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October 25, 2018

M.J. Johnson
1954 Palace Avenue
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VIA EMAIL

Re: Appeal for Property at 1954 Palace Avenue

Dear Ms. Johnson:

This is to confirm that on October 23, 2018 at the Legislative Hearing, Marcia Moermond, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommended that the City Council deny your appeal.

Regarding the removal of the items from your garage, Ms. Moermond reviewed the situation with Code Enforcement Manager Steve Magner. His staff contracted with H&T Trucking to remove the items from the garage and demolish the garage. They issued the attached notice to proceed to the contractor because of a communication failure about the appeal having been filed. The contractors indicated that nothing was removed from the site, and after they confirmed the appeal, they said they returned the items to the garage and left. If you believe items were damaged by the contractor and you want to be reimbursed for their repair or replacement, you will need to file a claim with the city. Here is a link to the form: <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/city-clerk/claims>.

With respect to an assessment of the soundness of the garage, Ms. Moermond conferred with the City's Structural Engineer Brian Karpen. He indicated that the garage was definitely in danger of collapse, which could be accelerated by environmental loading, such as wind or snow. Given that the building is used for storage, the concern of collapse injuring a person is somewhat less. He believes the danger posed to the adjacent garage is limited, but there is some, as the trees and fence may not provide sufficient support to your garage if it collapses. He concurs that allowing to November 14 for the building's removal is acceptable.

If you wish to appeal further, you may attend the City Council Public Hearing on November 14, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 300 City Hall. Please note enforcement will be taken after the City Council if you fail to remove the garage.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-266-8563.



Sincerely,
/s/

Mai Vang
Legislative Hearing Coordinator

c: CE Supervisors
Steve Magner
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Brian Karpen