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:

- [X] **$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number_____)**
- [X] **Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include**
- [X] Walk In [ ] Mail [ ] Email

Appeal taken by:

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, April 8, 2025
Location of Hearing:

- [ ] **Telephone:** *you will be called between* _____ & _____
- [X] **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** 1:30 p.m.
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 381 Minnesota St. (Downtown Smoke Shop Inc) City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55101

Appellant/Applicant: Maher Safi Email safi07@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 651-308-1981

Signature: [signature] Date: 4/3/2025

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Maher Safi

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: [illegible] 1 Maycomb Ln North Oaks, MN 55127

Phone Numbers: Residence _____ Cell _____

What is being appealed and Why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- [x] **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.)** _____

SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY & INSPECTIONS (DSI)
ANGIE WIESE, PE(MN), CBO, DIRECTOR

375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806
Tel: 651-266-8989 | Fax: 651-266-9124

April 2, 2025

Madison Equities
375 JACKSON ST. SUITE 700W
ST PAUL MN 55101

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION
UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION
ORDER TO VACATE

RE: 55 5TH ST E
Ref. # 12563

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on April 2, 2025.

The building was found to be unsafe, unfit for human habitation, a public nuisance, a hazard to the public welfare or otherwise dangerous to human life. A Condemnation Placard has been posted on the building.

The building vacated by the re-inspection date.

A reinspection will be made on or after April 4, 2025.

CONDEMNATION OF THE BUILDING REVOKES THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.

Failure to complete the corrections may result in a criminal citation. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. SPLC 34.23, MSFC 111.1 - This occupancy is condemned as unsafe or dangerous. This occupancy must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office. -Building is condemned for the following but not limited to, unsanitary conditions, lack of maintenance, lack of basic facilities (heating), multiple break-ins.

2. Elevator Lobbies - MSFC 1010.1.9 - Remove unapproved locks from the exit doors. The door must be openable from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort. -On floors 14,13,12, and 8 the elevator lobbies are secured from the rest of the floor with mag lock devices. This locking configuration allows for people to be locked inside of the elevator lobby with no access to the exit stairs. Immediately remove the locks to provide access to the exit stairways.

3. Exterior - Windows - SPLC 34.09 (4) a, 34.33 (3) a - Repair and maintain the window glass. Windows shall be fully supplied with windowpanes which are without open cracks or holes. -Repair or replace window by the corner of 5th and Minnesota with holes in it.

4. Fire Alarm - MSFC 901.6 - The fire alarm system must be maintained in an operative condition at all times, replace or repair where defective. -Repair trouble signals to fire alarm panel and restore to normal status.

5. Fire Alarm - MSFC 901.6 - The fire alarm system must be maintained in an operative condition at all times, replace or repair where defective. -Repair alarm panel as necessary and clear trouble codes. Alarm shows trouble signal with 7th floor strobe and 5th floor elevator lobby smoke alarm.

6. Fire Alarm - MSFC 907.8, NFPA 72 14.3.1 - Provide required annual maintenance of the fire alarm system by a qualified person and provide written documentation to this office as proof of compliance. -Provide copy of most recent test report.

7. Throughout - Fire Extinguishers - MSFC 901.6 - Provide required annual maintenance of the fire extinguishers by a qualified person and tag the fire extinguishers with the date of service.

8. Throughout - SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door in good condition. -Several broken doors throughout the building.

9. Throughout - SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3)- Repair and maintain the window in good condition. All windows shall be maintained in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit. -Several broken windows throughout.

10. Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (1), 34.34 (4), 34.16 - Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition. -Garbage, feces and urine throughout the building and stairwells.

11. MSFC 604.1 - Repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. -Damaged outlet and fixtures.

12. MSFC 912.4.1 - Provide approved caps on the fire department connection.-

13. SPLC 34.08 (1), 34.32 (1) - Sanitation. All exterior property areas shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of garbage, mixed municipal solid waste, animal feces or refuse.

14. SPLC 34.11 (1), MSBC 2902.1, SPLC 34.35 (1), MPC 301.1 - Repair or replace and maintain all parts of the plumbing system to an operational condition. -Repair all leaks.

15. SPLC 34.11 (6) - Provide and maintain a minimum of 68 degrees F in all habitable rooms. -Heating has been shut off to the building.

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 the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at: adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8992 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

A.J. Neis
Fire Safety Manager
Ref. # 12563

cc: Housing Resource Center
Force Unit

By Order of the
City of Saint Paul
Department of Safety & Inspections
Fire Inspection Division
651-266-8989

This Building Is

CONDEMNED

This Structure is Declared Unsafe or Unfit for Human Occupancy or Use.

It is Unlawful for Any Person to Use, Occupy or Permit the Occupancy of This Building

After 4-4-25

Address: 55 E. 5th St Fire Inspector: ID

Date: 4-2-25 Code: MSC Art: 111 Sect. _____

Under Penalty of Law, this notice shall not be removed without authorization from the Department of Safety & Inspections

Any person affected by this order to Vacate may file an appeal at the Office of the City Clerk, Room 310 City Hall, 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, within 10 days of the date of the original notice. The cost to appeal is $25 and must include a copy of the letter of Condemnation. This letter is available at the Department of Safety & Inspections, Fire Inspection Division, 375 Jackson Street Suite 220, Saint Paul, MN 55101