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Sent:	Tuesday, April 14, 2020 1:41 PM
То:	Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
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Subject:	Re: 457 Pascal St S clean up assessment

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Thank you very much, Ms. Vang! I am definitely satisfied with this result. Can you provide me with information on how to pay the \$161?

On Tue, Apr 14, 2020 at 1:05 PM Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <<u>mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> wrote:

Ms. Jameson,

I consulted with the hearing officer again today and after review of the file, she is not going to count the 2/28 violation as a same or similar violation; therefore, the recommendation is to reduce to \$161. Let me know if you are ok with this and don't need to appeal further.



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Ms. Vang,

Thank you for your prompt response.

At the October hearing, Ms. Moermond stated that a complaint would not be counted as a violation unless a work order was actually issued because of the possibility of a misinformed or mis-directed complaint, so I'm disappointed to hear that this is being treated as a violation even though the inspection revealed no basis for the complaint. As such, I would like to contest this assessment. I am okay with having this email correspondence (including the addition of the below paragraph) treated as written testimony, but I'm concerned that I would not be able to address any additional questions/concerns that Ms. Moermond may have. Is it possible to correspond with her directly, or for her to reach out to me in the event that my testimony does not sway her? If not, I would like to layover until a July in-person date.

While I understand that it may seem like I could have just removed the snow/ice before inspection occurred, it is clear that is not the case here because I was out of town for the duration of that period. The letter I received stated that the inspection would happen within 48 hours of the February 28th postmark, indicating that the inspection would have been performed on March 1. As shown by my flight receipt, I didn't return to Minnesota until 11pm on March 2. Therefore, since the inspection indicated that there was no snow or ice to be removed and I was not in town to remove it between the notice and the inspection, the snow/ice must not have been present in the first place. Additionally, there was no snow or ice present when I returned on March 2, hence my surprise to find the notice waiting in my mailbox in the first place. I did not contact the city to express my concern about the notice at that point because Ms. Moermond's comments during the October hearing made me believe that it would only count as a violation if a work order was issued, and because I saw no snow or ice at any point around that time, I felt confident a work order would not be issued.

Thank you again for your help, and I hope you and your loved ones are staying healthy and safe,

Zoe

On Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 2:47 PM Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <<u>mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> wrote:

Ms. Jameson,

A complaint came in to DSI on 2/28/20. DSI staff automatically generates a letter to owner or occupant. Upon reinspection, inspector goes out and if founded, they send a work order to Parks to do the clean up. In this case, there was no work order sent because when the inspector got there it was done. However, Ms. Moermond is going to count as a violation because there was a complaint.

If you wish to contest to this, as stated, you may send in written testimony or we can layover to a date in July to appear before Council in person.

Let me know.



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Hello,

Are there photos or anything documenting the violation on 2/28? I was out of town that weekend (see attached flight details) and there was no snow or ice on the sidewalk when I left, nor was there any to remove when I returned. I was actually quite surprised to see the letter informing me of the assessment, as I didn't think there had been any snowfall while I was gone. In fact, according to the Weather.gov data for the month of February (see attached), there was no significant precipitation between February 17 and the date in question, so I'm unclear as to how the violation could have occurred.

Thank you for your assistance,

Zoe Jameson

(Mr. Plambeck no longer resides at this location)

On Mon, Apr 13, 2020 at 1:44 PM Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul) <<u>mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> wrote:

Hello Zoey Jameson & Jordan Plambeck,

You appealed a clean up assessment back on October 15, 2020 and Marcia Moermond recommended continuing the matter to April 15 and if there were no same or similar violations, she will reduce from \$322 to \$161. After review of the file, there was one similar violation from 2/28/20 for snow and ice; therefore, the recommendation will not be reduced but for the whole amount of \$322. Due to covid-19 pandemic, Council meeting will be held remotely. If you wish to contest further, you may submit written testimony to <u>CouncilHearing@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u> or call 651-266-6805 to be attached to your file.



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