APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
Telephone: (651) 266-8585
legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Received 8.17.26

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

☐ Walk In ☐ Mail ☑ Email

Appeal taken by: Mai

HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Location of Hearing:

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

☐ **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: 555 Ashland Ave City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55102

Appellant/Applicant: Mary Olson Email marythereseolson555@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 612-597-1284

Signature: Mary Therese Olson Date: August 17, 2026

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Douglas J. and Mary T. Olson

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** _____
- ☐ **Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction** _____
- ☐ **Code Enforcement Correction Notice** _____
- ☐ **Vacant Building Registration** _____
- ☑ **Other** (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) Notice to cut tall grass and/or weeds.

Mai Vang

From: Mary Olson <marythereseolson555@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2026 11:16 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings; Victor Xiong
Subject: application for appeal of notice to cut grass and/or weeds
Attachments: Application for Appeal - Mary Olson.pdf; city notice to cut tall grass:weeds.pdf

You don't often get email from marythereseolson555@gmail.com. Learn why this is important

City of St. Paul,

I have attached an application for appeal of the notice we received Saturday, Aug. 15, to cut tall grass and/or weeds. I have also attached a copy of the city notice.

We are appealing because our yard does not have grass, and we make an effort to pull the weeds when we find them. We began gradually removing our grass approximately 25 years ago and replacing it with native flowering plants in an effort to provide habitat for pollinators. We have received numerous compliments from people throughout our Ramsey Hill neighborhood who tell us they walk by our house frequently to see what's blooming in the garden and which pollinators are visiting. A local nursery school brought children to see our yard when they were studying pollinators.

We look forward to our hearing.

Sincerely,

Mary Olson

Mary Olson
612-597-1284
marythereseolson555@gmail.com

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DOUGLAS J OLSON
555 ASHLAND AVE
ST PAUL MN 55102-2007

8/13/2026
File #: DSICMTGW-004467-2026

NOTICE TO CUT TALL GRASS AND/OR WEEDS

IF THE GRASS AND/OR WEEDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CUT,
THANK YOU AND PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.

-Yog hais tias koj hais tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yog pab dawb zwb.
-Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651) 266-8989. No costo.

Dear Owner/Occupant/Responsible Party:

We received a complaint regarding the property at:

555 ASHLAND AVE

The Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 45, requires property owners and/or occupants to keep the grass and/or weeds less than eight (8) inches in height. This is your official notice to cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from your yard, the boulevard, and from around the garage and/or along the alley areas.

To ensure compliance with the ordinance, a Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the property after 72 hours from the postmark on this letter. If the grass and/or weeds are more than eight (8) inches, the Enforcement Officer will schedule a City Work Crew to immediately do this work. The cost of cutting the tall grass and/or weeds is $160 per hour plus expenses, with a minimum charge of one (1) hour. This fee plus administrative costs will be added to the special assessment against the property, to be paid with the Real Estate Taxes.

Your cooperation in cutting the grass and/or weeds will be appreciated by the people in your neighborhood. Let's all work together to make Saint Paul the best it can be! If you have further questions regarding this notice, if you are elderly or disabled and need help with cutting the grass or if you no longer own this property, please call the Code Enforcement Office at 651-266-8989.

Sincerely,

Department of Safety and Inspections, Code Enforcement

Also Sent To:

This letter has also been sent to the Owner of Record and occupants at this residence.

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***WARNING** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the City's costs in conducting additional inspections at the same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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