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Mary Jayn Duchene 1144 Ottawa Avenue West St. Paul, MN 55118

RE: Housing Appeal Our File No. 19194.96008

Dear Ms. Duchene:

Yesterday, August 12, 2002, the Housing Appeal Board met to consider your appeal of two Compliance Letters issued on July 15, 2002 by Don Fackler, West St. Paul's Assistant Code Enforcement Officer.

The hearing before the Housing Appeal Board was scheduled for 6:25 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room at City Hall. Since you were not present at that time, the hearing was delayed until 6:45 p.m. Although you were still not present, the hearing was called to order.

The Board took testimony from Don Fackler and reviewed photographs of your property that were taken yesterday. Following review of the evidence presented, the Board moved to deny your appeal with the exception of updating items that have been removed or brought into compliance.

To clarify, you still have the following outstanding issues in regard to the Compliance Letter for violating City Code Section 2007.03, the Unsheltered Storage of Junk: cart, brush, broken pots, and wood box. Pursuant to City Code Section 2007.03 subdivision 3, the unsheltered storage of junk is a public nuisance. Please keep in mind that the City is not requiring that you dispose of these items. The City is simply asking that you store them properly by putting them inside a building or in some type of enclosure.

You are still in violation of City Code Section 810, regarding weeds along your rear property line abutting the alley. Weeds greater than eight inches are declared to be a public nuisance, pursuant to City Code Section 810.01 subdivision 1. All weeds greater than 8 inches must be cut. In addition, all weeds or brush in the right-of-way must be removed.

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You are hereby notified that if the violations contained in this letter are not remedied and the City has not received notice of a district court action commenced by you by August 26, 2002, the City will abate the remaining nuisances and the costs for such abatement will be assessed against your property.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Korine L. Land City Attorney

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