



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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310 City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

Telephone: (651) 266-8585

We need the following to process your appeal:

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

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing Office)

Tuesday, _____

Location of Hearing:

☐ Telephone: you will be called between _____

_____ & _____

☐ In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: _____

(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 820 Randolph Ave City: Saint Paul State: MN Zip: 55102

Appellant/Applicant: David Wilson Email david.a.wilson1@gmail.com

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell (763) 213-4115

Signature: David Wilson Date: 8/10/2023

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ 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
- ☐ Vacant Building Registration
- ☐ Other (Fence Variance, Code Compliance, etc.)

The grass/weeds in question are actually a managed native landscape. MN Statute 412.925 (Effective July 1, 2023), Subpart B states, "Managed natural landscapes may include plants and grasses that are in excess of eight inches in height..." See attachment.

Attachment for Application For Appeal: Code Enforcement Correction
David Wilson
820 Randolph Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55102

<https://www.lmc.org/news-publications/news/all/fonl-managed-natural-and-native-landscaping-permitted-in-cities/>

Focus on New Laws: Managed Natural and Native Landscaping Permitted in Cities

July 7, 2023

Cities must now allow managed natural landscaping to be installed and maintained on all parcels.

Effective July 1, 2023, municipalities are required to allow property owners and occupants to install and maintain managed natural landscapes.

Chapter 62 (HF 1830*/SF 1426) is the omnibus state government finance bill that was signed into law on May 24, 2023. Article 3, section 9 creates a new provision of law as Minnesota Statutes, section 412.925:

- Subpoint (a) requires all statutory cities or home rule charter cities to allow an owner, authorized agent, or authorized occupant of any privately owned lands or premises to install and maintain a managed natural landscape and defines a number of associated.
- Subpoint (b) states that managed natural landscapes may exceed 8 inches in height and be allowed to go to seed, but must be maintained and cannot include noxious weeds.
- Subpoint (c) states that weeds and grasses that are not part of a managed natural landscape cannot exceed 8 inches in height or be allowed to go to seed.

City ordinances that are not consistent with this change would not be enforceable and may need to be amended or repealed.



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8/8/23

DAVID WILSON
820 RANDOLPH AVE
ST PAUL MN 55102-3416**NOTICE TO CUT TALL GRASS AND/OR WEEDS**

820 RANDOLPH AVE

File #: 23 - 069969

Insp:

**IF THE GRASS AND/OR WEEDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN CUT,
THANK YOU AND PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE.**

Dear Owner/Occupant/Responsible Party:

We received a complaint of tall grass and/or weeds for this property address. The Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 45, requires property owners and/or occupants to keep the grass and/or weeds less than eight (8) inches in height. **This is your official notice to cut and remove tall grass, weeds and rank plant growth from your yard, the boulevard, and from the garage and/or alley areas.**

To ensure compliance with the ordinance, a Code Enforcement Officer will inspect the property after 72 hours from the postmark on this letter. If the grass and/or weeds are more than eight (8) inches, the Enforcement Officer will schedule a City Work Crew to immediately do this work. The cost of cutting the tall grass and/or weeds is **\$160 per hour plus expenses, with a minimum charge of one (1) hour.** This fee plus administrative costs will be added to the special assessments against the property, to be paid with the Real Estate Taxes.

Your cooperation in cutting the grass and/or weeds will be appreciated by the people in your neighborhood. Let's all work together to make Saint Paul the best it can be! If you have any further questions regarding this notice, if you are elderly or disabled and need help with cutting the grass or if you no longer own this property, please call the Code Enforcement Area Inspector Victor Xiong at 651-266-1936.

The scheduled inspection date for your property is on or after: August 12, 2023

Also Sent To:

Christian Anderson 1060 Ottawa Ave Apt B West St Paul MN 55118

APPEALS: You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk immediately upon receipt of this letter. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55102. The telephone number is (651) 266-8688. You must submit a copy of this Summary Abatement Notice with your appeal application.

***WARNING** Code inspection and enforcement trips cost the taxpayers money. If the violations are not corrected within the time period required in this notice, the city's costs in conducting a reinspection after the due date for compliance will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. If additional new violations are discovered within the next following 12 months, the city's costs in conducting additional inspections at this same location within said 12 months will be collected from the owner rather than being paid by the taxpayers of the city. Any such future costs will be collected by assessment against the real property and are in addition to any other fines or assessments which may be levied against you and your property.

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