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Explanation Letter:

Hello my name is Lillie Waltower and I am the homeowner at 713 Magnolia Ave East in Saint Paul Minnesota, 55106. I am writing a letter of explanation to see if the clean up fees can be waived or reduced due to me and my husband in a very tight bind right now.

The time of occurrence was around October 2014 and I was on maternity leave from just having our daughter the month before. We had purchased a dumpster to try to clean out our home to make room for our new addition. We noticed that people began to load stuff around the dumpster in our car port and just leaving trash around. I ended up going into labor a few weeks early which caused my maternity leave to start sooner than expected. Our daughter was born with a congenital breathing problem thus making it really hard to do anything else but watch her around the clock. This put a financial strain on our household since my expected FMLA coverage had to begin a few weeks sooner than anticipated and I ended staying off longer due to our daughter's health issues. My husband began to work a second job so that we could financially survive. At the time of the abatement letter I had so much going on I planned to go outside to see if I could clean up because my husband working odd in jobs until very late at night and on weekends and was literally drained every night by the time he got home. Everything got really hectic those four months. I contacted the Coolidge Trucking (where we rented the dumpster) to come pick up due to people using us a free dump. The night that my husband had only to work half a day he said he would clean up the port so that we were not fined, but by the time he came home to actually do it had already been done. We apologize for the trash and mess that occurred from us having a dumpster and apologize that we were not able to clean it up in a timely manner due to life's circumstances but our intentions were not to be a neighborhood dumping area.

I am asking that if there is any way possible for the fees to be waived or reduced. I just started back work fulltime January 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 and financially it has really been tuff catching up on all the household bills that we were unable to fully pay due to limited income and health issues (bills) for my family of four. If these fees can be waived I can promise that this issue will never come about again. Again I want to apologize and I am completely humiliated that this has even occurred. I was unable to take off work to appear in court since I have just recently started back at work.

Thank you kindly,

Lillie Waltower

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