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# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

## Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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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 345805)
  - Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
  - Attachments you may wish to include
  - This appeal form completed
  - Walk-In OR  Mail-In
- for abatement orders only:  Email OR  Fax

### HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Location of Hearing:

Telephone: you will be called between

1:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: \_\_\_\_\_  
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

## Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 510 Snelling Av. N City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Atnafu Yeshidagne Email Atnafu2001@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business 651-646-4747 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 612-408-4096

Signature: [Signature] Date: 10/17/22

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Atnafu Yeshidagne - "Menderine Gebretsadik"

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 1492 Terrace Dr. Shoreview, MN, 55126

Phone Numbers: Business 651-646-4747 Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 651-278-4072

## 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 I need more time and money to hire Contractors -

(Also see attachment.)

Call Ben Johnson @ NDE 612-237-1977  
Address Alemayehu 651-398-3364

1- Yes I need more time to get Some Money to Exchange  
the Exhaust System and the pipe. The Current exhaust  
System and the pipe I have used for the last 20 years  
and no one told me it is not proper.

2- The 2x4 wood I had in the back yard, I will get  
it away with in a week. It has been sitting outside  
for the last 5 years, and no one told me it is  
wrong to put wood at your yard.

3- I was fixing 306 (room) use to be a store and  
it was in a bad shape. I and my friend paint, replace  
the floor, the ceiling and the wall fix paint.

The fire inspector told me I need to get a permit and  
I did went and apply for a permit and they where  
going to call me the next day. I still did not get  
a call.

4- I and my partner are running fasika for  
the last 21 years and serving East African  
Community and American with Authentic Ethiopian  
Cuisine. Duto Covid-19 our business has been  
slow and hoping it will be better soon. We need to  
stay open, please help us we will do what is  
necessary to satisfy the city

Atnafu Yeshidagm



October 17, 2022

FASIKA INC.  
510 SNELLING AVE N  
ST PAUL MN 55104-2329

## Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate

RE: 506 SNELLING AVE N  
Ref. # 12289

Dear Property Representative:

The above-referenced building was inspected and documentation reviewed on October 17, 2022, with you, your partner's son and a member of the Neighborhood Development Center organization for the renewal of the Certificate of Occupancy. It has become necessary to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy in accordance with Section 40.06 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code due to long-term non-compliance with requirements of Fire Safety Inspections.

**A reinspection has been tentatively scheduled for the property and documentation will be reviewed on November 9, 2022 at 2:30 PM.**

The Saint Paul Legislative Code further provides that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. Failure to immediately complete the following deficiency list or the building vacated may result in a criminal citation.

### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Interior - 506-510 Snelling Avenue - SPLC 40. Grounds for Pending Revocation. The fire code official may issue a notice to the owner(s) and known interested parties of the city's suspension or revocation of a fire certificate of occupancy issued under the provisions of this code if it is found upon inspection by the fire code official that the building or occupancy is in violation of provisions of this or other applicable safety codes, ordinances, rules and regulations. The commercial building occupancy, or portion thereof, shall not again be used or occupied until such time as the said certificate is issued or renewed or suspension lifted following inspection and a determination by the fire code official that the commercial building occupancy, or portion thereof, is in compliance with applicable safety codes. The suspension, revocation, or denial may be appealed to the legislative hearing officer within ten (10) days of this issuance (comment continued on next page).

Comment: Building has been posted for revocation of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy for the deficiencies in this report and the following issues: Construction in the non-certified portions of the building do not have a plan or building permit applicant for the modifications. Electrical wiring in this area is not to code and there are no permits for this work. Commercial kitchen ductwork (exterior of building) is failing and property owner has performed work on the system that does not meet *code requirements*. Grease from this assembly continues to leak from seams in ductwork and accumulate on the ground below the ductwork attracting pests. Multiple windows and doors in the building have been boarded, some windows are boarded even while open with no plan to repair or replace.

2. Interior - Interior of 506-508 Snelling Avenue - MSFC 703.1, 704.1 - Repair and maintain the required fire resistive construction with approved materials and methods. This work will require a licensed contractor to submit plans for the vacant space and apply for a building permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. Property owner is applying gypsum board to interior walls and wiring heating units without plans or electrical permit which may result in revocation of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy for the building.
3. 506 Suite - Entire 1st and Second Floor - SPLC 40.06 - Uncertified portions of the building must not be occupied until inspected and approved by this office. This area of the building is uncertified for occupancy and must be inspected and approved prior to any use of this space. Contact DSI Fire Inspector at (651)266-8989 to arrange for inspection and approval.
4. 508 Suite - 2nd Floor - SPLC 40.06 - Uncertified portions of the building must not be occupied until inspected and approved by this office. This area of the building is uncertified for occupancy and must be inspected and approved prior to any use of this space. Contact DSI Fire Inspector at (651)266-8989 to arrange for inspection and approval.
5. Exterior - At Back Door-along south wall - MSFC 312.2 Vehicle impact protection posts. Guard posts shall comply with the following: 1. Constructed of steel not less than 4 inches in diameter and concrete filled; 2. Spaced not more than 4 feet between posts on center; 3. Set not less than 3 feet deep in a concrete footing of not less than a 15-inch diameter; 4. Set with the top of the posts not less than 3 feet above ground; 5. Located not less than 3 feet from protected object. Posts are required to be installed where mechanical equipment is subject to potential impact from vehicles. The installation of the posts will be review by HVAC and Building inspectors for compliance.

6. Exterior - Construction Debris Stored in Parking Lot - MSFC 315.4 - Relocate storage of combustible materials to at least 10 feet from property lines.  
Construction debris was relocated to new area against the shared wall in parking lot.  
Remove or relocate the construction debris from the parking lot.
7. Exterior - Front Door Glass - SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door in good condition.  
Estimate taking place during meeting for glass replacement. Business owner asked about replacement of the door, does it require a permit. Responded that it would require a permit and inspection from building inspector.  
Front door glass is shattered and needs to be replaced.
8. Kitchen - Hood - MSFC 607.2 - Provide an approved hood and duct ventilation system to remove the grease laden vapors. This work will require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.  
Repair damaged and disconnected duct supports on vertical duct run. Ductwork appears to have penetrations into duct for the support from building and is leaking grease from these penetrations. Seal penetrations and re-secure ductwork to building. Clean and/or repair the exhaust fan at base of ductwork which is completely coated in grease and leaking grease from multiple locations. Provide approved grease collection at base of ductwork. There is a cracked PVC drain which is going to an overflowing plastic bucket of grease/ oil. The ground area around the rear entry is saturated with grease. Contact licensed heating, ventilation and air conditioning contractor to evaluate the ventilation system for the restaurant and submit plans to the St. Paul Building Plan Review for corrections to the system and a permit to bring the ventilation system into compliance.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>

*You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.*

If you have any questions, email me at: [Laura.Huseby@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Laura.Huseby@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8998 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Laura Huseby  
Fire Safety Inspector

Ref. # 12289