



APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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Saint Paul, Minnesota 55102

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CITY CLERK

We need the following to process your appeal:

- ☒ \$25 filing fee (non-refundable) (payable to the City of Saint Paul)(if cash: receipt number 957254)
 - ☒ 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, December 2, 2025

Location of Hearing:

☐ Telephone: you will be called between

&

☒ In person (Room 330 City Hall) at: 2:00 p.m.
(required for all Fire C of O revocation & vacate; Condemnation orders)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: 159 Pennsylvania Ave NW City: St Paul State: MN Zip: 55103.

Appellant/Applicant: Jaswant A Teekasingh Email: jteekasingh@yahoo.com.

Phone Numbers: Business 651-292-1485 Residence _____ Cell 612-839-4339

Signature: Jaswant A Teekasingh Date: 01/26/2025

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): AGS Management

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: (Same)

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.)

See Attached



SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

Fire Inspection Report

City of Saint Paul

Department of Safety and Inspections
375 Jackson Street - Suite 220
Saint Paul MN 55101-1806

Owner Name Jaswant Teekasingh

Owner Address 11761 Owantonna Ct. Ne.

City State Zip Blaine Mn. 55449

Owner Phone _____

License _____

Complaint _____

C of O _____

Date 11/17/2025

Building Address: 159 Pennsylvania W

You are hereby notified to remedy the conditions stated below immediately. A reinspection will be made after the reinspection date stated below. If you consider any of these code requirements to be unreasonable, you may appeal to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 310 City Hall, phone: 651-266-8585, within 10 days of the date of the original orders.

Code	Conditions to be Corrected
MSFC 1105.2.1	Door openings. Where one-hour fire-resistant construction is required, openings shall be protected by listed fire doors, insulated steel doors, 13/8-inch thick (35mm) or 13/4-inch thick (45 mm) solid wood doors, or fixed wired glass set in steel frames. Doors shall be self-closing or automatic-closing by smoke detection. +
	Replace the door and provide an approved self-closing door closure.
MSFC 1104.3.1	1104.3.1 Where required. Exit signs shall be provided where two or more exits are required from a room, area, or story. Remove the sign, place a cover over the word exit, mark on the exterior of the door not an exit or provide travel to the public way.

Owner or Representative Signature _____

Occupancy Type _____

Inspector Signature

Brian Schmidt

CFO Key _____

Reinspection Date 12-11-2025

Time 12:30 pm

**** For further information on this report, contact the Fire Inspection Division at 651-266-8989 ****

Subject: Re[4]: re-inspection notice
From: "Jas Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
Sent: 11/26/2025 6:18:21 AM
To: "Mitchell Imbertson" <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>;
CC: "Dan.niziolek@ci.stpaul.mn.us" <dan.niziolek@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; "*CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings" <legislativehearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; "Gus Nicklow" <gnicklow@meshbesh.com>; "Adrian Neis" <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; "Brian Schmidt" <brian.schmidt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; "SUNITA GSA2 GROUP LLC" <gsa2groupllc@gmail.com>; "mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us" <mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us; ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us;
Attachments: img20251123_22341283.pdf; img20251123_20443593.pdf

Good Morning,

The time line you outlined generally aligns with events, but it omits a critical issue: your office appears to be disregarding the impact of the City's system hack and the disruption it caused across multiple departments, including DSI. This directly affected my ability to comply with your requirements.

Because of these failures, I lost a \$7,000 Chamber of Commerce grant. My address was blocked from January 3 to May 13, preventing contractors from obtaining permits. Two separate contractors attempted to apply and were unable to do so. Neither received any explanation from DSI. Only after the second contractor documented the problem did I come in personally to walk the permit through the system.

Despite this, DSI has not acknowledged any responsibility. Instead, the burden and cost have been shifted entirely onto me and my business.

The alleged non-compliance concerns failure to obtain and close permits in a timely manner. The record shows the opposite. DSI blocked permit applications, did not review the orders that governed my situation, and prevented the corrective-action permits from being submitted. Permits were not obtainable until May, the inspection did not occur until August 15, and I was not allowed to purchase my business license until October 15.

I now face a January 27 hearing concerning fees tied directly to delays created by DSI.

In my original letter, I requested answers to item 2, item 3, and item 4. These were not addressed and still require direct responses, not general statements about procedure.

I also asked for clarification on the consequences of decertify the mixing room and how that decision would affect my ability to maintain my body and paint license. This question also remains unanswered.

November 26, 2025

FORMAL APPEAL STATEMENT

I am submitting this appeal because the deadline is approaching and key issues in my original correspondence remain unaddressed. The City's actions—and inactions—have directly impaired my ability to comply with the requirements at issue, and a formal appeal is the only appropriate path to ensure a complete and accurate record.

1. Permit Blockages and System Failures

From January 3 to May 13, my property address was blocked in the City's permitting system. Two separate licensed contractors attempted to obtain the required permits and were unable to do so. Neither received any explanation from DSI. Only after the second contractor documented the blockage did I personally come into the office and walk the permit through the system.

These failures were tied to the City's system hack and the disruption it created. DSI has not acknowledged the impact this had on my ability to comply.

2. Financial Harm

Because DSI prevented the required permits from being issued, I lost eligibility for a \$7,000 Chamber of Commerce grant tied to timely permit activity. This loss resulted directly from the City's administrative failure, not my actions.

3. Delays Created by DSI, Not the Business Owner

The corrective permits could not be obtained until May, the required inspection did not occur until August 15, and I was not allowed to purchase my business license until October 15. These delays were entirely created by DSI's system issues, misapplication of prior orders, and failure to process permit applications from licensed contractors.

4. Unanswered Items From My Prior Letter

My earlier letter included specific questions—item 2, item 3, and item 4—that remain unanswered. These questions require direct responses.

I also requested clarification regarding the consequences of decertifying the mixing room and how this affects my ability to maintain my body and paint license. This issue remains unaddressed.

5. Request for Hearing Consolidation and In-Person Appearance

I currently have a hearing scheduled for January 27, 2026. I am requesting that this appeal, along with the associated matters described above, be consolidated and heard at the same time. I am also formally requesting an in-person hearing. Given that all issues stem from the same underlying City actions and delays, it is appropriate and efficient for them to be addressed in a single in-person proceeding.

6. Basis for Appeal

I am appealing the fees and findings that attribute non-compliance to my business. The alleged non-compliance was caused by the City's own permitting failures, system errors, and lack of communication. I complied at every stage where DSI allowed me to act.

Because these core issues remain unresolved and the deadline is approaching, I am moving forward with this formal appeal.


Signature

Since the deadline is fast approaching , I will initiate the formal appeals process, I need clear and complete responses to these outstanding items and an explanation for the inconsistency between the legislative hearing process and DSI's current actions.

Thank you,

Jaswant Teekasingh

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"Gautam Singh" <jim.g.singh@gmail.com>; "Gus Nicklow" <gnicklow@meshbesh.com>

Date 11/25/2025 10:38:33 AM

Subject RE: Re[2]: re-inspection notice

Good afternoon,

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2. Exits Sign – I understand from your email this has already been addressed, thank you.

Sincerely,

Mitch Imbertson

Fire Safety Supervisor

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From: Jaswant A. Teekasingh <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 24, 2025 5:58 AM
To: Brian Schmidt <brian.schmidt@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Cc: Mitchell Imbertson <mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Adrian Neis <adrian.neis@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; *CI-StPaul_LegislativeHearings <LegislativeHearings@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; gsa2groupllc@gmail.com; Gautam Singh <jim.g.singh@gmail.com>; Gus Nicklow <gnicklow@meshbesh.com>
Subject: Re[2]: re-inspection notice

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Thank you,

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To "Jaswant A. Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
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Subject Automatic reply: re-inspection notice

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Date 11/23/2025 10:51:31 PM
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To "Jas Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>; "Jaswant A. Teekasingh" <autocare@1stopautocare.com>
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Date 11/17/2025 2:45:01 PM
Subject re-inspection notice

Jas

Here are the re-inspection orders with the re-inspection date. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks

City of Saint Paul

Brian Schmidt, CFI
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11/23/2025

Inspector Schmidt
Department of Safety and Inspections – Fire Inspections
City of Saint Paul

Re: Fire Inspection Report dated 11/17/2025 – 159 Pennsylvania W – Clarification and Appeal
Timeline: attached

Dear Inspector Schmidt,

I am writing regarding the Fire Inspection Report for my property at 159 Pennsylvania W dated November 17, 2025, with reinspection scheduled for December 11, 2025 at 12:30 p.m.

First, the second item on the report (MSFC 1104.3.1 – Exit Signs) has been addressed. The exit sign issue cited on the report has been corrected as required.

I am requesting clarification on the first item, MSFC 1105.2.1 – Door Openings, relating to the door from the mixing room:

1. Please confirm exactly which door this citation applies to the mixing room, and whether full replacement of the door and frame is required, or if repair or upgrade of the existing assembly is acceptable.
2. Please specify the required construction and rating of the replacement door and frame.
For example:
 - Does the door need to be a listed fire-rated assembly, and if so, what minimum rating is required? Is there any specific marking on the door is required?
 - Is a specific type of door (such as an insulated steel fire-rated door) required, or would a listed solid-core wood fire door that meets the applicable code be acceptable?
3. Does the door have to have any specific marking to meet the requirements?
4. Do you require any particular markings or labels on the door and frame (for example, a visible fire-door label showing the rating)? If yes, please identify what markings are required.

5. If the door includes a window, what specifications must that window meet (including the rating and listing of the glazing and any size or configuration limits) in order to be acceptable?

I also understand that this is an older building that may previously have been treated as "grandfathered" under earlier code provisions. Please explain what has changed to require this upgrade now, such as a change in use, a change in code, or another specific trigger, and identify the applicable code section(s) that now apply.

During the last Legislative Hearing, the Legislative Hearing Officer stated that once the open permits were closed there would not be any additional inspections on this matter. Based on that statement, I understood the file to be closed. I would appreciate an explanation of why an additional inspection was conducted after the permits were closed and why the new items listed on the 11/17/2025 Fire Inspection Report are being cited at this time when they were not addressed in previous inspections.

In our recent discussion you indicated that one option would be not to replace the door and instead de-certify the mixing room as a compliant fire room. Before I consider that option, I need to understand the consequences for my licensing. Please confirm in writing:

1. whether de-certifying the mixing room as a fire-rated room would affect my ability to maintain my current auto body and paint license at this location; and
2. whether that decision would limit or prohibit any of my licensed activities on site (including paint mixing, spraying, and related operations), either now or in the future.

I also need clarification on the appeals process and deadlines. The Fire Inspection Report is dated November 17, 2025, but it was delivered to me on November 22, 2025, and it states that I have ten (10) days to appeal. Please confirm from what date that ten-day period is actually calculated (date of the letter, date of mailing, or date of delivery). I understand that the City has its own rules and that the Legislative Hearing Officer has separate rules and procedures. In the past there has not been consistency in how prior requirements and now these additional requirements have been handled. You previously indicated that I should communicate with you directly before going the appeals route, and I am doing so in good faith. At the same time, I am concerned that the situation could be expanded, as has happened with past issues. Please confirm that my efforts to resolve this directly with you will not cause me to lose any appeal rights and clearly identify which appeal process applies, what the exact deadline is, and how I should proceed if we are unable to resolve these issues informally.

I want to ensure that I perform the correct work to comply with the fire code and that I do not inadvertently agree to a change that would restrict or jeopardize my licensed body and paint operations or my appeal rights.

Thank you for your time and for providing these clarifications.

Sincerely,

Jaswant A Teekasingh November 23, 2025

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Owner, 159 Pennsylvania W

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From: "Jas Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
Sent: 10/17/2025 12:51:55 PM
To: "Mai Vang" <mai.vang@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; "Gus Nicklow" <gnicklow@meshbesh.com>;

Good Morning,

After discussing it with the other partners of the company we would like to be present for the meeting because if we miss the phone call like we did once already it is difficult to get back to the meeting or get into the meeting.

I have include my council as a cc in this response.

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To "Jas Teekasingh" <jteekasingh@yahoo.com>
Date 10/15/2025 8:52:45 AM
Subject 159 Pennsylvania Ave W - VB2601

Hi Mr. Teekasingh,

You came to the hearing room on Tuesday for your tax assessment hearing which was not heard and I rescheduled you to Dec 30; however, I don't think this date will work. Let me know if January 27, 2026 via telephone between 10am-1pm works for you. Please note, you will not be invoiced and it will not accrued interest due to the ongoing data recovery from the Dept of Safety & Inspections. In the meantime, please continue to work the trade inspectors to get your permits finaled.

I apologize for the inconvenience.

Mai Vang

(She, her)

Legislative Hearing Coordinator | St Paul City Council

M: (651) 266-8585 ; D: (651) 266-8563

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