RLH VBR 19-46

APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102
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We need the following to process your appeal:

- ☑ **$25 filing fee** (non-refundable) **(payable to the City of Saint Paul)**
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- ☑ **Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed**
- ☑ **Attachments you may wish to include**
- ☑ **This appeal form completed**
- ☑ **Walk-In** *OR* ○ **Mail-In**

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HEARING DATE & TIME
(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
Tuesday, JULY 23, 2019
Time 2:30
Location of Hearing:
Room 330 City Hall/Courthouse

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1235 Margaret City: St. Paul State: MN Zip: 55106

Appellant/Applicant: Laura Jelinek for Tomeka Miller Email laura.jelinek@smrls.org

Phone Numbers: Business 651-222-5863 Residence _____ Cell _____

Signature: Laura Jelinek Date: 7/16/2019

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Travis Senenfelder

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: P.O. Box 694, Wayzata, MN 55391

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.)

Comments:
This appeal is on behalf of the tenant at this property. Ms. Miller is enforcing her rights to repairs. She would request the city cooperate with the courts to ensure the repairs are made without displacement of her and her children.

SMRLS
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July 16, 2019

Legislate Hearing Office of City of St. Paul
310 City Hall
15 West Kellogg
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Legislative Hearing Staff:

Please find enclosed Application for appeal on behalf of my client Tomeka Miller. Ms. Miller is a tenant at 1235 Margaret in St. Paul. She requests that she be allowed to enforce her rights to repairs to the building without being displaced.

Because Ms. Milller is a tenant and qualifies for SMRLS services she requests the filing fee for the appeal be waived. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Laura Jelinek
Attorney

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
Steve Magner, Manager of Code Enforcement

CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

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July 11, 2019

1235 Margaret Street Llc
Po Box 694
Wayzata MN 55391-0694

Customer #:1556392
Bill #: 1446726

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION NOTICE

The premises at **1235 MARGARET ST**
has been inspected and found to meet the legal definition of a Vacant Building as described in Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43. You are required by law to register this building with the Department of Safety and Inspections, Vacant Building Division, by filling out and returning the registration form provided with this letter. You are also required to pay the annual Vacant Building Registration Fee of **$2,127.00** . The fee is due upon receipt of this letter and must be paid no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this letter, as required in Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43. If this building is vacant due to a fire, complete the enclosed registration form and return it to this office within 30 days.
Payment must be received by August 11, 2019 .

You may pay this registration fee online by going to **online.stpaul.gov** and selecting the 'Make a Payment' option. You will need your customer number and bill number to process a payment - both can be found on this letter.

To pay this invoice by mail please send this registration form along with payment to:

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806
Do Not Mail Cash

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

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.

If the registration fee is not received in this office within 45 days of the date of this letter, 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 Code Enforcement Officer has notified the Building Inspection and Design Section that this property meets the legal definition of a registered vacant building and in accordance with Legislative Code Chapter 33, no permits (except demolition, wrecking and removal permits) will be issued until the requirements of all applicable ordinances are fulfilled.

All catergory 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.

You must contact the Enforcement officer , Rich Singerhouse, at 651- 266- 1945 to find out what must be done before this building can be legally reoccupied.

The Enforcement Officer may declare this building to constitute a Nuisance Building subject to demolition and issue an Order to Abate under authority of Legislative Code Chapter 45. In the event this building is declared a Nuisance Building, subject to demolition, the Enforcement Office will notify all owners and interested parties of the Order to Abate as provided in the Legislative Code Chapter 45.

If you have questions about this annual registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the District Inspector, Rich Singerhouse, at 651- 266- 1945.

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

Steve Magner
Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information
Vacant Building Registration Form
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