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From: Polly Heintz
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:57 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: FW: 1350 Hague Ave

Hello Team.
I assume you have never dealt with this property. And that it is indeed too late. Also very complicated, but please confirm that we are not able to help, and I should suggest they consult a lawyer?
I can't make sense out of what is listed in STAMP – seems like there is confusion. Or maybe I am just confused.

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From: Anika Bowie <Anika.Bowie@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:12 AM
To: Bradley Taylor <info@thedonuttrap.com>; Polly Heintz <polly.heintz@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Re: 1350 Hague Ave

Hey Bradley,

Thanks for bringing this matter directly to us. My team and I will need some time to figure out your options and how to proceed with this VB issue.

Please send any helpful documentation to Polly. Next week would be a better time.

Thanks,

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From: Bradley Taylor <info@thedonuttrap.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:00 AM
To: Anika Bowie <Anika.Bowie@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Polly Heintz <polly.heintz@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Fw: 1350 Hague Ave

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Hi Anika & Polly,

I'm wondering if your team might be available to discuss an issue that we've run into with vacant building charges? See below for more context. I can be available any time later this week or next week if you have a moment to connect.

Thank you,
Bradley Taylor

From: Ashley Taylor <ashleyraelynnt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 9:53 AM
To: Bradley Taylor <info@thedonuttrap.com>
Subject: Fwd: 1350 Hague Ave

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From: **Ashley Taylor** <ashleyraelynnt@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, May 9, 2025 at 2:18 PM
Subject: Re: 1350 Hague Ave
To: Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
CC: Clint Zane <Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Vicki Sheffer <vicki.sheffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>, Steve Magner <steve.magner@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Hi Robert,

We weren't given your contact info when we called. We were sent to Matt Dornfeld, Clint Zane and Nathan Bruhn. We have text messages between my partner and the inspectors showing that we reached out.

Assessments told us we missed the 'appeal' period which doesn't seem right when we were told to 'ignore the letter' every time we inquired about it. The DSI office told us it was a mistake which was nerve wracking given the large amount of $5K+, but there's nothing further we could have done after being told repeatedly that it would be taken off. My partner even went down there in person to the DSI office to inquire about this letter and was told the same thing.

The assessments office told us that it can be removed if it's brought to the City Council. She said she's seen assessments be removed many times after it's 'certified'. See below from their office:

If the item has been certified they have missed their appeal period. DSI can complete the required resolutions to have City Council remove it.

Please let us know who typically starts this process and if we can meet in person at the office in downtown St. Paul to discuss. My partner can be available anytime next week to meet.

Thank you,
Ashley

On Fri, May 9, 2025 at 7:50 AM Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Taylor,
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> I would have never told you that. This matter is closed. Once certified the assessment is in Ramsey County's hands. Literally there is nothing anyone in the City can do to remove this assessment at this late date.
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> --Robert

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From: Ashley Taylor <ashleyraelynnt@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 8, 2025 3:05 PM
To: Clint Zane <Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Vicki Sheffer <vicki.sheffer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Robert Humphrey <robert.humphrey@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Matt Dornfeld <matt.dornfeld@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Steve Magner <steve.magner@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
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Hello all,

Yes to confirm every time we received a 'Vacant Building' letter the past few years we would call the city. They would tell us that it was a mistake, should no longer be on this property and to just ignore the letter. We called probably 8-10 times every time we received a letter and were told the same thing. As told, we did not worry about it until an assessment was added to our property a few weeks ago for $5,542.

Please advise how this can be removed from assessments. When I called that office they said the city would need to approve for the assessment to be removed.

Thank you,
Ashley Taylor

On Thu, May 8, 2025 at 3:00 PM Clint Zane <Clint.Zane@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

> Vicki / Matt / Robert,
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> This is a fun one. Well not so much for the owner. She has owned this property for a couple of years. The VB file is showing finaled. The code compliance issues, per the file were not ever addressed. The home on the property was demolished but a storage building remains. Notes in system say that building and electrical permits are required for compliance and occupancy. No permits have been pulled to clear the storage building. The owner just had VB fee's assessed, which from my standpoint seems correct. But she is claiming that she was told that this was cleared up and is no longer a vacant building. Looking for clarification. Owner is copied here.
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> Regards,
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