

Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)

From: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:43 AM
To: 'doug henneman'
Cc: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: RE: 1536 abatement

You don't need any forms at this time. Just wait for the VB Registration Notice in the mail and then appeal it if you want to contest the \$2085 fee. If you want to get a head start, you can order the code compliance inspection. (emailed to you in previous email)

From: doug henneman [mailto:dhenneman@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 10:08 AM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Re: 1536 abatement

Hi Mai,

Thank you for the update.

Here is the link to the Vacant Bldgs program. If you scroll down, there are forms for downloading which I was referring to.

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/vacant-buildings>.

Can you let me know if you are requiring any of those at this time?

Also, it sounds as if the Vacant Building Registration was just made yesterday, and will be mailed soon, correct?

Thanks for you assistance.

Doug Henneman

On Wed, Aug 31, 2016 at 3:58 PM, Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

See my responses below in RED

From: doug henneman [mailto:dhenneman@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 31, 2016 3:27 PM
To: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Fwd: 1536 abatement

Hi Mai,

I notified Lisa yesterday about the abatement status. I think it is complete, but I suppose she has to sign off on her end, so I am waiting on that.

As below, she encouraged me to follow up with the vacant property charges appeal. I have gone to the city Vacant Property Program web site and downloaded all the documents, but I would appreciate some guidance on how to proceed. Lisa indicated I would be receiving documents soon. Is that by email (preferred) or postal mail? **The Vacant Building Registration Notice will be sent via US Mail by DSI. This notice will state that you will need to pay \$2085.00 annual fee. (As of now, I looked in DSI's system and the notice is not yet posted. Looks like it just went into Vacant Program today, August 31. Should I wait to receive them, or should I start filling them out? Not sure which forms you downloaded? If I should start, is there any particular order you want? Is there any deadline Filing an appeal with our office must be within 10 days from the date of the Vacant Bldg letter?**

Also, you mentioned in your first email about getting the code compliance assessment done. Is that something that I request? **Yes, since the property has been transferred to Vacant Building Program, you will need to order a Code Compliance Inspection (CCI). The cost to apply for a code compliance inspection for a single family dwelling is \$460.00 (See Attachment A) And is it one person, or do I need to request all inspectors to come and review? Once the CCI is applied and paid for and this includes providing a lock box combination, trade inspectors will go in when they are available. Once all trade inspectors have gone through the interior of the house, they will put together a list and you will need to make repairs in accordance with the list. And is that all at one time, or can I schedule them separate? see previous response. If you file an appeal on the VB Registration, Ms. Moermond will explain all this again at the hearing.**

Also, as far as the city council meeting next Wednesday, 9/7 -- what would I be appealing? **If you wish to contest to Ms. Moermond's recommendation at the Legislative Hearing, you appeal on Sept 7 before the City Council. (Here is Ms. Moermond's recommendation to Council: deny the appeal and grant an extension to August 26, 2016 to vacate the property. The property will be referred to the Vacant Building Program, at which time; owner can only be at the property from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. to make repairs. The Council will ratified her recommendation if you don't appeal further.** The notice to vacate? or the condemnation? or the Fire Department notice? Or am I just requesting more time? I'm inclined **not** to appeal, since I think Lisa's assessment is pretty much in line with what we had planned to do anyway, and I certainly don't want to annoy the Council or waste their time. However, I don't want to give up any generic rights I am entitled to. I know you can't give financial / legal advice, but if you could clarify what I would be appealing at the council meeting that would be helpful.

Hope I answered most of your questions. If not, let me know. Thanks.

Thanks again for your assistance.

Doug

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From: **Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul)** <lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Date: Tue, Aug 30, 2016 at 6:30 AM

Subject: RE: 1536 abatement

To: doug henneman <dhenneman@gmail.com>

Thanks for the update. You should be getting the Vacant Building Information soon. Make sure you file an appeal for the charges, so Ms. Moermond can make adjustments.

Have a great day! I look forward to seeing the completion of your project.

From: doug henneman [mailto:dhenneman@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, August 29, 2016 6:13 PM

To: Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul) <lisa.martin@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: 1536 abatement

Hi Lisa,

Just wanted to give you an update on my house--1536 Van Buren--as today is the deadline.

As far as I can recall from our conversations, from the comments at the hearing and from the letters, I think all the abatement-related issues are done.

All the cars are gone, the fence and fence posts down, the woodpile gone, and the yard mowed, weeded and raked. Although you told the hearing officer that the garage was part of the condemnation / vacant property citation, I hope to remove the fascia and scrape the peeling paint in the next few weeks.

I am still getting possessions out, but have moved out effective 8/26 as directed. I am also only in the property between 8am and 8 pm.

Again, thanks for all you help, patience, guidance and suggestions on this.

Doug