

May 10, 2021

To whom it may Concern

I am contesting the late fee for the clean up of the property at 511 E Monroe due to the fact I had not received a notice of the bill. I request that this be discussed in the June 16, 2021 working session at 12:30 p.m. in the council chambers and considered and adjudicated in the City Council meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. I and my manager Casey Merrill would like to be notified and put on the docket for discussion and or adjudication for this discrepancy and appeal. Any and all relevant items are requested at this time for the appeal process. Due to the Covid restrictions I am requesting that correspondence be both by email and certified mail to all parties until the adjudication of this dispute. I had requested from the supervisor the waiver of the late fee because I did not receive notification but the supervisor refused to waive the fee EVEN KNOWING the current Covid Restrictions and extended delivery times by USPS.

My Manager in Rapid City is Casey Merrill (605-641-2531) and advised me that a bill was coming for the clean up at 511 E Monroe. Several times since Cassey saw that clean up occurred and the tenants had not done the cleanup, Cassey inquired if I had gotten a bill from the city for the clean up and I responded that I had not. I had not received a bill from Rapid City for the actions taken on 04/19/21.

This is the very first bill I received for a cleaning bill. I was not informed of any bill or labor or cleanup until Today Monday May 10th, 2021. The Invoice was dated 04/19/21. I contracted the people on the bill today. Bill says that it needs to be paid by 5/3/21. The Postmark of sending out the bill was 2 days later as It was postmarked 5/5/21. The work completed on 4/19 I was scheduled due and supposed to be paid within 10 (ten) working days(15 calendar days: from the completions of work due to 5 weekend days) from its printing. It is obvious with the current Covid Restrictions that the USPS service is taking up to 2 weeks for delivery of current mail. Normal Business Requirements are net plus 30 total days. That is the first problem. The second is that this is the first notice I received for a bill. Do you have a copy of my certified delivered bill prior to this letter postmarked 5/5/21.

I should not be charged a late fee with the current Pandemic slowing the delivery or even the lack of delivery which is common due to the restrictions of USPS. I have queried the USPS and they have told me that delivery can take from 5 days to almost a month. It is unreasonable to charge a late fee if I did not get the bill in the first place. This is the first notification of work completed and billed by the city. Even more unreasonable is the belief with the current Pandemic that you expect a payment within 10 working days when the mail can not even deliver within that time frame. The inspectors have my phone number 734-572-4410 as well as cell at 734-904-9688 as well as my local manager Cassey Merrill at 605-641-2531 and he has been in contact with the code enforcement division.

I will pay the \$80 Service Fee and the \$50 City Fee with the deletion of the late fee as I was not notified.

Mark Cebuhar
Owner 511 E Monroe Rapid City, SD 57701

On 05/12/2021 4:48 PM Weaver Heidi <heidi.weaver@rcgov.org> wrote:

Hello Mark,

The cleanup fee, plus the \$100 late fee, will be heard at the June 16, 2021 working session at 12:30 p.m. in the council chambers. This is the first meeting where the committee can make a recommendation to the city council. No action is taken at this meeting. The item will then go to the City Council meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. You are welcome to attend the council meeting or send someone in your place. You can also write to the council as you requested. I have attached their information. You can also send a letter to me and I can attach it to the agenda as well.

If you have any other questions, you can contact me.

Sincerely,

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