

CITY OF SAINT PAUL Mayor Melvin Carter

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September 12, 2018

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSES

Walter & Jon Bratt Bratt Tree Company, Inc. 2230 – 35<sup>th</sup> Street East Minneapolis, MN 55407

RE: Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer – Each Additional Vehicle licenses held by Bratt Tree Company, Inc. d/b/a Bratt Tree Company, Inc. for the City of Saint Paul License ID #: 0070281

Dear Licensee(s):

The Department of Safety and Inspections will recommend suspension of the Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer – Each Additional Vehicle licenses held by Bratt Tree Company, Inc. d/b/a Bratt Tree Company, Inc. for the City of Saint Paul. The recommendation is based on the following information:

On July 18, 2018, you were sent a letter from the Department of Safety and Inspection (DSI) stating they would unable to complete renewal of your Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer – Each Additional Vehicle licenses because you failed to provide all required information to maintain the license. You were asked to complete the following actions by August 6, 2018:

Obtain inspection approval for the vehicle(s) used in the operation of your business. You may contact Ross Haddow at (651) 266-9143 or <u>ross.haddow@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u> to arrange for this approval.

A current MN DOT inspection report may be submitted with future renewals of a previously inspected and licensed vehicle (unless changes have been made to the vehicle or is otherwise required by DSI). DSI records show the following vehicles need a DOT Inspection report submitted:

•	1GBJ7C1GX6F43421D	2006 GMC – White	YAX0778
•	3FRXF7FC7CV301791	2012 Ford- Gray	YBH7067
•	3FRXF7FJOEV358462	2012 Ford – Silver	YBJ6456

"The Saint Paul City Attorney's Office does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex/gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, or veteran status in the delivery of services or employment practices." NOTE: New vehicle(s) required a visual inspection conducted by a DSI Inspector with the initial licensing of the vehicle(s). DSI records show you paid for two (2) additional new vehicles to be licensed which need the following:

- Provide vehicle identification information (VIN #, description and license plate #)
- Obtain physical inspection approval of the vehicles per Mr. Haddow's determination.

DSI records show you submitted \$491.00 on May 11, 2018 to renew your licenses. However as of today you have not submitted current MN DOT inspection reports, provided new vehicle information and obtained new vehicle inspection approvals.

In addition to the suspension of your Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer – Each Additional Vehicle licenses, per Saint Paul Legislative Code § 310.05 (m) (2), the licensing office will also recommend a \$500.00 matrix penalty for failure to submit required information to maintain your license.

You have four (4) options to proceed:

- 1. If you do not contest the imposition of the proposed adverse action, you may do nothing. If I have not heard from you by **Monday**, **September 24, 2018**, I will presume that you have chosen not to contest the proposed adverse action, and the matter will be placed on the **October 10, 2018** City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the proposed remedy.
- You can submit current MN DOT inspection reports and new vehicle information directly to DSI at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than Monday, September 24, 2018. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience. Submission of current MN DOT inspection reports and new vehicle information will be considered a waiver of the hearing to which you are entitled.

You also need to contact Ross Haddow at (651) 266-9143 or <u>ross.haddow@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u> to obtain new vehicle inspection approval no later than **Monday**, **September 24, 2018**.

- 3. If you wish to admit the facts but contest the penalty, you may have a public hearing before the Saint Paul City Council, you will need to send me a letter with a statement admitting the facts and requesting a public hearing no later **Monday**, **September 24, 2018**. The matter will then be scheduled before the City Council to determine whether to suspend your Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer Each Additional Vehicle licenses and impose the \$500.00 matrix penalty. You will have an opportunity to appear before the Council and make a statement on your own behalf.
- 4. If you no longer wish to do business in the City of Saint Paul, you will need to complete and return the attached REQUEST TO CANCEL LICENSE with the CITY OF SAINT PAUL to the Department of Safety and Inspections, at 375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-1806 no later than **Monday**, September 24, 2018.

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If you have not contacted me by Monday, September 24, 2018, I will assume that you do not contest the suspension of your Tree Trimmer & 1 Vehicle and Tree Trimmer – Each Additional Vehicle licenses and imposition of a \$500.00 matrix penalty. In that case, the matter will be placed on the October 10, 2018 City Council Consent Agenda for approval of the recommended penalty.

If you have questions about these options, please feel free to contact Julie Kraus, my Legal Assistant at (651) 266-8776.

Sincerely,

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Therese Skarda Assistant City Attorney License No: 024989

Cc: Jon Bratt, 3520-47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406-2939

Attachment: REQUEST TO CANCEL LICENSE with the CITY OF SAINT PAUL

## STATE OF MINNESOTA)

) ss.

## **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL**

COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

Julie Kraus, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 12<sup>TH</sup> day of September, she served the attached **NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUSPEND LICENSES** and a correct copy thereof in an envelope addressed as follows:

Walter & Jon Bratt Bratt Tree Company, Inc. 2230 – 35<sup>th</sup> Street East Minneapolis, MN 55407

Jon Bratt 3520-47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55406-2939

(which is the last known address of said person) depositing the same, with postage prepaid, in the United States mail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Julie Kraus

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>TH</sup> day of September 2018

Notary Public

