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APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number 885553)
 - Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include
 - Walk In Mail Email
- Appeal taken by:

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Location of Hearing:

Telephone: you will be called between 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.

In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: _____
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1676 Euclid St. City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Megan Giesen Email meggers.ryan@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-867-2848

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 7-30-24

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
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

Please see letter and supporting documents.

July 30, 2024

To: Dept. of Safety and Inspections Appeal Office

Re: Vacant Building Registration Notice

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the homeowner for 1676 Euclid Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106. We received a Summary Abatement Order dated July 25th to have the long grass and weeds cut by July 31st. I reached out to Matt Dornfeld per the notice, and he agreed to allow us a few extra days to resolve the issue.

The next day, we received the Vacant Building Registration Notice, dated July 26th. I do not know how anyone could think it was vacant. We have cars in the driveway, a dog that barks when someone gets near the house/door, and my retired Mother in-law lives with us and is always home. My husband is also home with his mom and our daughter (who is on summer break from school).

I work a lot. I have 2 jobs and put in 60 hours a week between them over 6 days each week. That does not allow for a lot of extra time to do yard work, despite my desire to do it and spend time outside. However, I do my best. I tried to mow when I saw the neighbor's house go up for sale, but the mower wouldn't start. I checked all the parts, but cannot seem to get it to work.

While I'm waiting on parts and a friend who is good with small engines to be able to repair the mower, I reached out to a friend to borrow their lawn mower. I was able to get the yard and boulevard cleared over this weekend.

My belief is that the multiple houses that are for sale in the neighborhood have realtors who are reporting longer than normal grass homes (this has been known to happen in years past), to try to make the home they are selling more appealing with a prettier neighborhood. I understand, and would love to be able to have gotten to the yard sooner, but between my schedule and the weather being less than desirable (rain/storms and the excessive heat), it has been a challenge to say the least.

I am trying to reach anyone at the company copied on both the abatement and vacant building registration documents. They are not a company I work with, and I've reached out to my mortgage folks as well, but haven't been able to reach a real person as of yet.

Please cancel the notice, the property is not vacant. I've included the email communications with city staff regarding the matters. If you require additional paperwork, please let me know. It is best to reach me via email. My work schedule is below, for the purposes of scheduling a hearing. I am of course willing to adjust my schedule as possible, but do need some notice to cover shifts. Mornings are best, as that is my remote work job, and I can flex some time around more easily to accommodate.

Sundays: 12:30pm – 7:30pm – in person, FOSS Swim School – Vadnais Heights

Mondays: 7am-11:30am (30 min. break 9-9:30am) – Remote, Metro State

12:30pm-8:30pm – in person, FOSS Swim School – Vadnais Heights

Tuesdays: 7am-11:30am (30 min. break 9-9:30am) – Remote, Metro State

12pm-9pm – in person, FOSS Swim School – Vadnais Heights

Wednesdays: 7am-11:30am (30 min. break 9-9:30am) – Remote, Metro State

12:30pm-8:30pm – in person, FOSS Swim School – Vadnais Heights

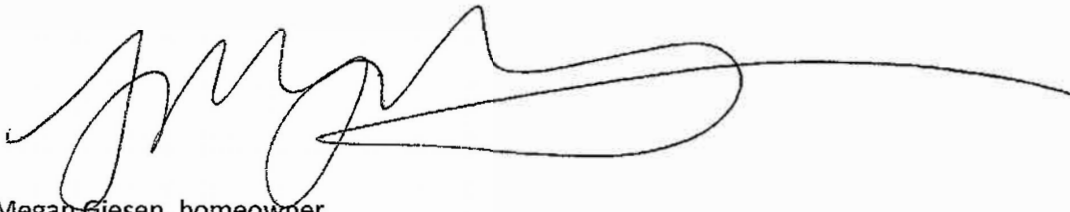
Thursdays: 7am-11:30am (30 min. break 9-9:30am) – Remote, Metro State

12pm-9pm – in person, FOSS Swim School – Vadnais Heights

Fridays: 7am-11:30am (30 min. break 9-9:30am) – Remote, Metro State

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Giesen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Megan Giesen, homeowner

1676 Euclid Street

Saint Paul, MN 55106

Enclosed:

Appeal Form

Summary Abatement Order

Vacant Building Registration Notice

Email to/from Matt Dornfeld

Email to/from City Clerk

Email to Bron Inc regarding Vacant Building Registration



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806Telephone: 651-266-8989
Facsimile: 651-266-1919
www.stpaul.gov/dsi

July 26, 2024

Megan J Ryan
1676 Euclid St
St Paul MN 55106-5908

Customer #:1081070

Bill #: 1873290

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION NOTICEThe premises at **1676 EUCLID ST**

has been inspected and found to meet the legal definition of a Vacant Building as described in Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43. You are required by law to register this building with the Department of Safety and Inspections, Vacant Building Division, by filling out and returning the registration form provided with this letter. You are also required to pay the annual Vacant Building Registration Fee of **\$2,459.00**. The fee is due upon receipt of this letter and must be paid no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, as required in Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43. If this building is vacant due to a fire, complete the enclosed registration form and return it to this office within 30 days.

Payment must be received by August 26, 2024 .

You may pay this registration fee online by going to **online.stpaul.gov** and selecting the 'Make a Payment' option. You will need your customer number and bill number to process a payment - both can be found on this letter.

To pay this invoice by mail please send this registration form along with payment to:

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806
Do Not Mail Cash

If you wish to pay in person, you may do so from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday at the above address.

You may file an appeal to this fee or registration requirements by contacting the City Clerk's Office by calling (651)266-8688. Any appeal of this fee must be made within ten (10) days of the date of this notice.

If the registration fee is not received in this office within 45 days of the date of this letter, the full amount owed will be assessed to, and collected with, the taxes for this property as permitted by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.

The Code Enforcement Officer has notified the Building Inspection and Design Section that this property meets the legal definition of a registered vacant building and in accordance with Legislative Code Chapter 33, no permits (except demolition, wrecking and removal permits) will be issued until the requirements of all applicable ordinances are fulfilled.

All category 2 and category 3 vacant buildings must be winterized with gas and water services shut off or, alternately, an excess flow gas valve must be installed in the dwelling, within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice.

WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL IS REQUIRED BEFORE A CATEGORY 2 OR CATEGORY 3 VACANT BUILDING CAN BE OCCUPIED OR SOLD.

Category 2: Requirements include: 1. register/re- register the building, 2. pay outstanding fee(s), 3. obtain a code compliance report, 4. submit for approval a rehab cost estimate from a licensed contractor and a schedule for completion of all code compliance work, 5. submit proof of financial responsibility acceptable to the City, and 6. obtain Zoning approval of the proposed use.

Category 3: All requirements listed for Category 2 vacant buildings, AND obtain a **Certificate of Occupancy OR Certificate of Code Compliance** prior to the sale of the building.

If the use of this building meets the definition of a nonconforming use by the Zoning Code, then the use will lose its nonconforming status 365 days from the date the building was declared vacant.

You must contact the Enforcement officer , Matt Dornfeld, at 651- 266- 1902 to find out what must be done before this building can be legally reoccupied.

The Enforcement Officer may declare this building to constitute a Nuisance Building subject to demolition and issue an Order to Abate under authority of Legislative Code Chapter 45. In the event this building is declared a Nuisance Building, subject to demolition, the Enforcement Office will notify all owners and interested parties of the Order to Abate as provided in the Legislative Code Chapter 45.

If you have questions about this annual registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the District Inspector, Matt Dornfeld, at 651- 266- 1902.

This registration form and fee is required by law. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Steve Magner
Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information
Vacant Building Registration Form

SM: md
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Also Sent To:
Bron Inc 1341 Mockingbird Lane Suite 950w Dallas TX 75247



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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
 DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
 DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
 Saint Paul, MN 55101- 1806
SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER

July 25, 2024

24 - 061849

Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau ntawm (651) 266- 8989. Lawv mam nrhiav ib tug neeg txhais lus los pab koj.

MEGAN J RYAN
 1676 EUCLID ST
 ST PAUL MN 55106- 5908

As owner or person(s) responsible for : 1676 EUCLID ST you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

1. Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from yard, blvd, and alley areas. Comply before July 31, 2024

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal **before July 31, 2024** , the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

Charges: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipments, etc. The rate will be approximately \$260 per hour plus expensed for abatement.

**You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times
 FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION.
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.**

Issued by: Matt Dornfeld Badge: 361 Phone Number: 651- 266- 1902
If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.

Also Sent To:
 Bron Inc 1341 Mockingbird Lane Suite 950w Dallas TX 75247

APPEALS: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, which ever comes first. No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266- 8585. You must submit a copy of this Summary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.

*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 after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid 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 by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.



Meg Giesen <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>

Abatement Order - 1676 Euclid

8 messages

Meg Giesen <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>
To: Matt.Dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 11:09 AM

Hi,

I received the Summary Abatement Order on Sat. to have our lawn cut by Wed. this week.

I'm well aware it looks terrible. Sorry. Our mower broke, and I'm waiting on a part. I tried weed wacking, but it really needs a mow.

Can we get an extension to have it done? I work 6 days a week and put in 60 hours. Between the rain and heat, it has been hard to be able to get out there when I am free.

Please let me know what we can do. I will do what I can, but I am not often home during daylight hours to work outside.

Hopefully the weather holds off so I can get out and clear those tall weeds and get the grass cut Friday afternoon when I'm off work.

Address: 1676 Euclid Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106

Best regards,

Meg Giesen (nee: Ryan)

Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
To: Meg Giesen <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 12:44 PM

Its really bad and the whole neighborhood is complaining. I can put it off for maybe a couple of days.

Sent from my iPhone

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Meg <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>
To: Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Mon, Jul 29, 2024 at 3:02 PM

. Thanks. I will get to it this weekend. I will email you when completed. I wish anyone would just talk to us about it before submitting complaints though.

With gratitude,

Meg

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 7:31 AM

Good morning again,

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The house is clearly not vacant. Yes, the lawn out front is bad, but as previously stated, the mower broke and I haven't had time/nice weather to take care of it like I would normally.

I work all of the time and am doing the best that I can. Please let me know the next steps to avoid further action.

Best,

Meg Giesen

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Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
To: Meg Giesen <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 8:19 AM

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Yes, please follow the appeal process. I would also check in with Bron Inc, municonnections@broninc.com.

Thanks.

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Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 8:35 AM

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Best,

Meg

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To: Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 7:24 AM

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Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 7:24 AM

Good morning,

I got the lawn taken care of this weekend. Thank you.

Best,

Meg

[Quoted text hidden]

Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
To: Meg Giesen <meggerys.ryan@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 5, 2024 at 7:30 AM

Well done, thank you.

[Quoted text hidden]



Meg Giesen <megggers.ryan@gmail.com>

application for appeal

3 messages

Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
To: "megggers.ryan@gmail.com" <megggers.ryan@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 8:26 AM

Good morning,

I was told by our office manager you were requesting an application for appeal, it is attached. It is \$25 to appeal, cash or check only. It can be done in person at the address below, or mailed in if done within the 10 day appeal window.

Thanks,

Joanna

**SAINT PAUL**
MINNESOTA**Joanna Zimny**Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant
Legislative Hearing Office

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Saint Paul City Hall

Suite 310
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, MN 55102

P: 651-266-8585

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**Application for Appeal Form-English - Revised 1-31-23.pdf**

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Meg Giesen <megggers.ryan@gmail.com>
To: Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 8:40 AM

Good morning,

Thank you! Can I mail cash, or does it have to be in person for a receipt to be provided?

Best regards,

Meg

[Quoted text hidden]

Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
To: Meg Giesen <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>

Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 8:58 AM

I do not recommend mailing cash. If paying cash I would do it in person.

Thanks,

Joanna



**SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA**

Joanna Zimny

Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant
Legislative Hearing Office

Pronouns: she/her/hers

Saint Paul City Hall

Suite 310
15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

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From: Meg Giesen <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2024 8:40 AM
To: Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: application for appeal

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Vacant Home Registration

1 message

Meg Giesen <meggers.ryan@gmail.com>
To: municonnections@broninc.com

Tue, Jul 30, 2024 at 8:37 AM

Hello,

The city inspector sent me this contact. I received a notice that you reported my home as vacant. It is not. Please revoke the notice/registration form.

Property Address:
1676 Euclid Street
St. Paul, MN 55106

Best regards,

Meg Giesen
Homeowner