

Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

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To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul); Martin, Lisa (CI-StPaul)
Subject: 1124 Matilda St.

Marcia,

I took about 95 photos at this property before the hearing yesterday morning.

1. Garage is packed with scrap metal, wood, equipment and other material from the floor up to the ceiling. It is a two-car garage.
2. Shed in the back yard was found unsecured, appears a bed has been setup in the back of this shed and is being used as an illegal sleeping unit. Also, a permit or variance was never filed to add an additional accessory structure to the property since it already has an existing two-car garage. Shed doesn't meet the side yard setback requirements for his zoning district.
3. Garage – found siding missing or damaged around the garage to include the eaves & fascia, also the garage has chipping paint around the structure. Found right side overhead door unsecured.
4. Vehicles parked on the side of the garage, Truck has a front license plate that has been painted over. Car next to the truck has front end damaged and is hung together by a cord. Vehicles on the street are being used for storage, unsure if any of these vehicles are operable. They haven't moved from the last time I was at the property in October.
5. Torn or frayed screens around the house
6. Front porch full of storage
7. Front porch interior ceiling has a screw holding up a section or panel.
8. North side steps were constructed by the owner or current occupant. Steps & staircase do not meet building code requirements or standard.
9. Basement – Full of storage to include hanging items from the ceiling and on pipes such as water pipes and electrical wiring.
10. Basement Bathroom - piping was leaking during our inspection. Owner appeared to either slow the leak or stop it for the moment.
11. Paint cans and other containers stored close to the furnace.
12. Basement Water Heaters – appears he has an additional one or is replacing the existing water heater.
13. Basement Ceiling – Combo detector – found inoperable and missing backup battery.
14. Basement Landing – storage on the landing cause an obstruction.
15. Basement – Electrical Panel – Open breaker slot in breaker box. Owner either was unaware or doesn't understand electrical code.
16. Washers & Dryers found inoperable. Apparently the owner hasn't replace the dryer vent under permit and decided to unplug the appliances.
17. Kitchen – sanitation concerns, stove with dried food around the stove elements and just dirty, sink full of dirty dishes. Owner hasn't tried to clean up the kitchen.
18. 2nd Floor West Room – Chimney covered with sheetrock, done unprofessionally, walls & ceilings with newer sheetrock, mud & tape, but left unfinished. Closet missing door framing, south wall of bedroom used as storage, flooring not completed around the room.
19. 2nd Floor East Bedroom – missing flooring in front of the door.
20. 2nd Floor Bathroom – Sanitation, found not cleaned.
21. 2nd Floor Hallway – Missing CO detector. 2nd Floor West bedroom has the only functioning smoke detector on the 2nd floor.
22. Basement Hardwired Smoke Detector – Is operable and working.

23. Basement Ceiling Throughout – Found open junction boxes, exposed wiring in multiple areas, found capped wiring just sitting outside of junction boxes.
24. Basement Wash Sink – not operable, owner is using it for storage.
25. Basement Staircase – Storage underneath the staircase.
26. Kitchen to Basement – Missing section of flooring in front of the basement door.
27. Staircase from Main Floor to Second Floor – Handrail doesn't go from top of 2nd floor down to Main Floor. The handrail stops about 2/3's of the way down towards the main floor. Handrail needs to run the entire length of the staircase.

In my opinion, I'm not sure if they can meet the timelines for this property. I think this is going to take them longer than a week to resolve. From speaking with both of them I don't feel the confidence from either of them other than they just don't want to be homeless.

Sean