

In Re Property Located at 971 Case Avenue, St. Paul
Property Owner: Ahti Hujanen

State of Minnesota)
)ss.
County of Hennepin)

I, Hillary Berit Hujanen, being duly sworn on oath, depose and state as follows:

1. That I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Minnesota. I am the attorney for the property located at 971 Case Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.
2. I appeared on behalf of the property at the City Council Hearing on December 7, 2011. At that hearing, we were granted an extension until Spring of 2012 to replace the fascia. We had previously been granted an extension to paint the exterior of the building.
3. At the City Council Hearing, the matter was stayed until December 21, 2011. We were told to schedule a reinspection on the remaining issues from the Certificate of Occupancy Revocation Notice.
4. On December 19, 2011, I called Inspector James Thomas to schedule the reinspection.
5. Mr. Thomas informed me that he could not schedule an inspection because he sent the property to the vacant property list on December 7, 2011.
6. According to previous letters from the Inspections Department, we were informed in writing that the property would not be sent to the vacant properties list until December 8, 2011.
7. I explained to Mr. Thomas about the findings of the City Council Hearing on December 7, 2011. He said that he had not received anything from Mai Vang about the hearing. I offered to send Mr. Thomas the videotape of the December 7, 2011 City Council Hearing as videotape evidence of the findings.
8. Mr. Thomas informed me that he did not care if I had video evidence.
9. I explained to Mr. Thomas that the City Council had stayed enforcement action on December 7, 2011.
10. Mr. Thomas refused to schedule an inspection because the property was on the vacant property list.
11. I immediately called the City Council office and was transferred to Mai Vang. Ms. Vang informed me that Mr. Thomas had been notified by e-mail of the December 7, 2011 City Council findings. She informed me that Mr. Thomas had not sent the property to the vacant property list.

12. Ms. Vang followed up with an e-mail to Inspector Thomas regarding the property, which is attached to this Affidavit.
13. I personally inspected the property located at 971 Case Avenue on December 18, 2011, and confirmed that the items in the Notice of Revocation Deficiency List were addressed. The basement is painted. The locks have been moved. The dryer vent has been professionally capped and the permit closed. The back stairs have been replaced. The foundation has been tuck pointed.
14. As of today's date, December 19, 2011, we are unable to comply with the City Council's requirements because Inspector Thomas insists that he never received any information from the Hearing Officer regarding this property. I cannot convince Inspector Thomas to inspect the property.
15. That all statements contained in this Affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge.

Further your affiant sayeth not.


Hillary B. Hujanen

Subscribed And Sworn To

Before Me This 19th Day of December, 2011


Notary Public



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