

## Information on the Revocation of 506-510 Snelling Avenue North

A meeting was held between the owner partner, Atnafu, and the son of the second partner, Abi(?) and the Neighborhood Development Center (Ben Johnson) on October 17, 2022 to discuss and provide Fire Inspections with documentation of the efforts to abate the conditions on the property. While progress has been made, the owner and partner's son do not understand/see the need to hire licensed contractors for corrections to the ventilation, electrical wiring and gas-plumbing, or the requirement of obtaining permits for the work done at the property. This is aggravated by the ownership's continued use of unlicensed contractors who represent themselves as "capable of the work" without the expense of a licensed contractor and omitting obtaining a permit or inspection by city inspection staff.

At the inspection on the 17<sup>th</sup>, the partner's son has represented himself as a service technician for environmental air sampling equipment who made additional changes to the ventilation system, adding black piping to the exhaust fan and a modified bucket/lid under the exhaust fan and ductwork to correct the grease catch system. Review of the photos of the ductwork show multiple areas where the ductwork is leaking grease and has created a large, grease stain in the asphalt at the back of the building.

At the October 17, 2022 meeting, it was discovered the 10-burner kitchen range purchased by the property owners was installed to replace the existing 10-burner range. According to the property owner, this was because during the inspection process, it was noted by fire inspections the knobs for the control of the burners were missing or broken. The cost of these knobs was expensive and the owners decided to replace the range. The range has since been installed with an unlicensed person doing the gas connection for the range without permit. A discussion with this individual disclosed he a handyman (Jimmy Love) for the McDonald's Corp. who does this type of work "all the time." The owner was asked if there is an invoice for the work this individual did. He replied he did not get an invoice. This same person contacted the fire inspector directly, wanting specifics on what needed to be done to Fasika's ductwork and ventilation to keep them open. When questioned during this conversation, it was verified this person is not licensed to do any trades work. The need for a licensed contractor, permit and inspection is addressed as points for revocation.

It was verified that Brian Duncan of Duncan Mechanical #MB660707 (507-649-0617) removed the two mini-splits and was aware of the requirements to re-capture the refrigerant from the damaged units. This was verified in telephone conversation with Mr. Duncan at the 10/17/22 meeting.

Guard posts have been installed at the one AC unit left behind the building, although verifying the proper installation cannot be done due to the owner stating he did this work himself and it is complete. This AC unit was installed without permits or inspections and it is not known who installed it.

Construction debris was represented as being removed from the property, it is still on the property and still within 10 feet of the property line.

As of 10/17/22, the building department has processed a building permit in the owner's name for building repairs. No use of the space is indicated and no electrical permit is in place for the heating systems in the space.

On 10/25/22, I was contacted by voicemail by Hamline District Council Executive Director, Sara O'Brien regarding Fasika's revocation and if/how they could assist with turning this around. I provided a copy of

the pending revocation orders and a copy of the outstanding orders at revocation. Along with a short narrative of the orders needing abatement. Jim Perucca is cc'd in this correspondence. Ms. O'Brien indicated that she would be sharing these with the City Council Member for the area. I also let Ms. O'Brien know that NDC was also involved in the process in assisting Fasika remedy the orders.