

9-6-16

City of Saint Paul
Legislative Hearing Officer
DSI Code Enforcement Board
Saint Paul, MN 55101-9700

Re: 1026 Lawson Avenue E.

File # J1701B

Assessment #178100

Letter in Lieu of Appearance

To Whom It may Concern;

I recently received a Ratification of Assessment and Public Hearing Notice regarding the above listed property. This garage which the city says was open, was personally boarded up by myself pending the granting of a permit to complete work on my property. Apparently, someone unknown to myself may have pried open the door, committing trespass and potentially criminally damaging my property as there is a considerable amount of graffiti on the inside of that garage wall now. I did not receive notice that I am aware of regarding the door being pried open by some unauthorized person. Had I received that notice I would have had someone re-secure the door who looks out after the property when I cannot be there.

I have been attempting to obtain a permit for a substantial period of time and was misled by a number of individuals, including contractors and City of Saint Paul employees who failed to completely inform me about my ability to obtain that building permit. One of the employees in the city recently explained more accurate information to me and a permit was recently approved. Almost immediately after the permit was granted, the garage door was replaced. That occurred on September 3rd, 2016. I don't think under the circumstances that is fair to me who to be charged \$190.00 for a city employee to put one or two screws into 2 X 4 which I personally installed due to the behavior of some idiot who broke into my garage especially since I have been trying to maintain the property and improve it so that it can be put back on the tax rolls.

Thank you in Advance for your consideration


Albert Mesutakis