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August 11, 2021

Michelle M Scism/Attn: Stephanie Powers 19610 Blackfoot St Nw Oak Grove MN 55303-8854 Customer #: 1622706

Bill #: 1586554

VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION FEE WARNING LETTER

The Saint Paul City Council has adopted legislation which requires owners of vacant buildings to pay an annual fee and submit a registration plan on the form(s) enclosed with this letter. The annual fee is \$2,127.00. The purpose of this fee is to partially reimburse the City for administrative costs for registering and processing the Vacant Building Owner Registration forms and for the cost of monitoring these properties for compliance with Saint Paul Legislative Codes.

The fee for the vacant building located at <u>914 COOK AVE E</u> is now past due. You have fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter to pay this bill before this fee is sent to assessment, to be collected with your property taxes.

DO NOT MAIL CASH

Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 43, requires this fee be paid no later than thirty (30) days after the building becomes vacant, and if not paid, the owner shall be subject to collections and prosecution as prescribed in the Legislative Code. Also, if at any time the registration fee is unpaid and owing, building permits will be denied for this building.

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 owner(s) still will be subject to a criminal Summons and Complaint for failure to pay this vacant building registration fee. This citation will necessitate a court appearance in Ramsey County District Court and the owner(s) will be subject to penalties provided for by law. The enclosed registration form must accompany the fee payment.

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.

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

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220 Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806 All category 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.

If you have questions about this registration fee or other vacant building requirements, please contact the Enforcement Officer, James Hoffman, at 651-266-1947.

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

You may file an appeal to this fee or registration requirements, unless the fee was previously appealed, 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.

Steve Magner Vacant Buildings Program Manager

Enclosures: Regulations Requirements Information

Vacant Building Registration Form

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Note: SAO appeal not accepted.

August 11th, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to appeal the enclosed SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER.

I received this notice in the mail on August 7th, 2021, long after the date the "violation" was to be corrected.

I mow my grass every single week like clockwork, Tuesday, or Wednesday night.

The back yard was a complete disaster when I came into possession of this property on August 7th, 2020. I have been working consistently to make it a comfortable space to hang out in. I have cut down all of the random volunteer trees. I have poisoned the amazing thistle crop next to the garage. I have treated the yard with Weed and Feed and grass seed over and over and over again.

I have purchased lawn care products almost every week. See attached receipts from Menards. I have spent just as mush at Home Depot on lawncare products but do not have electronic receipts.

The City of St Paul mowed down three patches of decorative grass that I had been cultivating all year. They also cut down a raspberry seedling I had named Michelle after my dead sister. I cannot begin to explain how violated I feel. How they could come into my yard and decide that my taste in landscaping was not up to city standards and just mow it down without even a phone call? The Fourth Amendment was designed to keep this kind of government overreach from happening. You might as well assign some marines to be quartered in my house if you're going to throw out the Constitution. At least they'd listen if I told them not to mow down the landscaping.

Dumbstruck,

Stephanie Powers 1742 Arlington Ave E

St Paul, MN 55106

Stephanie70@yahoo.com

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763-232-2114

Received August 7th, 2021

SAINT PAUL CITY OF SAINT PAUL
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS
DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT
375 Jackson Street, Suite 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101-1806

July 20, 2021 20 - 064186

SUMMARY ABATEMENT ORDER

Yog hais tias koj tsis to taub tsab ntawv no, hu rau tus txhais lus ntawm (651) 266-8989. Nws yuav pab dawb xwb. Si necessita un traductor, por favor llamanos al (651)266-8989. No costo.

MICHELLE M SCISM 19610 BLACKFOOT ST NW OAK GROVE MN 55303-8854 Appeal not accepted

As owner or person(s) responsible for: 914 COOK AVE E you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

1. Cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from yard, blvd, and alley areas. Comply before July 26, 2021

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal **before July 26, 2021**, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

<u>Charges</u>: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipments, etc. The rate will be approximately \$260 per hour plus expensed for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN A CRIMINAL CITATION

Issued by: James Hoffman Badge: 356 Phone Number: 651-266-1947

If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday.

Also Sent To:

APPEALS: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, which ever comes first. No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this Summary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.

*WARNING Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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Order Details	Order Totals	
Order Confirmation Number: 29655443	Subtotal:	\$41.94
Order Date: (15/26/2021	Processing Fees:	\$4.20
ALL DINES (WYDO) COLUMN	Shipping:	\$0.00
	Tax Subtotal:	\$3,40
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Order #: MAPL58844 Track Order

* Transaction ID: 4094

- Register ID: 78
 Store Number: 3059
 Pick Up at Store

MAPLEWOOD

2280 MAPLEWOOD DR MAPIEWOOD MN 55109

Description	Destination	Qty.	Total
Composted Manure75 cu. ft.	Pick Up at Store	1	\$2,99
Mode: Number 2667815	MAPLEWOOD		
Fiskars® 3-Piece Pruning Set	Pick Up at Store	1	\$28.99
Model Number: 395530-1001	MAPLEWOOD		
Compressed Sphagnum Peat Moss - 2.2 cu. ft.	Pick Up at Store	1	\$9.96
Model Number: 0128P	MAPLEWOOD		

Billing Address

Stephanie Dobson 19610 Blackfoot St NW Oak Grove, MN 55303-8854

Phone (763) 232-2114 Sola? htephonie70@vahoo.com

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Order Details	Order Totals		
Order Confirmation Number: 30173476	Subtotal;	\$47.44	
Order Date: 06/18/2021	Processing Fees:	\$4.20	
	Shipping:	\$0.00	
VISA - *******5028	Tax Subtotal:	\$3.81	
VISA	Total:	\$55.45	

Products

Shipping Group 1

Order #: MAPL66182 Track Order
• Transaction ID: 6119

- Register ID: 78
- Store Number: 3059
- Pick Up at Store

MAPLEWOOD

2280 MAPLEWOOD DR MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109

Description	Destination	Qty.	Total
30 Gallon Paper Lawn and Leaf Bags - 5 Count	Pick Up at Store	4	\$2.37
Model Number: 6484947	MAPLEWOOD		
Ortho® WeedClear™ Concentrate Weed Killer - 32 oz. Model Number: 447905	Pick Up at Store MAPLEWOOD		\$10,97
Masterforce® 48" Fiberglass Handle Digging Shovel Model Number: 2347150	Pick Up at Store MAPLEWOOD	1	\$26.99

Billing Address

Stephanie Dobson 19610 Blackfoot St NW Oak Grove, MN 55303-8854

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Description	Destination	Qty.	Total
30 Gailton Paper Lawn and Leaf Bags - 5 Count	Pick Up at Store	4	\$2.37
Model Number: 6484947	MAPLEWOOD		
Ortho® WeedClear™ Concentrate Weed Killer - 32 oz. Model Number: 447905	Pick Up at Store MAPLEWOOD	1	\$10.97
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Order Confirmation Number: 30511750	Subtotal:	\$93.86
Order Date: 07/06/2021	Processing Fees:	\$2,80
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	Tax Subtotal:	\$7.13
VISA : ********5028	Total:	\$103.79

Products

Shipping Group 1

Order #: MAPI 70962 Track Order

Transaction ID: 7193

Register ID 78

- Store Number: 3059
- Pick Up at Store

MAPLEWOOD

2280 MAPLEWOOD DR MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109

Description	Destination	Qty.	Total
Pennington® Lawn Booster Sun & Shade Mix Grass Seed - 9.6 lbs	Pick Up at Store	4	\$17.98
Model Number: 100540511	MAPLEWOOD		
Grtho≮ WeedClear™ Concentrate Weed Killer - 32 oz. Model Number: 447905	Pick Up at Store MAPLEWOOD	2	\$10.97

Billing Address

Stephanie Dobson 19610 Blackfoot St NW Oak Grove, MN 55303-8854 US

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Products

Shipping Group 1

Order #: <u>MAPL/19962 Track Order</u>

Transaction ID: 7193

Register ID: 78

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MAPLEWOOD

2280 MAPLEWOOD DR MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109

Description		Destination	 Qty.	Total	
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Model Number: 100540511		MAPLEWOOD			
Ortho® WeedClear™ Concentrate Weed Killer - 32 oz.	÷	Pick Up at Store	2	\$10,97	
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Order Confirmation Number: 30667185 RESEND GREEK CONFIRMATION	Subtotal:	\$131.74
	Processing Fees:	\$4,20
Order Date: 07/15/2021	Shipping:	\$0.00
	Tax Subtotal:	\$10.03
VISA - *******\$628	Total:	\$145.97

Products

Shipping Group 1

Order #: MAPL73330 Track Order

Transaction ID: 7750

- Register ID: 78
 Store Number: 3059
- Pick Up at Store

MAPLEWOOD

2280 MAPLEWOOD DR MAPLEWOOD, MN 55109

Description	Destination	Qty.	Total
Ortho® WeedClear™ Concentrate Weed Killer - 32 oz.	Pick Up at Store	4	\$10.97
Model Number: 447905	MAPLEWOOD		
Scotts® Turf Builder® THICK'R Lawn™ Sun and Shade Mix Grass Seed - 12 lbs. Model Number: 30156	Pick Up at Store MAPLEWOOD	2	\$18.94
Scotts® Turf Builder® Sun & Shade Mix® Grass Seed - 7 lbs.	Pick Up at Store	2	\$24.99
Model Number: 18221/18121	MAPLEWOOD		

Billing Address

Stephanie Dobson 19610 Blackfoot St NW Oak Grove, MN 55303-8854

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Final Details for Order #113-7242662-8746634

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Order Placed: May 21, 2021

Amazon.com order number: 113-7242662-8746634

Order Total: \$38.09

Shipped on May 23, 2021

Items Ordered Price

1 of: Wildflower Seeds, 35 Varieties of Flower Seeds, Mix of Annual and Perennial Seeds for Planting,

Attract Butterflies and Hummingbirds, Non-GMO

Sold by: RWV Products (seller profile)

Condition: New

1 of: Monarch Butterfly Rescue Wildflower Seeds Bulk Open-Pollinated Wildflower Seed Packet, No

\$8,99

\$13.97

Fillers, Annual, Perennial Milkweed Seeds for Monarch Butterfly 1oz

Sold by: BBBseed (selier profile)

Condition: New

1 of: Package of 80,000 Wildflower Seeds - Hummingbird and Butterfly Wild Flower Seeds Collection ~ \$12.46 23 Varieties of Pure Non-GMO Flower Seeds for Planting Including Milkweed, Nasturtium, and Forget Me

Not

Sold by: True Leaf Market (seller profile)

Condition: New

Shipping Address:

Stephanie Shawn Powers 3340 WINPARK DR RADIUS TRACK CORPORATION CRYSTAL, MN 55427-2063 United States

Shipping Speed:

FREE Prime Delivery

Payment information

Payment Method:

Amazon.com Visa I Last digits: 2422

Item(s) Subtotal: \$35.42

Shipping & Handling: \$0.00

Billing address

Stephanie Powers

19610 BLACKFOOT ST NW

OAK GROVE, MN 55303-8854

United States

Total before tax: \$35.42

Estimated tax to be collected: \$2.67

Grand Total: \$38.09

Credit Card transactions

Visa ending in 2422: May 23, 2021: \$38.09

To view the status of your order, return to Order Summary.

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Final Details for Order #113-4124673-6257861

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Order Placed: May 26, 2021

Amazon.com order number: 113-4124673-6257861

Order Total: \$27.92

Shipped on June 3, 2021

Items OrderedPrice2 of: 100pcs Rabbit Tail Grass Seeds Mixed Color Garden Bunny Tail Grass Decor Plants\$7.99

Sold by: P Solves (seller profile)

Condition: New

Shipping Address:

Stephanie Shawn Powers 3340 WINPARK DR RADIUS TRACK CORPORATION CRYSTAL, MN 55427-2063 United States

Shipping Speed:

Two-Day Shipping

Shipped on June 4, 2021

Items OrderedPrice1 of: 200 Pcs Pampas Grass Seeds, Home Garden Decoration Ornamental Grass Seeds (Purple)\$9.99

Sold by: SEEDS RI (seller profile)

Condition: New

Shipping Address:

Stephanie Shawn Powers 3340 WINPARK DR RADIUS TRACK CORPORATION CRYSTAL, MN 55427-2063 United States

Shipping Speed:

Two-Day Shipping

Payment information

Payment Method: Item(s) Subtotal: \$25.97

Amazon.com Visa | Last digits: 2422 Shipping & Handling: \$0.00

Billing address
Stephanie Powers
19610 BLACKFOOT ST NW
Total before tax: \$25.97
Estimated tax to be collected: \$1.95

OAK GROVE, MN 55303-8854
United States

Grand Total: \$27.92

Credit Card transactions

Visa ending in 2422: June 4, 2021: \$10.74

Visa ending in 2422: June 3, 2021: \$17.18

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Final Details for Order #113-1932787-2721840

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Order Placed: May 26, 2021

Amazon.com order number: 113-1932787-2721840

Order Total: \$80.42

Shipped on June 10, 2021

Items Ordered Price 1 of: Chinese Fountain Ornamental Grass Seed - 100 Seeds Pennisetum alopecuroides \$8.90

Sold by: SANTANA TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING INC (seller profile)

Condition: New

Shipping Address:

Stephanie Shawn Powers 3340 WINPARK DR RADIUS TRACK CORPORATION CRYSTAL, MN 55427-2063 **United States**

Shipping Speed:

Amazon Day Delivery

Shipped on June 1, 2021

Items Ordered Price 1 of: 200 Pcs Pampas Grass Seeds, Home Garden Decoration Ornamental Grass Seeds (Pink) \$8.99

Sold by: SEEDS RI (seller profile)

Condition: New

2 of: David's Garden Seeds Grass Bluestem Big 7291 (Blue) Non-GMO, Open Pollinated 14 Ounce \$28.45

Package

Sold by: David's Garden Seeds and Products (seller profile) | Product question? Ask Seller

Condition: New

Shipping Address:

Stephanie Shawn Powers 3340 WINPARK DR RADIUS TRACK CORPORATION CRYSTAL, MN 55427-2063 United States

Shipping Speed:

Amazon Day Delivery

Payment information

Payment Method:

Amazon.com Visa | Last digits: 2422

Billing address

Stephanie Powers 19610 BLACKFOOT ST NW OAK GROVE, MN 55303-8854

United States

Estimated tax to be collected: \$5.63

Item(s) Subtotal: \$74.79

Total before tax: \$74.79

Shipping & Handling: \$0.00

Grand Total: \$80.42

Credit Card transactions Visa ending in 2422: June 10, 2021: \$9.57 Visa ending in 2422: June 1, 2021: \$70.85

To view the status of your order, return to Order Summary.





