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## **Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate**

RE: 717 HOPE ST

Ref. # 126257

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was determined to be unoccupied on November 30, 2021. Since certificates are for the occupancy of buildings, it has become necessary to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy.

## A re-inspection will be made on February 28, 2022 at 10:45 AM to verify that the property is still unoccupied.

Saint Paul Legislative Code provides that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. In order to re-occupy the building, the following deficiencies (if applicable) must be corrected, and a complete Certificate of Occupancy inspection will be required.

## **DEFICIENCY LIST**

- 1. Exterior Back Yard MSFC 307.1 All fires on the ground must be a minimum of 25 feet from structures or contained in a grill or outdoor fireplace. Wind speeds must be under 10 mph, constantly attended, a means of extinguishment must be provided. Only natural firewood can be burned (no construction materials, brush or waste materials), and fire shall be extinguished if the smoke is deemed a nuisance. A citation will be issued for non-compliance. -Discontinue burning unapproved material. The small fire pit has cardboard inside.
- 2. Exterior Doors SPLC 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the door in good condition. Unit 1 -The front entry door storm door is missing the screen and the latch (new) is broken.
  - Unit 2 The front entry door is missing the strike plate and is coming loose from the hinges.
- 3. Exterior Throughout SPLC 34.08 (6) Remove the accumulation of exterior storage that creates a nuisance or harbors rodents. -There is an accumulation of household items being stored on the side and back of the property.

- 4. Exterior Throughout 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. -The frames and trims for the windows and doors have chipped and peeling paint.

  NEW July 14, 2021 The brick window box at the front of the house is damaged and
  - NEW July 14, 2021 The brick window box at the front of the house is damaged and has a large piece broken off.
- 5. Exterior Throughout SPLC 34.08 (1), 34.32 (1) All exterior property areas shall be maintained free from any accumulation of refuse, garbage or feces.
- 6. Exterior Window Screens SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3) -Provide or repair and maintain the window screen. -There are still several window screens that are missing and/or disrepair.
- 7. Interior Back Hallway MSFC 1030.2 Remove the materials that cause an exit obstruction. Maintain a clear and unobstructed exit path. -There are items being stored in the back hallway area. Remove all items and maintain this area clear at all times.
- 8. Interior Basement MSFC 605.1 -Provide a grounding jumper around the water meter. The grounding jumping cable for the water meter has come loose. Properly reconnect the grounding jumping cable.
- Interior Basement SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner.
   There are different sections of the basement stone wall that is breaking away.
   Above the boiler, there are a couple of truss members that have come loose.
- 10. Interior Basement SPLC 34.11 (5), 34.35 (2) Contact a licensed contractor to repair or replace the water heater. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. The water heater that is labeled 04/2011 has been installed without a permit. The exhaust duct is not properly attached to the chimney wall and at the top and the water lines are of the incorrect type. Immediately contact a licensed contractor to bring the water heater up to code under permit.
- 11. Interior Basement MSFC 1103.8.1 Replacement of smoke alarms. Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be replaced when:2. They exceed ten years from the date of manufacture. Smoke alarms shall be replaced with smoke alarms having the same type of power supply. -The hard-wired smoke alarm in the basement is expired.
- 12. Interior Basement & Back Hallway MSFC 315.3 Provide and maintain orderly storage of materials.
- 13. Interior Basement & Back Hallway MN Stat 299F.18 Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials.

- 14. Interior Basement Door SPLC 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the door in good condition. -The door knob is missing for the basement door.
- 15. Unit 1 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 hand sink. This work may require a permit(s). Call LIEP at (651) 266-9090. One of the handles for the bathroom sink is missing.
- 16. Unit 1 Bedroom SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. -There is unfinished repairs and water damages on the left bedroom ceiling.
- 17. Unit 1 Doors SPLC 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the door in good condition. The door knob for the back entry door is missing, the door rubs against the floor, the trim on the outside of the door is missing and the door is damaged.

  Bedroom doors have loose door knobs, missing strike plates and have damages on them. The door knob for the front entry door is loose and unsecured.

  NEW October 29, 2021 The bathroom door has been taken completely off the hinges.
- 18. Unit 1 Floors SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17(5) Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner. -NEW October 29, 2021 The hallway carpet is now damaged. The kitchen floor and hallway floor are damaged.
- 19. Unit 1 Kitchen 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. NEW July 14, 2021 The handles for the refrigerator have broken off and are now missing.
  NEW July 28, 2021 The stove is not heating up.
- 20. Unit 1 Light Fixture MSFC 605.1- All light fixtures shall be maintained with protective globes if originally equipped. -The light fixture in the bedroom is missing the cover.
- 21. Unit 1 Smoke Alarms MSFC 1103.8.1Replacement of smoke alarms. Single- and multiple-station smoke alarms shall be replaced when: 2. They exceed ten years from the date of manufacture. Smoke alarms shall be replaced with smoke alarms having the same type of power supply. -The smoke alarms in the bedrooms are expired.
- 22. Unit 1 Walls SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner.

In the right bedroom, there is wall damages and large cracks under the bedroom windows.

In the left bedroom, there is water damages on the wall.

A section of the shower wall is missing tiles.

23. Unit 1 - Windows - SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the window in good condition.

The bathroom and bedroom windows are in disrepair with broken glass, missing latches and one window that does not open.

There are two (2) front windows that are missing the entire sash.

- 24. Unit 1 & 2 Entry Doors SPLC 34.09 (4) I Repair and maintain an approved one-inch throw single cylinder deadbolt lock.
  - Unit 1 The deadbolt is sticking and the plate around the bolt is loose.
  - Unit 2 The back entry door is missing the deadbolt.
- 25. Unit 1 & 2 Water SPLC 34.11(5), 34.35(2), MPC 408.3 Provide adequate hot water between 110 degrees F and 120 degrees F.-Unit 1 The hot water temperature has been read at 136 degrees Fahrenheit.
  - Unit 2 The hot water temperature has been read at 141.4 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Unit 2 Doors SPLC 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the door in good condition. -NEW
   July 28, 2021 The veneer surface for the back entry door is now damaged and is coming loose from the frame.

The veneer surface for the small room is damaged and the door does not close properly. The bedroom door and back entry door have loose and damaged door knobs. The side of the bedroom door is cracked.

- 27. Unit 2 Kitchen SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner. -The wall underneath the kitchen sink is damaged and has a very large opening. Properly repair and seal the opening.
- 28. Unit 2 Kitchen 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 kitchen sink. This work may require a permit(s). Call LIEP at (651) 266-9090. The kitchen sink is leaking. Water is being collected in a large bucket.
- 29. Unit 2 Kitchen SPLC 34.10 (7) Repair and maintain the cabinets in an approved manner. -The base of the kitchen sink cabinet is destroyed. Replace the base. The cabinet next to the stove is missing the door.
- 30. Unit 2 Light Fixture 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. -The light fixture in the back stairway is missing.
- 31. Unit 2 Smoke Alarm MN Stat. 299F.362 Immediately provide and maintain a smoke detector located outside each sleeping area. -The hard-wired smoke alarm is still missing. There is a battery powered smoke alarm covering the hard-wired connection.
- 32. SPLC 39.02(c) Complete and sign the smoke detector affidavit and return it to this office.

33. SPLC 40.06. - Suspension, revocation and denial. (a) Grounds for revocation. The fire code official may, in writing, issue a notice to the owner(s) and known interested parties of the city's suspension or revocation of a fire certificate of occupancy issued under the provisions of this code, or deny an application therefor: (3) If it is found upon inspection of the fire code official that the building or occupancy is in violation of provisions of this or other applicable safety codes, ordinances, rules and regulations.

The Fire Certificate of Occupancy has been revoked due to long term noncompliance. This property must not be re-occupied until inspected and approved by 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 this order.

If you have any questions, email me at: Efrayn.Franquiz@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8955 between 7:30 - 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

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