



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8585

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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

Book received
☒ \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul)(if cash: receipt number 957229)

☒ 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

*MT took appeal
not entered*

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

Location of Hearing:

☒ Telephone: you will be called between

11 am & 1 pm

☐ In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: _____
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 1164 Summit Avenue City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55105

Appellant/Applicant: Alford S. Karayusuf Email: poneill@larsonking.com

Phone Numbers: Business 651.312.6575 Residence _____ Cell _____

Signature: Lambert New, Jr. (As Attorney for Alford Karayusuf) Date: 10/17/2025

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): Alford S. Karayusuf

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: 2800 Wells Fargo Place 30 East Seventh Street, Suite 2800 Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Phone Numbers: Business 651.312.6575 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 Appeal of Correction Notice – Drainpipe Discharge. See attached.
- ☐ Vacant Building Registration _____
- ☐ Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.) _____



PATRICK H. O'NEILL, JR.

poneill@larsonking.com

D 651-312-6575

October 16, 2025

Via Hand Delivery, Electronic & Certified Mail

Return Receipt Requested

Hector Caballero, Enforcement Officer
City of St. Paul – Department of Safety and Inspections
Code Enforcement / Inspections Division
375 Jackson Street, Ste. 220
Saint Paul, MN 55101
dsi-informationandcomplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us

RE: *Appeal of Correction Notice – Drainpipe Discharge*
Property: 1164 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN, 55105

Dear Inspector Caballero:

Please be advised that we have been retained to represent the homeowner, Alford S. Karayusuf, of the above property. This letter serves as a formal appeal of the Correction Notice, dated October 7, 2025, directing Mr. Karayusuf to "immediately disconnect and remove the drainpipes in the retaining wall that borders the sidewalk."

Mr. Karayusuf respectfully objects and appeals the Correction Notice and will not immediately disconnect and remove the drainpipes in the border wall. The drainpipes in question were installed and approved by the City of Saint Paul nearly thirty years ago.

Background of the Forced Downspout Disconnection

This home was built in 1914. In 1995, the City of Saint Paul required Mr. Karayusuf to modify the drainage system as part of the Rain Leader Disconnect Program, which required homeowners to disconnect rain leaders from the sanitary sewer and redirect



stormwater elsewhere in compliance with Section 41.03 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code. This was a controversial decision since when they bought their home the downspouts legally drained directly into the sanitary sewer.

After numerous conversations with City officials and City Council members, a compromise was reached whereby Mr. Karayusuf agreed to disconnect his downspouts from the sanitary sewer, and hired a private contractor to bury two underground PVC pipes to carry the rainwater from the downspouts to the retaining wall that abutted Dunlap Street.

The City Inspector at the time, Jim Vanderhoof, approved the work before it was performed. After completing the work, the same City Inspector inspected the configuration, and again approved the change, and new drainage system.

On August 18, 1995, Inspector Vanderhoof certified in writing the property to be compliant with Section 41.03. A copy of that certification is attached. I am in possession of the original.¹

As further proof that the City approved of these changes in 1995 and more recently, when the Dunlap sidewalk was re-poured by the City, a separate section and trough was poured to accommodate the runoff. [See attached photo.] No one walks on this small but separate section of the sidewalk. The separate section is sloped toward the border wall and diverts the water away from the public right of way-sidewalk. The system has worked as intended and approved by the City for nearly three decades without issue, incident or complaint.

Lawful Pre-existing Condition

The drainage system is a lawful pre-existing condition created at the City's direction and approved under its own inspection process. It has remained unchanged since 1995. This configuration is not a nuisance and was originally installed to comply with the City's requirements to disconnect their downspouts. In my view this appears to be a case of "selective enforcement," and is an arbitrary and capricious act. We would request a copy of any complaints received from the public.

Further, given its age, approval history in writing, and lack of any hazard, Mr. Karayusuf should be deemed to be "grandfathered in." Any enforcement action requiring removal

¹ it is likely that this certification is not in your files. On October 14, 2025, we were informed by the City Clerk that, since the recent data breach, all records regarding this address have been deleted or are inaccessible.

of this long-approved condition would be inconsistent with both the City's prior directives and longstanding Minnesota law governing lawful, pre-existing uses.

We intend to be present for the re-inspection of the property on or after October 21, 2025.

We respectfully request that enforcement be suspended while this appeal is pending and that the City confirm the process for administrative review.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with you, your supervisor, or the City Attorney.

Very truly yours,

LARSON • KING, LLP

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Patrick H. O'Neill, Jr.", is written over the printed name.

PATRICK H. O'NEILL, JR.

PHO/kal
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Alford S. Karayusuf (Via Email Only)



Top: PALS Unit #2, the 20th Air Assault Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. (51) 265-4000. Bottom: PALS Unit #1, the 20th Air Assault Group, Fort Bragg, N.C. (51) 265-4000.

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You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of the date 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 concerning this matter, please contact Inspector Hector Caballero, at (651) 266-9168. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the Inspector.

Sincerely,



Enforcement Officer

Badge 345

Footnote:

To see the legislative Code go to www.state.nj.gov on the Internet, click on "Departments", then click on "Department of Safety and Inspections", scroll down the page for the "Codes". Most Correction Notices derive from Chapter 34.

WARNING: Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayer's money. If multiple trips within a year to your property are required to ensure compliance with the law, you may be charged for the cost of inspections and enforcement trips to your property. Such charges are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Gary M. Becker, Director
Thomas J. Egan, City Engineer



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Norm Coleman, Mayor

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Saint Paul, MN 55104
(612) 292-0204
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CITY OF SAINT PAUL
RAINLEADER DISCONNECTION PROGRAM

Date: 8-18-95

This is to certify that the property at:

1164 Summit Ave.

has been inspected on this date, and was found to be in
compliance with Section 41.03 of the City of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Inspected by *Jim Vandenberg*
Rainleader Program

Responsive Services

Quality Facilities

Employee Pride

