
Re: Legislative Hearing Officer Recommendation 151 Portland Ave Apt D

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Hi Robin,

I will add your statement to the public record so that councilmembers can read it.

If you would like to speak to Councilmembers directly, you may attend the Public Hearing in person on Wednesday, July 15 at 3:30 pm. in Room 300 City Hall. You can also send a written statement for your appeal by emailing rentappeals@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

One other note about the inspection report, it was sent to the address of record at Ramsey County - 1517 Portland Ave. You can call 65-266-2000 to have it corrected in property records.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Good morning,

We write in response to Ms. Moermond's recommendation to the City Council dated July 13, 2026.

This recommendation which we received just this morning, is the **first** we have heard of a fire inspection a few weeks ago, as well as the **first** we have heard of east bedroom windows issue. Clearly, we cannot correct issues of which we are unaware. Why we had no notice of the inspection or its outcome, and especially, why we had no notice of issues from Mr. Smith is truly puzzling and greatly concerning.

Again, we have had no notice from Mr. Smith or any inspector of wall maintenance or oven seal. It would be most helpful to receive this information so we can rectify these issues.

However, this does not change the reality that building costs have gone up significantly, and to continue to operate the building we have needed to raise rents. We went through the variance process and provided all requested information. The variance was granted based on our increased operating costs which were fully documented.

The conflation of these issues is troubling: we can fix issues with the building if we are notified of them. We have addressed issues of which we were informed, including plumbing issues in Mr. Smith's apartment. We will address other issues when they are brought to our attention, but we can't read minds nor can we respond to inspections that we had no knowledge of. To date we have received no report from any inspection whatsoever.

We respectfully ask that the City Council not grant Mr. Smith's appeal and reinstates the decision of the Rent Stabilization Staff.

Robin Doroshow and Richard Kronfeld

On Jul 13, 2026, at 9:49 AM, Marcia Moermond <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

See attached.



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