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

RE: 1194 MARYLAND AVE E  
Ref. # 102954

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on April 15, 2024, for the renewal of the Certificate of Occupancy. Since you have failed to comply with the applicable requirements, it has become necessary to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy in accordance with Section 40.06 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

### **A reinspection will be made on May 1, 2024, at 01:30 pm or the property vacated.**

The Saint Paul Legislative Code further provides that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. Failure to immediately complete the following deficiency list or the building vacated may result in a criminal citation.

#### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Exterior - Egress Windows - MSFC 1030.4, 1031.7 - Provide and maintain the egress window well. -Basement egress windows have boards and cinder blocks obstructing top of egress area
2. Exterior - Front - MSFC 505.1 - The address posted is not visible from street. - Address numbers are not clearly visible from the street as they are on the lower portion of a window - numbers shall be 4 inches in height and on a contrasting surface
3. Exterior - Front Entrance - SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.33(2) - Repair or replace the unsafe stairways, porch, decks, or railings in an approved manner. Every outside stair, porch and deck shall be constructed safely and shall be capable of supporting imposed loads as determined in the building code and shall be kept in a professional state of maintenance and repair with proper anchorage. This work may

require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-Cement stairs are deteriorating and in disrepair - open crack between stairs shows unsupported open space behind stairs.

4. Exterior - Garage and 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. -Paint chipped, cracked, and peeling - boards in disrepair and deteriorating at base of north wall and on roof trim boards - address numbers on alley side of garage faded and deteriorating - back yard fence has damaged and missing boards
5. Exterior - West Side - 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. -Window installed leaving exposed lathe boards and no window trim
6. Interior - Basement - 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. -Left front stovetop burner does not ignite - stovetop is grease covered
7. Interior - Basement - MSFC 604.1- All light fixtures shall be maintained with protective globes if originally equipped. -Missing light cover in left room
8. Interior - Basement - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) - Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. -Ceiling paint bubbling, cracked, and in disrepair in right room and at base of stairs
9. Interior - Basement Stairs - SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.34(2) - Provide an approved handrail. Every required handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting imposed loads and shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair and in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit. -No handrail or hardware present
10. Interior - Throughout - MSFC 604.1 - Repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-Multiple electrical switches have been painted over - this work shall be completed by a licensed electrician.
11. Interior - Throughout - NEC 406.4(D)(3) - GFCI outlets shall be provided where replacements are made at outlets that are required to be so protected elsewhere in

this Code. -Multiple GFCI outlets have been painted over - replace GFCI outlets - this work shall be completed by a licensed electrician

12. Interior - Throughout - 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.-Multiple hard-wired smoke and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms are over 10 years old - replace hard-wired alarms with hard-wired alarms - multiple battery smoke and combination smoke/carbon monoxide alarms are over 10 years old - replace battery powered alarms

13. Main Level Kitchen - Rear Door - SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door in good condition. -Door does not fit frame - large gap at top of door

14. SPLC Sec 33.03 Building and general construction. No person shall construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure without first obtaining a building permit from the building official. Permits for building or general construction are not required for repairs for maintenance only or for minor alterations provided they are not required under the state building code, this chapter or other pertinent provisions of the Saint Paul Legislative Code and provided the cost of such repairs and minor alterations does not exceed the present market value of five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

MSBC -Section 105.1 - Permits Required. Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit. Work being done requires a permit.

#### R310.2 Window wells.

The minimum horizontal area of the window well shall be 9 square feet (0.9 m<sup>2</sup>), with a minimum horizontal projection and width of 36 inches (914 mm). The area of the window well shall allow the emergency escape and rescue opening to be fully opened. Exception: The ladder or steps required by Section

R310.2.1 shall be permitted to encroach a maximum of 6 inches (152 mm) into the required dimensions of the window well.

R310.2.1 Ladder and steps. Window wells with a vertical depth greater than 44 inches (1118 mm) shall be equipped with a permanently affixed ladder or steps usable with the window in the fully open position. Ladders or steps required by this section shall not be required to comply with Sections.

R311.7 and R311.8. Ladders or rungs shall have an inside width of at least 12 inches (305 mm), shall project at least.

3 inches (76 mm) from the wall and shall be spaced not more than 18 inches (457 mm) on center vertically for the full height of the window well. -Egress window wells installed without permit - egress exterior swing windows installed without permit, and sill height is greater than 44 inches - room walls and kitchen area in basement installed without permit - west side main level window installed without permit

15. SPLC 39.02(c) - Complete and sign the smoke alarm affidavit and return it to this office.
16. SPLC Sec. 40.06. - Suspension, revocation and denial; (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--Revoked for but not limited to long term non-compliance - failure have egress windows completed under permit, and failure to allow access to the property in order to perform the Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection
17. SPLC 34.19 - Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building. -Allow access to the property to complete the Fire Certificate of Occupancy inspection

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: [Daryl.Chute@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Daryl.Chute@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-9129 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Daryl Chute  
Fire Safety Inspector II

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