



## Legislation Text

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Appeal of Troy Olson to a Correction Notice - Re-Inspection Complaint at 757 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST.

We are unable to complete item number 2 on the deficiency list. By mutual contract with the tenant through a written lease the tenant controls what goes into and out of the premises. No amount of prevention on the part of the landlord can reasonably be expected to prevent the introduction of bed bugs to the premises by the tenant. Bed bugs in and of themselves are not considered a pest, but the CDC classifies them as an annoyance. Head lice and bed bugs are similar in many ways and both "should not be considered as a medical or public health hazard" according to the CDC. This correction notice is unattainable and could lead to other unintended consequences such as complaints for having mosquitoes when leaving windows open and transferring responsibility for the irresponsible behavior of the tenant to the landlord. It was also discovered that the SPLC 34.33 (5) referred to for deficiency list item 2 does not exist. I ask that this correction notice for deficiency list item 2 be removed.

March 20, 2014

Brian Tonnancour

WHEREAS, in the matter of Appeal of Troy Olson to a Correction Notice - Re-Inspection Complaint at 757 JESSAMINE AVENUE EAST, the Legislative Hearing Officer has reviewed the appeal and considered the testimony of City staff and the appellant; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Hearing Officer recommends that the City Council grant until May 9, 2014 to get treatment for bed bugs and to provide a report to DSI; no re-occupation of the building until treatment is done; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council hereby accepts and adopts the Legislative Hearing Officer's recommendation in this matter.