

From: [John Danial](#)
To: [Joanna Zimny](#)
Subject: Re: tax assessment for 233 Maryland
Date: Monday, November 4, 2024 3:28:54 PM
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Hello Joanna,

Thank you so much for getting back to me. Please see the explanations and timeline below for the details. I would also like to mention that Clint Zane and Vicky Shaffer have been incredibly helpful throughout this process. I received two extensions due to my family's circumstances, particularly my dad's declining health, as he was my main support during the renovation.

The permits that were open for the property were all closed before March 30, 2024. My final inspection date was March 28, 2024. Here are the permits that were opened and finalized:

- Warm Air, Ventilation & General Sheet
- Electrical Permit
- Building Permit
- Vacant Building
- Plumbing/Gasfitting/Inside Water Piping

Vicky was kind enough to grant me an extension until January 30, 2024, and also mentioned to let them know if it was not completed by then. I reached out to Vicky in January and requested another extension. Vicky graciously gave me an additional 60-day extension until March 30, 2024.

When Clint Zane conducted the final inspection on March 28, 2024, all work required by the vacant building requirement was completed. We agreed to close the initial building permit to remove the property from the vacant list before the March 30, 2024, extension deadline. I would then pull another permit for additional work. At this point, **I believed my property was no longer on the vacant list.**

Clint recommended additional work, such as: installing railing handles in the basement and on the second floor, installing a guardrail and handrail for the outside porch, adding trims throughout the house, and adding quarter shims if needed.

I pulled a new building permit and paid an additional fee. At that point, my property should have been removed from the vacant list. I was unaware that there was no communication between the Department of Safety & Inspections and the department handling vacant buildings and assessments.

Additionally, I was unaware of a hearing, which I believe took place in mid-September. I only found out about this when I went to pay my water and sewer assessment and was surprised to see a building assessment.

I apologize for any confusion caused by this email. I'm very grateful for the support from the city inspectors and Vicky's extensions. I also appreciate your help and the time you've spent looking into this.

Please see attached emails.

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you.

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On Nov 4, 2024, at 1:54 PM, Joanna Zimny <joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

Mr. Danial,

Would you mind forwarding me the emails you were mentioning from Department of Safety & Inspections with the different closed permit dates (vs. Code Compliance certificate issuance in May)? Currently the Legislative Hearing officer's leaning towards not recommending pulling back the levied assessment, but I wanted to do some more digging before we close this one out.

Thank you, appreciate it!

Joanna

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