



City  
of  
Milwaukee

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Checks should be made payable to: City of Milwaukee and a copy of the bill should be included with your appeal

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**TO:** Administrative Review Board of Appeals  
City Hall, Rm. 205  
200 E. Wells St.  
Milwaukee, WI 53202  
(414) 286-2231

**DATE:** 10/22/2025

**RE:** 615 S 89th Street  
(Address of property in question)

Under ch. 68, Wis. Stats., s. 320-11 of the Milwaukee Code of Ordinances, this is a written petition for appeal and hearing.

I am appealing the administrative procedure followed by Department of neighborhood services  
(Name of City Department)

Amount of the charges \$ 762.60 500.00 (?)

Charge relative to: reinspection fees

I feel the City's procedure was improper due to the following reasons and I have attached any supporting evidence, including city employee's names/dates which I spoke to regarding this issue and copies of any city orders received:

Please see attachments.

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Signature

Jonathan B. Smith

Name (please print)

615 S 89th Street unit A  
Milwaukee WI 53214

Mailing address and zip code

843-855-5294

Daytime phone number

InversionMKE@gmail.com

E-Mail Address(es)

Dear Members of the Administrative Review and Appeals Board,

I am writing to formally appeal the reinspection fees totaling **\$762.00**, issued on or around **September 11, 2025**, and communicated to us by our landlord on **September 23, 2025**. These charges consist of one \$254.00 fee and one \$508.00 fee. We were never served notice of the violations or reinspection orders directly, nor are the fees associated with our registered business name.

### **Grounds for Appeal:**

#### **1. Lack of Direct Notice**

We were not made aware of these reinspection fees until **September 23, 2025**, when our landlord informed us. We never received any correspondence or formal notice from the city regarding these orders.

#### **2. Incorrect Business Name on Orders**

The reinspection orders list a different business name—"Eassel"—which is not associated with this unit. **Inversion MKE** is the current and sole business operating in this space.

#### **3. No Contact or Coordination Attempts**

Our business operates outside of normal inspection hours. No attempt was made by the inspector or Department of Neighborhood Services to contact us or coordinate access for the reinspections. As a result, we were not given an opportunity to comply or be present for evaluation.

#### **4. Active Good-Faith Efforts to Comply**

We have been consistently working with a licensed architect and contractor to address the cited fire code violations. Our architect has been in contact with the city inspector and informed us that **extensions had been requested and granted** due to the ongoing work. We are fully committed to compliance and safety, and have been taking all necessary steps to correct any issues.

#### **5. Fees Charged Without Opportunity for Response**

The charges were assessed to the property tax bill without our knowledge, under a name that does not represent our business. We were not contacted in advance, nor given the opportunity to understand or dispute the charges before they were applied.

### **Request:**

We respectfully request that the Board:

- **Waive or dismiss the \$762.00 in reinspection fees**, based on the lack of notice, incorrect business identity, and active compliance efforts.
- **Ensure that any future inspections or communications** are made directly to Inversion MKE so that we may coordinate and fully cooperate.
- **Clarify the responsible party** for future assessments, to avoid any confusion or wrongful billing.

We are including supporting documentation that shows our ongoing work with an architect and contractor, and we are happy to provide additional records as needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jonathan Smith

## Fwd: Fire separation

1 message

Jonathan Smith <sjb4552@gmail.com>  
To: inversionMKE@gmail.com

Sat, Oct 18, 2025 at 12:13 AM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jonathan Smith <sjb4552@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Jan 9, 2025, 2:52 PM  
Subject: Re: Fire separation  
To: David "Koz" Koscielniak <[koz@kozitecture.com](mailto:koz@kozitecture.com)>

Hey Koz, just touching base on this project

On Wed, Dec 11, 2024, 2:33 PM Jonathan Smith <[sjb4552@gmail.com](mailto:sjb4552@gmail.com)> wrote:

Yes, go ahead and get a proposal together. I can tell you that the dry wall on our side is 3/4 and I'm guessing the same on the other side

On Wed, Dec 11, 2024, 10:27 AM David "Koz" Koscielniak <[koz@kozitecture.com](mailto:koz@kozitecture.com)> wrote:

Good morning Jonathan,

I read Mike's inspection report and will be able to provide the requisite drawings and information to address the 2-hour wall assembly, doors and roof details. I will have to visit the building to note where these deficiencies are located.

I will prepare a proposal for my services based on an hourly rate for your project. My hourly rate is \$100. I anticipate my scope of work will require approximately 20 to 24 hours. I can start my work the week of January 5, 2024.

Do you have a set of plans for the building? I know your line drawing submitted with the BOZA documents was sufficient for that submittal but I need construction drawings for this next submittal. If you don't have any plans, I can contact Milwaukee archives to check their records.

Mike gives you a 30 day compliance period. I can send him a letter to notify him of my involvement so that he would extend the compliance period as needed to allow me to complete the drawings, obtain a building permit and complete the work.

Shall I prepare a proposal for my services?

Koz

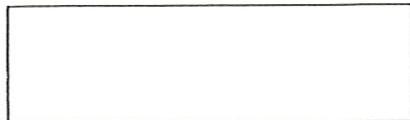
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**From:** Jonathan Smith

**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 8:05 AM

**To:** David "Koz" Koscielniak <[koz@kozitecture.com](mailto:koz@kozitecture.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Fire separation

Our NOCC number is NOCC-24-01261, I think this will help, if not feel free to tell me I'm simple and you need some other form of information. Thank you.

On Tue, Dec 10, 2024, 4:16 PM David "Koz" Koscielniak <[koz@kozitecture.com](mailto:koz@kozitecture.com)> wrote:

Good afternoon Jonathan,

I will likely stop by to observe the areas that the inspection identified as non-compliant. If you have an inspection report that you could send to me, that would be great. If not, provide me with the project file number that the city created for your project. I can access their file to look at the inspection comments.

Once I understand their concerns, I can develop a solution.

Koz

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**From:** Jonathan Smith  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 3:01 PM  
**To:** David "Koz" Koscielniak <[koz@kozitecture.com](mailto:koz@kozitecture.com)>  
**Subject:** Fire separation

Good day Koz, we have finally started getting our inspections, we did fail our construction inspection mainly sighted for fire separation between spaces. Is there any recommendations you would have to keep the cost down (not cheap, but rather cost effective) or it maybe just as easy to stop on out and take a look. Either way we would appreciate any advice / or hiring you again to get this done. Thank you for your time.

-Jonathan Smith

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# I Can Fix That™

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Milwaukee, WI 53212  
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DATE: 10/17/2025

SUBJECT: Inversion MKE delays

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to confirm my ongoing engagement with Inversion MKE regarding code compliance issues at their unit located at 615 S 89th Street, Milwaukee, WI. We began addressing the violations identified by the City of Milwaukee and have remained in active communication with the business regarding the necessary repairs and updates.

Throughout this process, we have been awaiting further direction and finalized design plans from their architect before proceeding with the next phase of work. Because the fire code issues involve structural and complex design components, it has been important to hold off on physical work until we receive the architect's detailed specifications to ensure everything is done correctly and to code.

Inversion MKE has remained engaged and responsive, and any delay has been due to necessary architectural coordination, not due to inaction by the business.

Please feel free to contact me if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Thompson



Owner/Operator, I Can Fix That

## Receipt of ARBA Fee

Date:	10/22/25
Received Of:	Jonathan Smith
Property at:	615 S. 89 <sup>th</sup> St.
Received By:	LME
Check # (If Applicable):	1122
Amount:	\$25.00