanding I put decorative trim around my door and replace a

perfectly sound window which is hidden in the back of my garage. Also, insisting that I do so within 3 weeks or pay another \$120.00.

I must add that I am disappointed that my tax money goes to pay for a system, such as this, that causes distrust and strife among neighbors. A system that allows people to bully and control their neighbors. And being "anonymous," I feel that I am under attack, not knowing which direction to place my defense. I am left to feel vulnerable in my own home, which I have not felt in 30+ years living in this home + neighborhood as a single woman, a single parent.

My home and my yard are far from being unkempt and unpresentable, in spite of the fact that I am a single woman, and that I don't have excess money, or AS MUCH as some of my neighbors.

My home is very affordable to me, and I do not intend to move, or sell any time soon.

Thank You,  
Lori Schilling



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St Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806

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August 7, 2018

Lori L Schilling  
2056 Magnolia Ave E  
St Paul MN 55119-3354

Dear Lori L Schilling, and others, if listed:

On August 6, 2018, this department conducted an inspection of your property at **2056 MAGNOLIA AVE E** and because **you were not compliant with a previous order**

**Deficiency: "Garage remains defective. Refer to the correction notice for details on deficiencies."**

**YOU ARE BEING BILLED \$122.00** for the cost of this inspection. This is in accordance with Chapter 34.24 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code. Payment is due upon receipt of this letter. Make your check payable to the "City of Saint Paul" and mail your payment to:

Department of Safety and Inspections, Code Enforcement  
Excessive Consumption Unit  
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
St. Paul, MN 55101-1806

**If you do not pay within 30 days**  
**the amount of this bill, plus administrative costs, will be assessed to your property taxes.**

**NOTICE**

Your property is next scheduled for a REINSPECTION on

**August 28, 2018**

**WARNING**

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE VIOLATION(S) CORRECTED BY THE NEXT INSPECTION DATE, August 28, 2018, YOU WILL BE BILLED AN ADDITIONAL \$120.00. CALL THE INSPECTOR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS: Stephan Suon, at 651-331-8273**

Stephan Suon  
Code Enforcement Inspector



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- Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb xwb.
- Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

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August 07, 2018

Lori L Schilling  
2056 Magnolia Ave E  
St Paul MN 55119-3354

## CORRECTION NOTICE

Date: August 07, 2018  
RE: 2056 MAGNOLIA AVE E  
File #: 17-201597

Dear Sir or Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on **August 06, 2018** and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code<sup>1</sup> (see footnote 1, below).

1. SPLC 34.09 DOOR(S): All doors and its hardware shall be in sound condition and fit within its frame. Doors shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair. **REPAIR OR REPLACE THE DOOR FRAME.**
2. The eaves, fascia and soffits OF THE GARAGE are missing, in a state of disrepair or deterioration. Repair all defects, holes, breaks, loose or rotting boards, to a professional state of maintenance. Permit may be required. **FINISH REPAIRING THE ROOF. ANY EXPOSED WOOD SURFACES MUST BE PAINTED.**
3. The windows and/or storm windows are in a state of disrepair. **REPLACE ALL MISSING OR BROKEN WINDOW GLASS.** Make all necessary repairs to frames, sashes, hardware and associated trim in a professional manner. Permit may be required.

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. The Enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on or after **August 28, 2018**, by which date the violations noted must be corrected. **Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in the issuance of criminal charges<sup>2</sup>** and/or a civil lawsuit, and possible abatement/assessment by the City. All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permits may be obtained by calling 651-266-8989.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk at 651-266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this Notice when you appeal and pay a filing fee.)

**If you have any questions or request additional information, please contact me. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to me at 651-331-8273.**

Sincerely,

**Stephan Suon**  
**Badge # 345**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Footnotes:

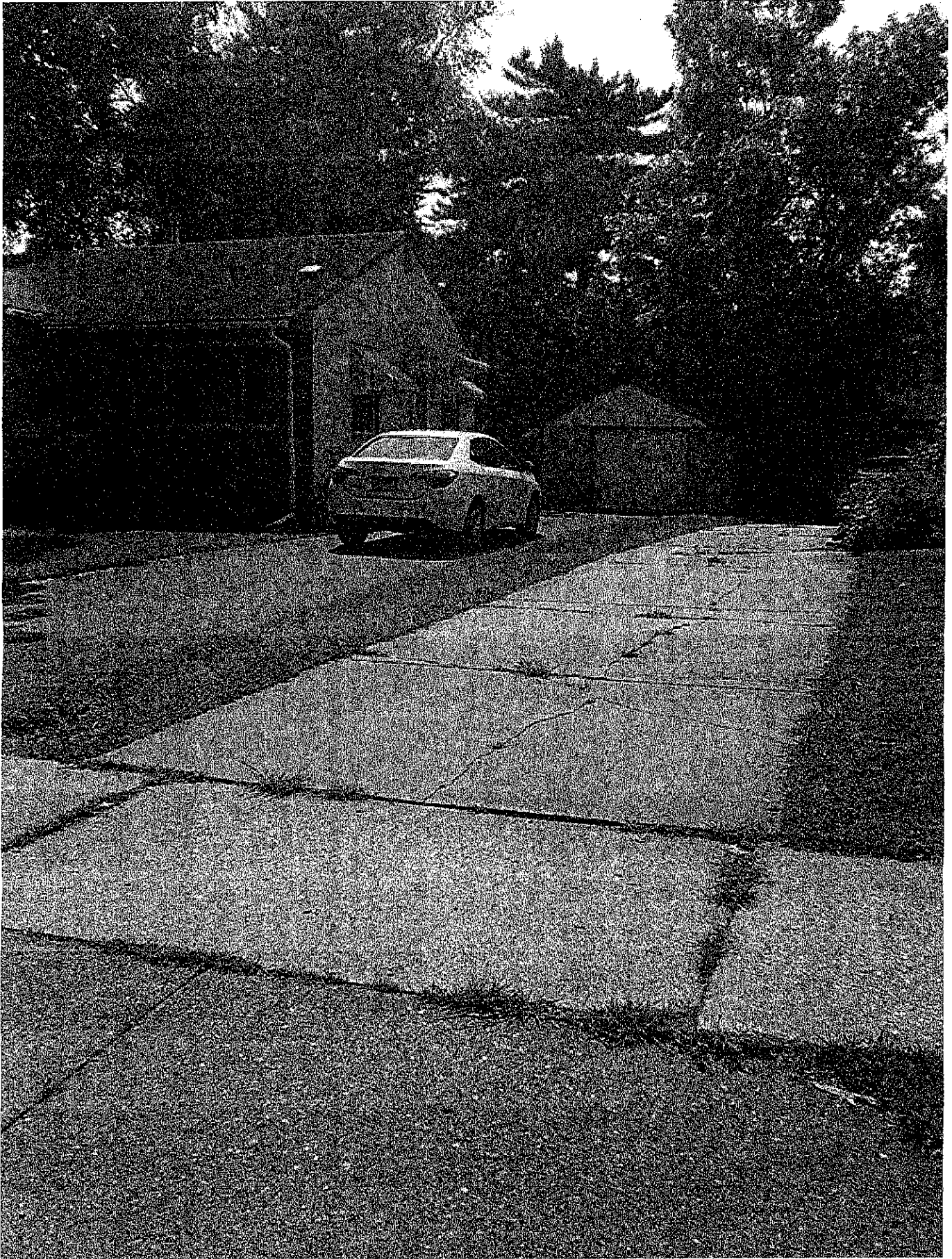
- <sup>1</sup> To see the Legislative Code go to [www.stpaul.gov](http://www.stpaul.gov) on the internet, click on "Departments", then click on "Department of Safety and Inspections", scroll down the page for the "Codes". Most Correction Notices derive from Chapter 34.
- <sup>2</sup> Criminal charges can be brought on the day the violation is observed, but generally we allow time to correct unless this is a repeat violation.

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**WARNING:** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection for compliance after the due date will be collected from the owner rather than being paid for by the taxpayers of the City. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid for by the taxpayers of the City. Any such future costs will be collected via assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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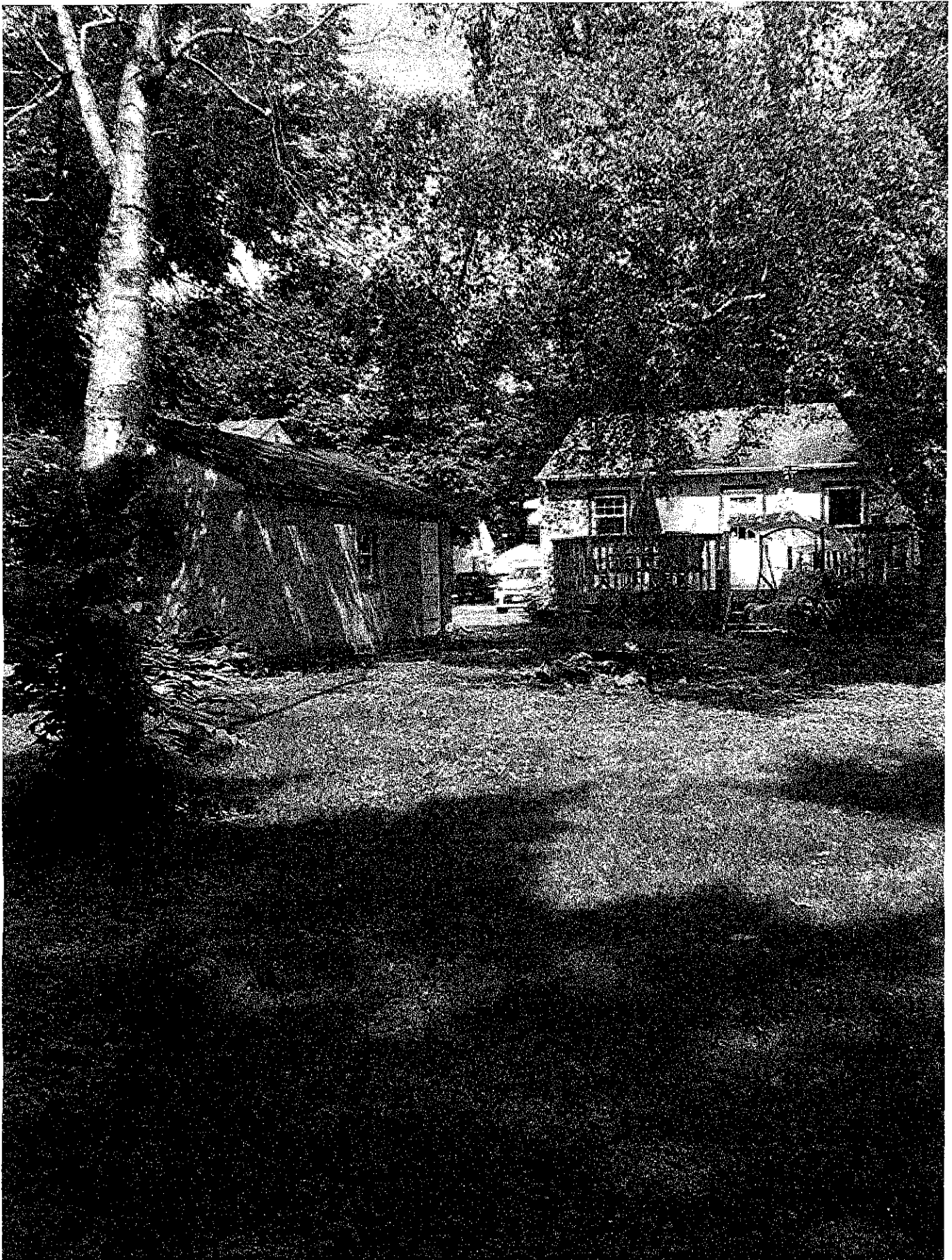
STREET VIEW OF HOUSE + GARAGE



\* THE BACK YARD, AND ESPECIALLY BACK OF GARAGE CANNOT BE SEEN.



BACK YARD VIEW OF HOUSE + GARAGE

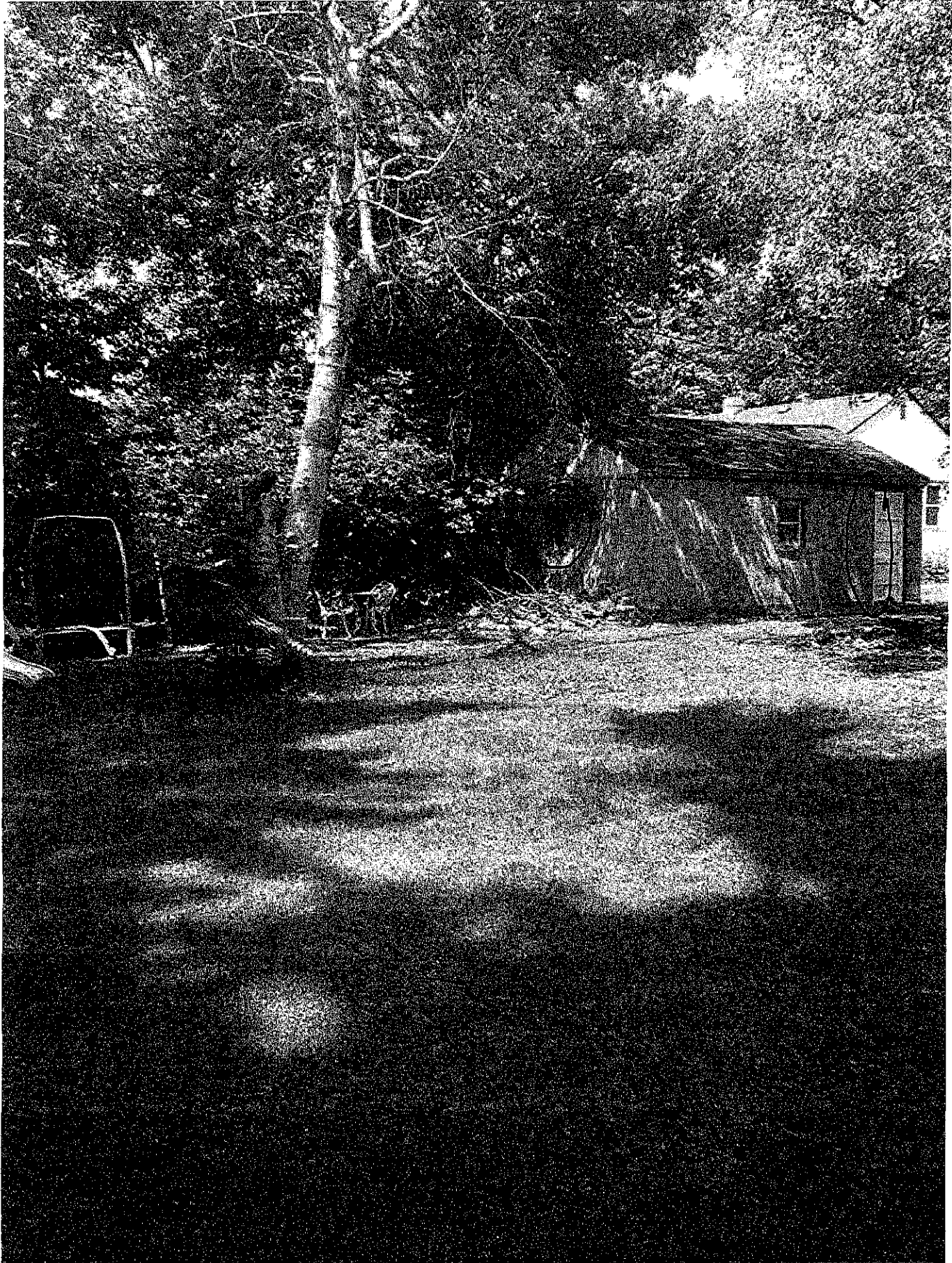


ACCORDING TO SOMEONE →

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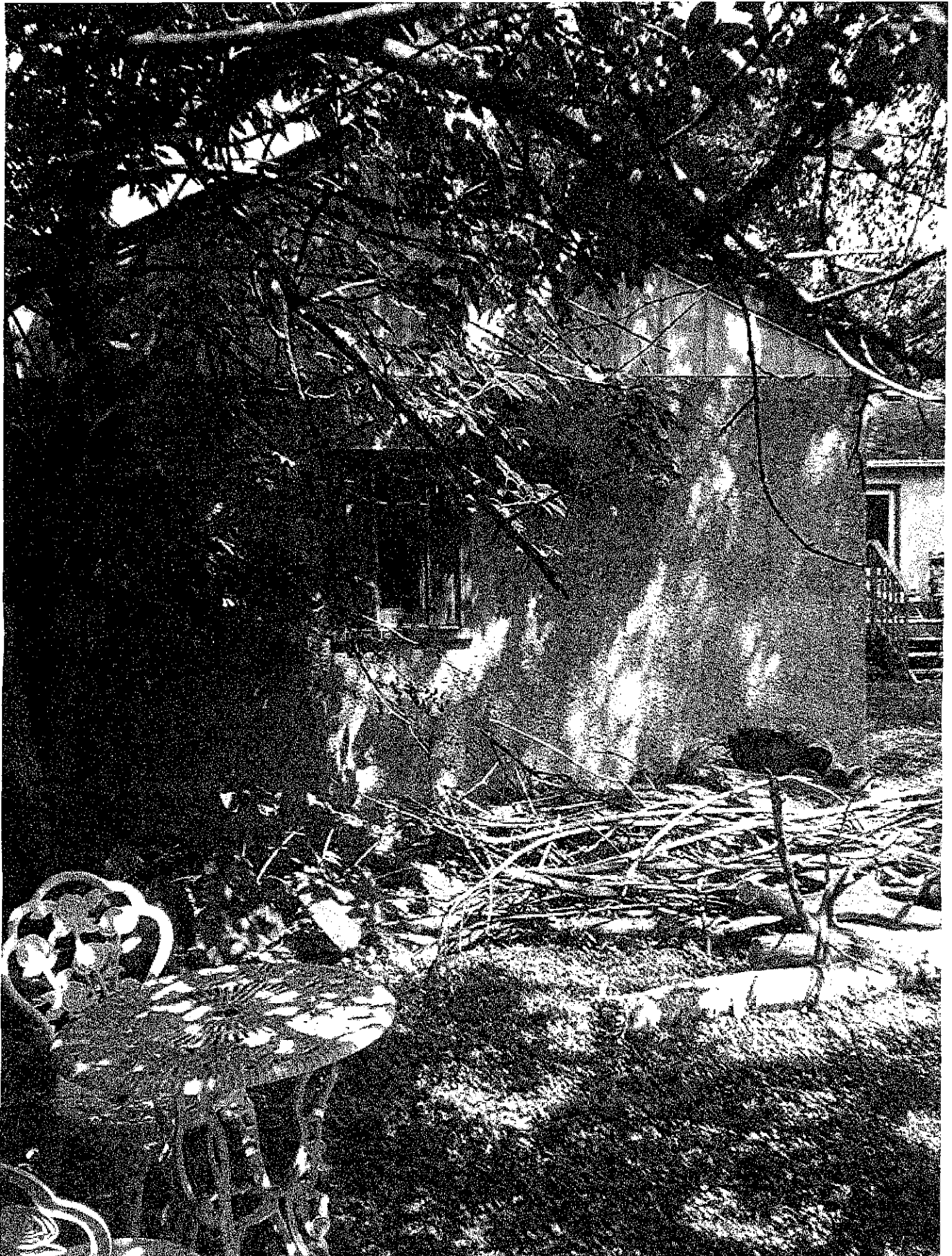
THERE IS NOT PROPER TRIMMING ON THE NEWLY REPLACED  
(aluminum) GARAGE DOOR.

# AREAS OF CONCERN



\* HIDDEN BACK WINDOW and SIDE TRIM OF ENTRY DOOR. and edge of back roof which is behind the tree branches

BACK WINDOW OF GARAGE HAS BEEN IN THIS  
CONDITION SINCE 1985 WHEN I PURCHASED HOUSE



\* WITH NO PROBLEMS NOR COMPLAINTS IN 33 YEARS

THE WINDOW IS STURDY AND SEALED  
AND NOT IN PLAIN SIGHT TO "ANYONE"



↳ THE COST OF UNNECESSARY REPLACEMENT IS BEYOND  
MY RETIREMENT BUDGET.