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Saint Paul City Council  
300 City Hall/County Courthouse  
15 W. Kellogg Boulevard  
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RE: Request for stay of demolition of 676 Wells, Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Councilmembers:

By resolution dated March 5, 2014, you ordered the demolition of 676 Wells but allowed homeowner 180 days to take corrective actions to abate the nuisance conditions. When the Department of Safety and Inspections inspected the property in October of 2014, they notified homeowners that the deficiencies had not been corrected, and ordered the homeowners to remove all items prior to the city enforcing the demolition order. That Correction Notice was appealed to you and by Resolution dated December 3, 2014, the appeal was denied.

The attorney for the homeowners has filed a writ of certiorari to appeal both resolutions, and has requested that you stay the demolition of the residence until the appeal has been completed. I enclose a copy of his letter requesting the stay. On behalf of the Department of Safety and Inspections, I am submitting a recommendation that you deny the requested stay. A proposed resolution has been submitted for your consideration, and has been provided to Mr. Welch, attorney for the homeowners.

I have informed him that the matter will be on the consent agenda but that he is entitled to submit written opposition to the proposed resolution.

Sincerely,

Virginia D. Palmer  
Assistant City Attorney

Cc: Melvin Welch  
Steve Magner  
Therese Skarda