

City of Saint Paul  
Department of Department of Safety and Inspections - Code Enforcement  
Street Address 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220,  
City, ST Zip code St. Paul, MN, 55101

Re: Saint Paul (City) Vacant Property Fee

List of Properties 689 PARKVIEW AVE, SAINT PAUL, RAMSEY, MN 55117

Dear Mr./Ms.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is the owner of multiple single-family properties in the Saint Paul (City). Pursuant to the National Housing Act, 12 U.S.C. § 1701 et seq., HUD is now actively selling these properties to qualifying individual purchasers. Any local ordinance that interferes with HUD's ability to efficiently market its properties, provide clean marketable title to purchasers, and requires the payment of vacant property registration fees, is invalid under the Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution.

HUD requests your assurances that the City will remove and exempt the VPR fee against the above referenced properties and release any existing liens for unpaid fees for these properties and any other single-family properties owned by HUD. If HUD does not receive your assurances, HUD will refer this matter to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Saint Paul to recover from the City all such fees, as well as all applicable costs, penalties and interest.

This letter is not intended to be a complete expression of HUD's rights in this matter. HUD reserves the right to take such other and further action as necessary to protect its interests.

If you have any additional questions, please contact [vpr@guardianassetmgt.com](mailto:vpr@guardianassetmgt.com)

Program Attorney at \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,  
Regional Counsel