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August 14, 2026

Mark Puchala II
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VIA EMAIL: markpuchalaii@gmail.com

Re: Appeal for property at 2016 Fremont Avenue East

Dear Mr. Puchala II:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on August 11, 2026 the Legislative Hearing Officer recommended that the City Council find the nuisance is partially abated (the brush pile) and grant to **August 28, 2026 for compliance with the compost bin.** At the hearing, on August 11th, Ms. Moermond requested that a diagram design be submitted for review and approval of a better compost bin to include enclosed lid and having bottom to prevent composting from exposing to the outside of the bin. An email was received on that same day, and Ms. Moermond reviewed the code with your comments in mind. She agrees that "enclosed" could be read as the sides of the container or the sides and a lid; therefore, she will accept a compost container without a lid as compliant. However, enclosed does mean that the sides should be complete and not include a 6-inch opening exposing a compost on the sides. No mention of the bottom of the compost was mentioned by her; although, you addressed it when discussing the sides of the container. You no longer need to submit a diagram as long as the container touches the ground. She will grant a further extension for the pavers/stones until November 2, 2026.

This matter will go before the City Council at Public Hearing on **Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 3:30 pm. in Room 300 City Hall.** If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation you may appear in person (*please arrive before 3:30 p.m. and check in with staff outside Council chambers when you arrive. You will have 2 minutes to testify*).

If you don't wish to contest then **no further action is needed** and the Council will proceed with Ms. Moermond's recommendations above without discussion.

The Legislative Hearing officer will review this case again at a Making Finding hearing to determine if you have abated the nuisance(s) listed above on deadline **on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 11 am**. If you are contesting Ms. Moermond's recommendation from this hearing, you

may appear in person at the Council Public Hearing at 3:30 on **Wednesday, September 9, 2026** in Room 300 City Hall.

The Making Finding hearing for the November 2nd deadline will be **November 3, 2026 at 11am with a City Council hearing on November 11, 2026 at 3:30 p.m**. You are welcome to attend any of these hearings. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-266-8585.

Sincerely,
/s/
Mai Vang
Legislative Hearing Office

c: CE Supervisors
Chris Doree – Department of Safety & Inspections, Code Inspector