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Re: Remove or Repair of the (accessory) Structure at 1941 University Avenue West

Dear Mr. Solomon, Mr. Asbu, Ms. Ogbaslassie, & Ms. Tekle:

This is to confirm that at the Legislative Hearing on August 24, 2021 Legislative Hearing Officer Marcia Moermond will recommend on September 22, 2021 that the City Council refer the matter back to Legislative Hearing on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021 between 9:00 and 11:00 am via phone if the following items are completed:**

- 1. post a \$5,000 performance deposit with the Department of Safety & Inspections (DSI) by close of business on September 15, 2021; and**
- 2. the property must be maintained.**

The performance deposit form can be found online here:

<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/safety-inspections/vacant-buildings>. I have also attached a copy. Please contact the Department of Safety and Inspections directly at 651-266-8989 for questions regarding the application or payment process.

For your reference, in order to rehabilitate the property, in addition to the above items, the following conditions will need to be met in order to receive a grant of time from the City Council:

1. submit evidence of financing sufficient to complete the rehabilitation. Staff estimates cost to repair exceeding \$50,000. If total for bids are more than 20% less than staff estimate, a high level of detail will be required. Financing could be business or



- personal accounts, a line of credit, or construction loan. Other types of financing will be reviewed on a case by case basis;
2. submit an affidavit indicating the finances will be dedicated to completing the project and not diverted until a code compliance certificate is issued; and
 3. submit work plan, sworn construction statement, or scope of work. This should include signed subcontractor bids and a schedule for completion of the project.

Samples of these documents will be sent at a later date.

This matter will go before City Council on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. If items 1 and 2 above are not done, Ms. Moermond will recommend that the building is demolished within 15 days with no option for repair. If you will wish to contest to the recommendation Ms. Moermond will give at the September 22, Legislative Hearing, and give live testimony remotely at the City Council Public Hearing on **September 22, 2021 between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.**, please contact me at 651-266-8515 or legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us to let our staff know before noon. **If your performance deposit is posted and you won't be contesting, then no further action is needed.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at 651-266-8515.

Sincerely,

/s/

Joanna Zimny
Legislative Hearing Executive Assistant

Encl: \$5,000 performance deposit form

c: Rehabilitation & Removal staff
 Steve Magner – Department of Safety & Inspections, Housing and Code Enforcement
 Manager