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RE: RE-INSPECTION FIRE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH DEFICIENCIES 390 SIMS AVE

Ref. # 102229

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was re-inspected for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy on October 21, 2021. 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 December 10, 2021 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 Porch Area MSFC 308.1.2 No person shall throw or place, or cause to be thrown or placed, a lighted match, cigar, cigarette, matches, or other flaming or glowing substance or object on any surface or article where it can cause an unwanted fire. -There is a lot of improperly disposed cigarettes in the back porch area. Properly dispose of the used cigarettes.
- 2. Exterior Front Stairs SPLC 34.09 (3) 34.33 (2) Provide an approved handrail. The top of the handrail must be between 34 and 38 inches above the treads and run the entire length of the stair. -The handrail for the front stairs is missing.
- 3. Exterior Guardrail 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 front guardrail is missing a balustrade and the railing on the right side is wobbly and unsecured.

- 4. Exterior Gutters & Downspouts SPLC 34.08 (2) Grading and drainage. All premises shall be graded and maintained to drain water away from structures and minimize the accumulation of water on such premises. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-All the gutters (house & garage) have branches, debris and vegetation growing in them. Clean out all the gutters and ensure that all downspouts are directing water away from the house.
- 5. Exterior House 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 damaged soffit boards and on the East side of the house, the soffit boards and gutter are separating from the house. Immediately repair this area.
 At the front of the house, there are openings in the corners that is contributing to the traffic of rodents.
- 6. Exterior Windows SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the window in good condition. -On the East side of the house, there are windows that have holes in the frames and trims pieces that are breaking away.
- 7. Exterior & Interior House & Garage SPLC 34.19 Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building. -Provide access to the house and the garage.
- 8. Interior Basement MSFC 603.6 Have the chimneys, fireplaces, and vents inspected for soundness, freedom from deposits, and correct clearances. Cleaning, maintenance, and repairs shall be done if indicated by the inspection. -The chimney wall around the exhaust duct is damaged and has openings all around it. Properly repair and seal the chimney wall.
- 9. Interior Basement MMC 504.6 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 bottom of the dryer exhaust duct is coming loose and there are small openings that is allowing lint and CO gas to come out. Properly repair and re-tape the duct with UL Listed 181 A-P foil tape.
- 10. Interior Basement & Bathroom SPLC 34.12 (2), SPLC 34.36 (1) Repair and maintain all required and supplied equipment in an operative and safe condition to properly and safely perform their intended function in accordance with the provisions of the applicable code. -There is a warm-air duct (near the dryer) that is missing the proper vent cover. The vent cover for the second-floor bath vent is being held up by tape.
- 11. Interior Basement Stairway SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.34(2) Repair or replace the damaged handrail in an approved manner. -One of the basement handrails is coming loose from the wall.

- 12. Interior Bathroom 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 toilet. This work may require a permit(s). Call LIEP at (651) 266-9090. The toilet on the second floor is loose and the seal around the bottom is missing.
- 13. Interior Bathroom & Kitchen SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner.
 - There is chipping and peeling paint on the bathroom walls and all around the bathroom window frame.
 - There is a hole on the wall behind the back entry door.
- 14. Interior CO Alarm MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved Carbon Monoxide Alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. -The carbon monoxide alarm on the second floor is missing.
- 15. Interior Kitchen SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17(5) Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner. -Near the kitchen sink, there is a section of the floor that is missing floor pieces.
- 16. Interior Smoke Alarms MN Stat. 299F.362 Immediately provide and maintain a smoke detector located outside each sleeping area.
 - At the top of the stairs, there is a battery-powered smoke alarm that is covering the hard-wired connection. Provide a hard-wired smoke alarm.
 - The hard-wired smoke alarm in the third-floor bedroom is disconnected.
- 17. Interior Throughout MSFC 605.1 Repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-There is a light fixture in the basement that has come loose from the junction box and is also hanging from the ceiling. In the back bedroom, there are two (2) outlets. One outlet is worn and cannot hold plug items. The plugged item is being held up with blue tape. The other outlet is coming loose from the wall and is not secured.
 - The GFCI outlet in the bathroom is coming loose from the wall and is missing screws for the cover plate.
- 18. Interior Throughout MSFC 605.5 Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring. -There is an extension cord being used for the microwave and an extension cord being used in the left front bedroom.
- 19. 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 Efrayn.Franquiz@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8955 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,

Efrayn Franquiz Fire Safety Inspector Ref. # 102229