APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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We need the following to process your appeal:

- ☐ **$25 filing fee** (non-refundable) **(payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number** Waived **)**
- ☑ **Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include**

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Appeal taken by: Mai Vang

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, 7-28-26
Location of Hearing:

☑ **Telephone:** *you will be called between* 11:00 am & 1:00 pm

☐ **In person** *(Room 330 City Hall)* **at:** _____
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1518 Selby Ave City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55104

Appellant/Applicant: Erin C Metz Verdeja Email erincmetz@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 651-900-5471

Signature: Erin Date: 07/15/2026

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business_____ Residence_____ Cell _____

What is being appealed and why? Attachments Are Acceptable

- ☐ **Vacate Order/Condemnation/ Revocation of Fire C of O** _____
- ☑ **Summary/Vehicle Abatement** Appealing the abatement order for my native perennial gardens
- ☐ **Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction** _____
- ☐ **Code Enforcement Correction Notice** _____
- ☐ **Vacant Building Registration** _____
- ☐ **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) _____

Mai Vang

From: Erin Metz <erincmetz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 4:21 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings
Subject: Application for Appeal - 1518 Selby Ave
Attachments: Application for Appeal Form-English - Revised 9-26-23.pdf; Summary Abatement Order.jpeg; Letter of consideration.png; IMG_4686.jpeg; IMG_4682.jpeg; IMG_4684.jpeg; IMG_4683.jpeg; IMG_4685.jpeg

You don't often get email from erincmetz@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

To whomever this may concern,

I have owned my home at 1518 Selby Ave since 2014 and have been gardening for the past 12 years. My native perennial gardens are the home to many pollinators including Monarch butterflies and the endangered Rusty Patched Bumblebee (photos included).

I received an abatement order in the mail yesterday which brought both surprise and great distress as my gardens are my whole heart. We live on a very busy corner and I also have a small child. Due to this, I take the safety of the people who pass by my home very seriously. I am always making sure that the sight lines at the intersection are clear and that the sidewalks are wide and passable. I work in healthcare and I understand the importance of keeping people both safe and making sure that my property is ADA compatible.

I have a large hydrangea bush on the corner of my yard and while it grows like crazy, I go out multiple times a year and cut it back (photo included).
The boulevard tree on Selby desperately needs a trim and it was my intention to call the forestry department soon.

In my 12 years of gardening I have never received a complaint, which is why this comes as a complete shock and also brings me great sadness because of how intentional and mindful I am regarding safety.

I receive almost daily compliments where people say they LOVE my gardens and that the flowers bring them joy. Just the other day a neighbor said "Best yard on the block"

Thank you for taking these things into consideration.
I look forward to discussing this further during our meeting.

-Erin Metz Verdeja
(651) 900-5471

Garden at 1518 Selby Ave St Paul, MN 55104

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Summary Abatement Order

Date: July 9, 2026

Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntwav no, hu rau ntawm (651) 266-8989. Lawv mam nrhiav ib tug neeg txhais lus los pab koj.

Frank R Verdeja
Erin C Metz
1518 SELBY AVE
SAINT PAUL MN 55104-6330

As owner or person(s) responsible for: **1518 Selby Ave** you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 34 and / or Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

☒ SPLC 45.03 (17). - **OVERGROWN VEGETATION:** Cut and remove any overgrown vegetation (including trees) impeding public right of way, sidewalk, boulevard, and alley areas. Public sidewalks must be cleared edge-to-edge and up to seven (7) feet in height. Alleys and streets must be cleared from edge-to-edge and up to fourteen (14) feet in height. Cut and remove overgrown, uncontrolled vegetation, shrubs, trees, vines that are conducive to rodent harborage throughout the yard.

PLEASE TRIM BOULEVARD PLANTINGS SO THAT THEY DO NOT EXCEED 18 INCHES WHEN IN 30 FEET OF A CORNER IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

PLEASE ALSO CUT, REMOVE, AND PROPERLY DISPOSE OF ANY VEGETATION HANGING OVER ANY PORTION OF THE SIDEWALK. THE SIDEWALK MUST BE CLEARED, STRAIGHT UP AND EDGE TO EDGE, TO A HEIGHT OF SEVEN FEET. THANK YOU.

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before **July 16, 2026**, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

Charges: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be approximately $450 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times. Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation.

Issued by: **Kenny Yang** | Badge number: **322** | Phone number: **(651) 266-1926** |
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