Overview

Rent Stabilization Appeal Hearings provide the forum for reviewing appeals of **Department of Safety & Inspections** (DSI) determinations on applications for an exception to the City's 3% rent increase cap. The hearing offers landlords, tenants, and other interested parties the opportunity to appeal and testify about the determination on these applications. The hearings are conducted by the Hearing Officer who makes a recommendation to the City Council. The Hearing Officer may recommend that the City Council reverse, approve, or approve in part, DSI's determination. Appellants not satisfied with the recommendation of the Hearing Officer also have the opportunity to be heard before the City Council if they wish to appeal further.

Filing an Appeal for Rent Stabilization Determination

Appeals ***must be filed no later than 45 days after the date of the determination*** of the Department of Safety & Inspection (DSI) on the application for an exception to the City's 3% rent increase cap.

In Person Appeals: fill out the appeal form in our office at the City Hall/Courthouse 15 Kellogg Blvd. West, Room 310 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Emailed: download an appeal form below, complete it and email to **rentappeals@ci.stpaul.mn.us**, along with a copy of the DSI Determination, and any evidence you would like the hearing officer to consider. You will need to mail the $25 filing fee separately (Check should be made to: City of Saint Paul) to:

Rent Stabilization Appeals
310 City Hall 15 Kellogg Blvd. West
Saint Paul, MN 55102

U.S. Mail Appeals: download an appeal form below OR contact our office and we will mail a form. Complete it and send it to the above address with the $25 filing fee and any evidence you would like the hearing officer to consider.

Scheduling Your Appeal Hearing

Hearings are scheduled during the ***2nd and 4th week of the month***.

The date and time of the hearing for those applications submitted in person will usually be set at that time. Mailed applications will be copied and returned to the appellant with the date and time clearly indicated on the form. Generally, appeal hearings are scheduled one to four weeks after the application is submitted.

What to Expect at the Hearing

For each appeal, City Staff will give a report and appellants will be given time to present information, testimony, or other documents. The Hearing Officer will consider these items to develop a recommendation for Council. The hearings are informal, but it is still expected that cell phones be turned off and both City staff and appellants will address one another respectfully. Please email **rentappeals@ci.stpaul.mn.us** or call **651-266-8568** with questions about the application or appeal process.

***** If you need an *interpreter* for your hearing, please call 651-266-8568 to arrange. *****