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APPLICATION FOR APPEAL

Saint Paul City Council – Legislative Hearings

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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 _____) **waived**☒ Copy of the City-issued orders/letter being appealed & any attachments you may wish to include☒ Walk In ☐ Mail ☐ EmailAppeal taken by: **Naylor**

HEARING DATE & TIME

(provided by Legislative Hearing staff)

Tuesday, **July 14, 2026**

Location of Hearing:

☐ Telephone: you will be called between _____ & _____☒ In person **Location TBD** at: **11:00 a.m.**
(required for all condemnation orders and Fire C of O revocations and orders to vacate)

Address Being Appealed:

Number & Street: **1521 Hague Av** City: **St. Paul** State: **MN** Zip: **55104**Appellant/Applicant: **Jane Myers** Email: **jam0609@gmail.com**Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell **651-442-6706**Signature: **Jane A. Myers** Date: **20260705**

Name of Owner (if other than Appellant): _____

Mailing Address if Not Appellant's: _____

Phone Numbers: Business _____ Residence _____ Cell **mobile 651-442-6706**

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 attachments)**



Summary Abatement Order

Date: June 5, 2026

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JANE A MYERS
1521 HAGUE AVE
ST PAUL MN 55104-6730

As owner or person(s) responsible for: **1521 Hague Ave**
you are hereby ordered to eliminate all nuisance conditions which are in violation of Chapter 34
and / or Chapter 45 of Saint Paul Legislative Code.

☒ SPLC 45.03 (16). - **OVERGROWN VEGETATION:** Cut and remove any overgrown vegetation (including trees) impeding public right of way, sidewalk, boulevard, and alley areas. Public sidewalks must be cleared edge-to-edge and up to seven (7) feet in height. Alleys and streets must be cleared from edge-to-edge and up to fourteen (14) feet in height. Cut and remove overgrown, uncontrolled vegetation, shrubs, trees, vines that are conducive to rodent harborage throughout the yard.

PLEASE CUT AND REMOVE ALL PLANT GROWTH AND VEGETATION HANGING OVER ANY PORTION OF THE CITY SIDEWALK AND HANGING INTO THE STREET AT THE FRONT AND SIDE OF THE PROPERTY.

BOULEVARD PLANTINGS CANNOT EXCEED THIRTY-SIX INCHES IN HEIGHT, AND CANNOT EXCEED EIGHTEEN INCHES IN HEIGHT WITHIN THIRTY FEET OF A CORNER.

FENCING OR ANY OTHER STRUCTURES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON A BOULEVARD WITHOUT A PERMIT, AND

A THREE-FOOT CLEARANCE MUST BE MAINTAINED AROUND THE CIRCUMFERENCE OF A FIRE HYDRANT AT ALL TIMES. THANK YOU.

If you do not correct the nuisance or file an appeal before **JUNE 17, 2026**, the City will correct the nuisance and charge all costs, including boarding costs, against the property as a special assessment to be collected in the same way as property taxes.

Charges: If the City corrects the nuisance, the charges will include the cost of correction, inspection, travel time, equipment, etc. The rate will be approximately \$450 per hour plus expenses for abatement.

You must maintain the premises in a clean condition and provide proper and adequate refuse storage at all times. Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation

Issued by: **Richard Kedrowski** Badge number: **320** Phone number: **(651) 266-9141**

If you have any questions about this order, the requirements or the deadline, you should contact the Inspector listed above, Monday through Friday. **Appeals:** You may appeal this order and obtain a hearing before the City Council by completing an appeal application with the City Clerk before the appeal deadline noted above or seven (7) days after the date mailed, whichever ever comes first. No appeals may be filed after that date. You may obtain an appeal application from the City Clerk's Office, Room 310 in City Hall, 15 W Kellogg Blvd., Saint 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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Following are my reasons for appealing the attached Summary Abatement Order:

While I acknowledge that some plants do creep onto the sidewalks or curbs, they **DO NOT** impede any of the areas listed in the abatement order. Such plants are cut back or tied up frequently and **DO NOT** restrict line of sight of people or passage of vehicles on the streets; pedestrians, strollers, wagons, grocery carts, wheeled luggage, etc on the sidewalks.

I have a fence on the boulevard south of my residence on Hague Ave. to keep the volunteer black raspberry plants from over hanging the sidewalks and curb. The purpose of the fence is to prevent the passersby from contacting the thorny vines that are wild raspberry plants.

The fence has been on the boulevard for many years, doing its job well. During that time I have never been told by anyone that a permit is required.

Someone does complain to the city of St. Paul about my yard and the boulevards on the south and east sides of my property.

That person obviously considers my yard and/or surrounding boulevards to be a nuisance, or at least unappealing.

I believe the codes cited are at least in part, obsolete or represent limits and boundaries define opinions regarding how lawns and gardens should appear rather than what constitutes and protects safety.

People of all ages and sizes and abilities pass by my property. They stop to talk about plants, tell me how much they appreciate what is growing in my yard and in the boulevards. Some tell me that they take longer routes in order to pass by the plants, birds, and pollinators in my yard. When I ask them if the plants impede their movement along the walk or their view of their path forward, the answer is first a look of puzzlement, followed by NO! I love your yard.

It's time to review and update the codes related to vegetation and to enforce parking regulations, and speed limits for motor vehicles to keep drivers and pedestrians safe.

Why does anyone besides me need to be concerned about how tall my grass - or if I have any

Please grant me a variance in order to allow me to keep my yard something that most people appreciate & enjoy.

I will continue to care for the boulevards around my house while I live at 1521 Hague Av.

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SOPHIA PETERSON

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July 5, 2026

RE: 1521 Hague Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55401

To: St. Paul Legislative Hearing Officer / Department of Safety and Inspections

From: Sophia Peterson, Resident of St. Paul

Date: July 5, 2026

Subject: Support for Jane Myers' Property at 1521 Hague Ave – Citation Appeal

I am writing to formally protest the city's recent citations issued to my neighbor, Jane Myers, at 1521 Hague Avenue. Citing her property for "overgrowth" and an unpermitted "fence" is a profound mischaracterization of a highly valued community asset.

Jane is a lovely and respected woman who has lived in her home for decades. Having watched this neighborhood evolve, she herself is an indispensable neighborhood asset. Tragically, we are going to lose her by the end of the year, as she is currently building a home on sprawling land in Wisconsin - a place safe from this type of overregulation. The City of St. Paul should be honoring lifelong residents like Jane, not pushing them out with hostile penalties.

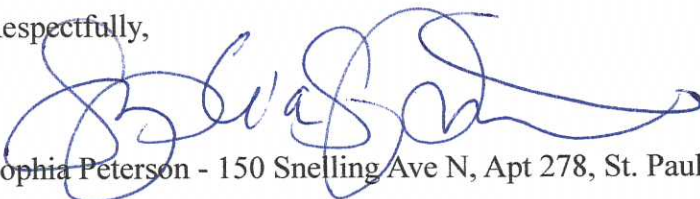
Her corner property features an intentionally cultivated, beautiful pollinator garden, not a neglected yard. For many residents, walking past her home is a highlight of the block, bringing a unique aesthetic that evokes the eco-conscious charm of Berkeley, California. Labeling this intentional habitat as a public nuisance is completely unjustified.

Further, the significant fine imposed on Jane for a "fence" around her berry bushes is entirely unreasonable. This structure is not a boundary fence designed to enclose the property or block sightlines. It is a standard, lightweight garden-fencing apparatus built strictly to support and contain her wildberry bushes. Penalizing a long-term resident with steep financial fines for using basic gardening tools to maintain edible plants is predatory and shameful. It is disappointing to be made aware that city enforcement targeting a beloved corner lot garden while urgent neighborhood needs go unaddressed.

It is notably disappointing to see city enforcement targeting a woman's private property while urgent neighborhood and societal needs go unaddressed. This citation represents a complete lapse in judgment regarding what truly serves the public good.

Jane's property actively beautifies our community, supports local biodiversity, and brings immense joy to the neighborhood. I strongly urge the city to rescind these citations, waive all associated fines immediately, and refocus its energy on supporting its residents.

Respectfully,



Sophia Peterson - 150 Snelling Ave N, Apt 278, St. Paul, MN 55401