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Re: Rent Control Appeal of Jamele Watkins, for property at 400 Selby Avenue, Unit 312

Dear Jamele Watkins, Victoria Koegel & Michelle Evenson:

The Legislative Hearing Office received an appeal from Ms. Jamele Watkins of the proposed rent increase for Unit 312 on February 28, 2023. Ms. Jamele Watkins is appealing the City's Determination to allow for an exception to the 3% rent increase cap in rent control ordinance. The City's February 7, 2023 Determination allowed Reacor/Selby Avenue Realty, LLC to increase rent in the amount they requested, which was a range between 3% and 8%. As our office understands Ms. Watkins' appeal, she is seeking more information on the justification provided for the rent increase and the City's review thereof. Whether or not this exception to the cap should have been made is the sole issue of this appeal.

Please note, the increase in rent was stayed during the appeal process.

The City's Rent Stabilization Ordinance (SPLC 193A) allows 45 days for an appeal of a City Determination on an application for an exception to the 3% rent increase cap. Appeals of the February 7, 2023 City determination will be accepted through March 27, 2023.

A Legislative Hearing is scheduled for April 13, 2023 at 10 a.m. in Room 330 of Saint Paul City Hall, 15 West Kellogg Blvd., Saint Paul, MN 55102.

This timing is intended to allow for consideration of the City's Determination at the same Legislative Hearing, should other appeals be received,

The Legislative Hearing Officer will review the appeal(s) and develop a recommendation for City Council consideration. The City Council Public Hearing for this appeal will be scheduled at the time a recommendation is made.



If you have any questions, please contact the me at 651-266-8568 or email rentappeals@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Sincerely, /s/ Sonia Romero, Executive Assistant Rent Stabilization Legislative Hearings

c: Rent Stabilization Staff
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