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RE: RE-INSPECTION FIRE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY WITH DEFICIENCIES 358 ARBOR ST

Ref. # 125846

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was re-inspected for the Fire Certificate of Occupancy on October 13, 2023. Approval for occupancy will be granted upon compliance with the following deficiency list. The items on the list must be corrected immediately. A re-inspection will be made on October 27, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

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. Basement Dryer 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.
- 2. Basement Dryer MFGC 409.5 Provide an approved gas shut off valve within 6 feet of the appliance in accordance with the mechanical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.
- 3. Basement Laundry SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17(5) Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner. *Repair or remove deteriorated platform floor in laundry area. The wood floor structure in this alarm is not stable and supported properly.*
- 4. Basement Laundry SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. *Repair area of ceiling near laundry area where moisture damaged and showing black mold/mildew like coating*.

- 5. Basement Near Electrical Panel MSFC 604.1 Remove unapproved exposed wiring and install in accordance with the electrical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. Repair flexible conduit on right side of electrical panel. Conduit is not properly connected at one end and is damaged at other end. Remove exposed and improperly installed non-metallic wiring along wall near the electrical panels.
- 6. Basement Stairway SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.34(2) Repair or replace the damaged guardrail in an approved manner. Replace guardrail in an approved manner. Guardrail present is a thin wood lattice and is fastened using electrical cable staples.
- 7. Basement Stairway SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.34(2) Repair or replace the damaged handrail in an approved manner. *Properly secure loose handrail brackets*.
- 8. Basement Water Heater MFGC 501.2 Provide, repair or replace the fuel equipment vent or vent liner to develop a positive flow adequate to convey all products of combustion to the outside. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. Repair vent connector on water heater sections of the vent connector are not secure and are improperly fastened with tape only and no screws.
- 9. Basement SPLC 34.10 (1) Abate and maintain the basement reasonably free from dampness and free of mold and mildew.
- 10. Exterior 2nd Floor above Rear Entry SPLC 34.09 (4) a, 34.33 (3) a Repair and maintain the window glass. Windows shall be fully supplied with window panes which are without open cracks or holes.
- 11. Exterior Behind Garage and Behind Rear Fence SPLC 34.08 (6) Remove the accumulation of exterior storage that creates a nuisance or harbors rodents.
- 12. Exterior Chimney MFGC 503 Provide, repair or replace the fuel equipment vent or vent liner to develop a positive flow adequate to convey all products of combustion to the outside. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. *Replace missing vent cap at top of chimney vent liner*.
- 13. Exterior Deck 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. *Repair deck boards where loose and decayed*.
- 14. Exterior 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. *Repair or remove the damaged and leaning sections of wood fence*.
- 15. Exterior Near Garage and Deck MSFC 604.1 Remove unapproved exposed wiring and install in accordance with the electrical code. This work may require a permit(s).

- Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. Repair or remove improperly run exposed nonmetallic electrical wiring along the outside edge of deck and to the light near garage entry.
- 16. Exterior SPLC 34.09 (1)(2)(a), 34.33 (1)(b) 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.
- 17. Garage SPLC 34.19 Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building. *Provide access to garage for inspection.*
- 18. Lower Unit CO Alarm MN Stat. 299F.51 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.
- 19. Lower Unit Kitchen MSFC 604.6 Provide electrical cover plates to all outlets, switches and junction boxes where missing.
- 20. Lower Unit Kitchen Rear Door MSFC 1010.1.9 Remove unapproved locks from the unit doors. The door must be openable from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort. Remove security chain lock from top of door, locks must be installed between 34 and 48 inches maximum height.
- 21. Lower Unit Living Room SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. *Repair damaged and peeling area of ceiling near front of living room.*
- 22. Lower Unit Smoke Alarm MN Stat. 299F.362, MSFC 1103.8 Immediately provide and maintain a smoke alarm located outside each sleeping area. Smoke alarm was missing at time of inspection and was re-installed at fire inspector request during inspection. Replace missing smoke alarm in bedroom, bracket present where previously installed.
- 23. Smoke Alarm Affidavit SPLC 39.02(c) Complete and sign the smoke detector affidavit and return it to this office.
- 24. Upper Unit Bathroom MSFC 604.1 Repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. Replace damaged outlet in bathroom. Plug connection is very loose and arcing when plugged in to.
- 25. Upper Unit Bathroom MSFC 604.5 Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring. Extension cord was being used to run through door into bathroom due to damaged bathroom outlet.
- 26. Upper Unit 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 DSI at (651) 266-8989. Bathroom sink is damaged and not securely mounted, was being propped in place by stool at time of inspection.
- 27. Upper Unit CO Alarm MN Stat. 299F.51 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.
- 28. Upper Unit Ceiling SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. *Repair where damaged and peeling*.
- 29. Upper Unit Electrical MSFC 604.4 Discontinue use of all multi-plug adapters. *Provide approved power strips or plug directly into outlets. Remove 3-prong to 2-prong adapters.*
- 30. Upper Unit Entry Stairway MSFC 604.1- All light fixtures shall be maintained with protective globes if originally equipped.
- 31. Upper Unit Living Room MSFC 604.1- All light fixtures shall be maintained with protective globes if originally equipped.
- 32. Upper Unit Rear Entry Door SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) Repair and maintain the door in good condition. *Window in door has been improperly repaired and is not secure in door.*
- 33. Upper Unit Smoke Alarm MN Stat. 299F.362, MSFC 1103.8 Immediately provide and maintain a smoke alarm located outside each sleeping area. Smoke alarm was missing at time of inspection and was re-installed at fire inspector request during inspection. Alarm needs to be properly mounted to a correctly installed bracket.
- 34. Upper Unit Wall SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner. Wall is damaged around wall outlet in living room and outlet is taped in place to secure to wall. Repair cracks and bowing in wall plaster.
- 35. Upper Unit SPLC 34.19 Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building. *Provide access to upper unit for re-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 the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at mitchell.imbertson@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8986 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,

Mitchell Imbertson Fire Safety Inspector Ref. # 125846