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RE: RE-INSPECTION FIRE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH DEFICIENCIES 776 BUSH AVE

Ref. # 126462

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was re-inspected for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy on April 20, 2022. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected immediately.

A reinspection will be made on May 27, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation or the revocation of the Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional reinspection fees.

DEFICIENCY LIST

- 1. Exterior Back Yard & Garage SPLC 34.08 (1), 34.32 (1) All exterior property areas shall be maintained free from any accumulation of refuse, garbage or feces. **The back yard and inside the garage have garbage**
- Exterior Balcony Area SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.33(2) Repair or replace the damaged guardrail in an approved manner. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-The guardrails on the top exterior balcony is damaged and a section has fallen.
- 3. Exterior Doors SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the door in good condition. The exterior doors and door frames have chipping and peeling paint.

- 4. Exterior Garage & Fence SPLC 34.08 (5), 34.32 (3) All accessory structures including, but not limited to, detached garages, sheds and fences shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. Provide and maintain exterior unprotected surfaces painted or protected from the elements. The garage has worn and chipped paint, the garage door sensors are damaged and have broken off and the garage service door and door frame are damaged. The fence gate and the fence are in disrepair with broken railings, balustrades and pickets.
- 5. Exterior House & Retaining Wall SPLC 34.09 (1)(2), 34.33 (1) Provide and maintain all exterior walls free from holes and deterioration. All wood exterior unprotected surfaces must be painted or protected from the elements and maintained in a professional manner free from chipped or peeling paint. There are different section along the edge of the roof and building, where there are openings in the fascia and soffits and daylight can be seen from inside the attic. The retaining wall is in disrepair and there is a section near the back stairs that has a large piece broken off. On the North-East corner of the house, there is a large opening in the fascia. On the South side of the building, the section of wall between the concrete stairs and building has cracked and bulged outward. The wooden structure over the back basement stairway is damaged and has peeling paint.
- 6. Exterior Stairs & Deck SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.33(2) Repair or replace the unsafe stairways, porch, decks or railings in an approved manner. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-A very large section of the back concrete landing has is damaged and has sunken in. The back entry stairs are damaged with a large piece broken off.
- 7. Exterior Window Screens SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3) -All screens shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair.
- 8. Exterior Windows SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3)- Repair and maintain the window in good condition. All windows shall be maintained in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit. There are windows with damaged frames, worn surfaces and chipped paint.
- 9. Interior Attic Door MSFC 1010.1.9 Remove unapproved locks from the exit doors. The door must be openable from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort. **Remove the latch on the attic door.**
- 10. Interior Basement MSFC 1031.2, 1031.3 Remove the materials that cause an exit obstruction. Maintain a clear and unobstructed exit path. **Remove all the clothing and other objects that is blocking the back basement stairs.**
- 11. Interior Basement SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.34(2) Repair or replace the unsafe stairway in an approved manner. The wooden basement stairs (bottom section) is not properly secured to the wall and moves.

- 12. Interior Basement MMC 504.1 Provide, repair or replace the dryer exhaust duct. Exhaust ducts for domestic clothes dryers shall be constructed of metal and shall have a smooth interior finish. The exhaust duct shall be a minimum nominal size of four inches (102 mm) in diameter and installed in accordance with the mechanical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. The incorrect type of dryer duct is being used. Contact a licensed contractor to install the correct type of duct under permit.
- 13. Interior Basement MMC 603.9, MMC 604 Repair, maintain or install proper insulation and duct sealant in compliance with the mechanical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. There are small cracks and openings around the water heater exhaust duct. Properly seal around the duct.
- 14. Interior Basement MMC 305.2 Install proper hangers and support for the gas piping in compliance with the mechanical code. **The gas line near the drying machine is loose and unsecured.**
- 15. Interior Basement MPC 418.2 Provide a removable strainer and a clean out plug or cap for the floor drain. There is a floor drain cover near the electrical panel that is broken.
- 16. Interior Basement MSFC 604.6 Provide electrical cover plates to all outlets, switches and junction boxes where missing. **There is a junction box near the furnace that is missing the cover.**
- 17. Unit 1 Basement SPLC 34.11 (1), MSBC 2902.1, SPLC 34.35 (1), MPC 301.1 -Repair or replace and maintain all parts of the plumbing system to an operational condition. **Repair or replace and maintain an approved private tub or shower. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. The bath tub is clogged and the seal (rubber ring) under the tub is worn and water is leaking into the basement.**
- Unit 1 Bathroom MSFC 604.6 Open junction boxes and open-wiring splices shall be prohibited. Approved covers shall be provided for all switch and electrical outlet boxes. There are exposed wires over the bathroom vanity mirror.
- 19. Unit 1 Bathroom SPLC 34.10 (7) Repair and maintain the cabinets in an approved manner. The bathroom vanity with the mirrors and the cabinet is damaged.
- 20. Unit 1 Ceilings SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. The kitchen ceiling and other ceilings throughout the apartment has large cracks.
- 21. Unit 1 Doors SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the door in good condition.

- 22. Unit 1 Living Room Area MN Stat. 299F.362, MSFC 1103.8 Immediately provide and maintain a smoke alarm located outside each sleeping area. **The battery-powered combination alarm in the living room is missing.**
- 23. Unit 1 Throughout SPLC 34.10 (6), 34.34 (5) Every owner of a structure shall be responsible for the control and/or elimination of insects, rodents or other pests wherever infestation exists. **There is an infestation of fruit flies throughout the apartment.**
- 24. Unit 1 Windows SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3)- Repair and maintain the window in good condition. All windows shall be maintained in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit.
- 25. Unit 2 SPLC 40.06 Uncertified portions of the building must not be occupied until inspected and approved by this office.
- 26. SPLC 39.02(c) Complete and sign the smoke detector affidavit and return it to this office.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo

You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at travis.almsted@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8977 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Travis Almsted Fire Safety Inspector II Ref. # 126462