



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul) (if cash: receipt number _____)
- Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed
- Attachments you may wish to include
- This appeal form completed
- Walk-In OR Mail-In
- for abatement orders only: Email OR Fax

HEARING DATE & TIME
 (provided by Legislative Hearing Office)
 Tuesday, Aug. 17, 2021

Time 11:00 a.m. *

Location of Hearing:
 Teleconference due to Covid-19 Pandemic

Address Being Appealed:

*Please be available by phone from 11:00-1:00 p.m. Our office will call you.

Number & Street: 447 Brimhall St. City: St. Paul State: Mn Zip: 55105

Appellant/Applicant: John Knowles Email: jredknow@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell 651-295-7810

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 8/4/21

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

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 File # 21-287086
- Vacant Building Registration _____
- Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) _____

Revised 1/15/2021

* Please see attached letter *



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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- 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.

July 27, 2021

John D Knowles/Ethel M Knowles
447 Brimhall St
St Paul MN 55105-2506

CORRECTION NOTICE

Date: **July 27, 2021**
RE: **447 BRIMHALL ST**
File #: **21-287086**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The City of Saint Paul, Department of Safety and Inspections has inspected the above referenced property on **July 26, 2021** and has determined that the following deficiencies exist in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code¹ (see footnote 1, below).

1. SPLC 34.23 The occupancy of the 'trailer/tiny house' lacks basic facilities, being utilized as a separate rental unit, and does not meet the Building or Zoning Code requirements. **PLEASE DISCONTINUE THE OCCUPANCY OF THE 'TRAILER/TINY HOUSE' AND REMOVE IT FROM THE PROPERTY.** Thank you.

You are hereby notified to correct these deficiencies in accordance with the appropriate codes. The Enforcement Officer will re-inspect these premises on or after **August 27, 2021**, by which date the violations noted must be corrected. **Failure to correct these deficiencies may result in the issuance of criminal charges²** and/or a civil lawsuit, and possible abatement/assessment by the City. All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permits may be obtained by calling 651-266-8989.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk at 651-266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this Notice when you appeal and pay a filing fee.)

If you have any questions or request additional information, please contact me. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to me at 651-266-1940.

Sincerely,

Lisa Martin
Badge # 335
CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Aug. 4th, 2021

To whom it may concern:

I was contacted by a young couple looking for a spot to park their tiny house. I had been storing my travel trailer on a concrete slab next to my garage and was preparing to move it to storage. The couple (Jordan + Suzanna) were coming to the Twin Cities because Suzanna had just gotten a contract as a traveling nurse to work nights at HCMC during the COVID crisis.

My thinking was that Snelling avenue has been designated as a high density corridor and St. Paul is now allowing residences above garages, that parking their tiny house would not be a problem. I should have done more research and contacted the City of St. Paul before allowing them to park their small home, and I sincerely apologize for my lack of foresight in this matter. In regards to the tiny house, it has a composting toilet which is disposed of with the trash. The sink + shower grey water is drained through a SAND + GRAVEL filtering system before dispersing in our flower garden. They use only biodegradable soaps, and their water usage is minimal. The house also has rooftop solar panels and uses little electricity.

The house is attractive and we have had nothing but positive comments about it. I did contact my neighbors prior to hosting and all were okay with it. Suzanna's contract ends on Oct. 23rd and they will vacate my property

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by Nov. 1st, 2021. I now realize my mistake in not contacting the city prior to getting involved in this situation, but I am writing this appeal with the hope that the City of St. Paul grant me leniency regarding this matter so that Suzanna can complete her contract with HCMC during the COVID crisis. If you can grant me an extension to remove the tiny house from my property until Nov. 1st, (Suzanna, Jordan and myself) will be extremely grateful for your tolerance regarding this matter. And I can assure you I will not be hosting any tiny houses in the future.

Sincerely,

