



# APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

## Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.  
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102  
Telephone: (651) 266-8585

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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number 794019)
  - Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
  - Attachments you may wish to include
  - This appeal form completed
  - Walk-In OR  Mail-In
- for abatement orders only:  Email OR  Fax

<b>HEARING DATE &amp; TIME</b> (provided by Legislative Hearing Office) Tuesday, <u>August 4, 2015</u>
Time <u>2:30 p.m.</u>
Location of Hearing: Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

### Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 950 McLean City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: TERRELL BELLFIELD Email Terrell.Bellfield@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business \_\_\_\_\_ Residence \_\_\_\_\_ Cell 612-998-1375

Signature: Terrell Bellfield Date: 7/29/15

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
  - Fire C of O Deficiency List/Correction
  - Code Enforcement Correction Notice
  - Vacant Building Registration
  - Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)
- VB FIRES WERE NOT DISCLOSED BEFORE OR DURING CLOSING.

# Legislative Hearing Fact Sheet

Legislative Hearings provide a forum to review appeals of City-issued orders and develop recommendations for City Council consideration. Appellants not satisfied with the recommendation of the Hearing Officer also have an opportunity to be heard before the City Council if they wish to appeal further. Any person unsatisfied by the quasi-judicial decision of the City Council may obtain judicial review by timely filing of an action.

## Appeal Applications

Appeal application forms are available online at <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=161> or they can be mailed to you calling 651-266-8585. Appeal applications may be submitted in person at or by mail at Legislative Hearings, 310 City Hall, 15 Kellogg Boulevard W., St. Paul, MN 55102. Appeal applications should be filed within ten days of the date of written notification of the item(s) being appealed.

## Scheduling Your Appeal Hearing

The date and time of the hearing for those applications submitted in person will usually be set at that time. Mailed applications will be copied and returned to the appellant with the date and time clearly indicated on the form. Generally, appeal hearings are scheduled one to four weeks after the application is submitted. Once an appeal has been scheduled, it may not be rescheduled more than once. Additional rescheduling will only be done by referral from the City Council.

*If you are appealing a special assessment or wish to be heard on a proposed order to abate a nuisance building, the appeal dates and times are automatically listed in the orders themselves.*

## Hearings Are Held on Tuesdays & The Schedule Typically Is:

- 9:00 Tax Assessments & Orders to Remove or Repair, Repurchase of Application
- 11:00 Summary & Vehicle Abatement Orders, Correction Notice/Orders by Code Enforcement
- 11:30 Condemnations, Revocations & Vacate Order
- 1:30 Fire Certificate of Occupancy Letters & Fire Inspection Correction Order, Inspection Appointment Letters
- 2:30 Vacant Building Registration Notices
- 3:00 Other Cases (Usually Code Compliance Inspection Report, Fence Variance) and Overflow Hearings

## What to Expect at the Hearing

A number of appeals are heard in each hearing session. For each appeal, City Staff will give a report and appellants will be given time to present information, testimony, photos or other documents. The Hearing Officer will take all of this into account to develop a recommendation for Council consideration. Occasionally, a decision cannot be made at the hearing and the matter will be laid over or continued to allow the appellant and/or staff time to gather more information. The hearings are quite informal but it is still expected that cell phones and pagers will be turned off, and City staff and appellants will address one another respectfully.

**Interpreter:** If you need an interpreter for your hearing, please call 651-266-8585 for us to arrange one.



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

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Saint Paul, MN 55101- 1806

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Facsimile: 651- 266- 1919  
[www.stpaul.gov/dsi](http://www.stpaul.gov/dsi)

July 24, 2015

Terrell Bellfield  
6592 Crosby Ave  
Inver Grove Heights MN 55076

**VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION FEE  
WARNING LETTER**

The Saint Paul City Council has adopted legislation which requires owners of vacant buildings to pay an annual fee and submit a registration plan on the form(s) enclosed with this letter. The annual fee is **\$2,025.00**. The purpose of this fee is to partially reimburse the City for administrative costs for registering and processing the Vacant Building Owner Registration forms and for the cost of monitoring these properties for compliance with Saint Paul Legislative Codes.

***The fee for the vacant building located at 950 MCLEAN AVE is now past due. You have fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter to pay this bill before this fee is sent to assessment, to be collected with your property taxes.***

**DO NOT MAIL CASH**

Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43, requires this fee be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the building becomes vacant, and if not paid, the owner shall be subject to collections and prosecution as prescribed in the Legislative Code. Also, if at any time the registration fee is unpaid and owing, building permits will be denied for this building.

**The full amount owed will be assessed to, and collected with, the taxes for this property as permitted by Saint Paul Legislative Code Chapter 43.**

The owner(s) still will be subject to a criminal Summons and Complaint for failure to pay this vacant building registration fee. This citation will necessitate a court appearance in Ramsey County District Court and the owner(s) will be subject to penalties provided for by law. The enclosed registration form must accompany the fee payment.

If you wish to pay in person, you may do so from 8:00am to 4:00pm Monday through Friday at:

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS  
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220  
Saint Paul, MN 55101- 1806

All category 2 and category 3 vacant buildings must be winterized with gas and water services shut off or, alternately, an excess flow gas valve must be installed in the dwelling, within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice.

**WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL IS REQUIRED BEFORE A CATEGORY 2 OR CATEGORY 3 VACANT BUILDING CAN BE OCCUPIED OR SOLD.**

**Category 2:** Requirements include: 1. register/re- register the building, 2. pay outstanding fee(s), 3. obtain a code compliance report, 4. submit for approval a rehab cost estimate from a licensed contractor and a schedule for completion of all code compliance work, 5. submit proof of financial responsibility acceptable to the City, and 6. obtain Zoning approval of the proposed use.

**Category 3:** All requirements listed for Category 2 vacant buildings, AND obtain a **Certificate of Occupancy OR Certificate of Code Compliance** prior to the sale of the building.

If the use of this building meets the definition of a nonconforming use by the Zoning Code, then the use will lose its nonconforming status 365 days from the date the building was declared vacant.

If you have questions about this registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the Enforcement Officer, Dave Nelmark, at 651- 266-1931.

This registration form and fee is required by law. Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

You may file an appeal to this fee or registration requirements by contacting the City Clerk's Office by calling (651)266- 8688. Any appeal of this fee must be made within ten (10) days of the date of this notice.

Stever Magner  
Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information  
Vacant Building Registration Form

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Also Sent To:

Federal National Mortgage Assn 14221 Dallas Pkwy Ste 11201 Dallas TX 75254- 2957