



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date April 23, 2008

To Honorable Don Samuels, Chairperson - Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee

Referral to City Council

Subject Rental Dwelling License Revocation – 3714 Emerson Ave N, 4827 Camden Ave N, and 3551 Queen Ave N - Owner TJ Waconia, Inc.: Jon E. Helgason and Tom J. Balko – Owner Derek Ponath.

Recommendation: On March 12, 2008 notice was sent to owner, TJ Waconia, Inc: Jon E. Helgason and Tom J. Balko, and to owner Derek Ponath, indicating that a recommendation to Revoke, Deny, and/or Non-Renew the rental dwelling licenses for the properties 3714 Emerson Ave N, 4827 Camden Ave N, and 3551 Queen Ave N, would be sent to the City Council. The owner TJ Waconia, Inc: Jon E. Helgason and Tom J. Balko, and the owner Derek Ponath failed to appeal this recommendation.

On February 29, 2008, Minneapolis City Council revoked forty-five (45) rental dwelling licenses held by owners TJ Waconia, Inc., Jon E. Helgason, and Tom J. Balko for properties including but not limited to 2639 Girard Ave N, 3354 Washburn Ave N, 4940 Bryant Ave N, 2731 Knox Ave N, and 3243 6th St N. The rental dwelling licenses for the properties listed are subject to Minneapolis Code of Ordinance License Standards 244.1910(13) which states that any person who has had an interest in two (2) or more licensed cancelled pursuant to section 244.1925 shall be ineligible to hold or have an interest in a rental dwelling license or provisional license for a period of five (5) years. The properties listed above have failed to meet licensing standards as set forth in MCO 244.1910(13) and are subject to revocation, denial and/or non-renewal.

The Director of Inspections recommends that the City Council revoke, deny, non-renew the rental dwelling licenses held by TJ Waconia, Inc: Jon E. Helgason and Tom J. Balko, and to owner Derek Ponath for the premises 3714 Emerson Ave N, 4827 Camden Ave N, and 3551 Queen Ave N pursuant to MCO 244.1910(13). (See enclosed Recommendation to Revoke Rental Dwelling License, and supporting documentation packet.)

Previous Directives None

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4/14/08
Date

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4/14/08
Date

Approved by: Rocco Forte
Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator

4/13/08
Date

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable XX

Note: To determine if applicable see <http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp>

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Date of Approval _____ Not Applicable XX

Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee (name, title)

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

XX No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or ___ Operating Budget.

___ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.

___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.

___ Business Plan: ___ Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.

___ Other financial impact (Explain):

___ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

Community Impact (use any categories that apply) Not Applicable

Neighborhood Notification

City Goals

Comprehensive Plan

Zoning Code

Other

Background/Supporting Information Attached

See: Findings of Fact