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**NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION
UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION
ORDER TO VACATE**

RE: 1672 TAYLOR AVE
Ref. # 106607

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on August 15, 2022.

The building was found to be unsafe, unfit for human habitation, a public nuisance, a hazard to the public welfare or otherwise dangerous to human life. A Condemnation Placard has been posted on the building.

The following deficiency list must be completed, or the building vacated by the re-inspection date.

A reinspection will be made on August 19, 2022, at 11:30 am.

CONDEMNATION OF THE BUILDING REVOKES THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.

Failure to complete the corrections may result in a criminal citation. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. - SPLC 34.23, MSFC 111.1 - This occupancy is condemned as unfit for human habitation. This occupancy must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office. -Condemnation is due to but not limited to; Gas shut off, water shut off, unsanitary and compromised occupancy separation.

2. Exterior - Back and Front yards - SPLC 34.08.(3) Ground cover. Every residential premises shall be maintained in a condition to control erosion, dust and mud by suitable landscaping with grass, trees, shrubs or other planted ground cover, or by suitable paving or by other means as shall be approved by the enforcement officer. -Back yard is mostly dirt, some tire tracks deep in the front yard. Lots of pieces of glass, nails, small pieces of metal in the back yard.
3. Exterior - Foundation - SPLC 34.09 (2)(a), 34.33 (1)(a) - Provide and maintain foundation elements to adequately support this building at all points. -Several areas of the foundation are in need of tuck pointing
4. Exterior - Garage - 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. -Garage roof is sagging inwards in several areas; Car doors won't open due to a shift in the structure from heavy objects leaning of wall. A structural analysis needs to be completed and a plan submitted to the city. Permits will need to be pulled and closed.
5. Exterior - Siding - 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. -Asbestos siding is damaged in various areas of the around the house. An asbestos mitigation will need to be done under permit.
6. Interior - Upper Unit - MSFC 703.1, 704.1 - Repair and maintain the required fire resistive construction with approved materials and methods. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. -Floor in upper unit has places where you can see through to the ceiling of the lower unit. Walls have holes.
7. Interior - Upper Unit - SPLC 34.10 (1), 34.34 (4), 34.16 - Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition. -Grease, dirt, mold like substance throughout the upper unit.
8. Interior/Exterior - Front/Back - SPLC 34.09 (4)(i), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door frame. -Door frame and door have been ripped off the rear of the house. Front door frame damaged in a few areas.
9. Interior/Exterior - Throughout - SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the window frame. -Several window frames are rotted or damaged.
10. Lower Unit - Bathroom - SPLC 34.10 (4), 34.34 (3) - Provide a bathroom floor impervious to water to permit such floor to be easily kept in a clean and sanitary condition- Several areas of the bathroom floor have missing tiles or pulling away from the wall.
11. Lower unit - Bathroom - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17(5) - Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner. -Bathroom floor is "spongy" when stepped on near the tub.
12. Lower Unit - Bathroom - MSFC 604.4 - Discontinue use of all multi-plug adapters. - Multi-plug adaptor found in bathroom

13. Lower Unit - Bathroom - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) - Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner. -Wall in the bathroom around the tub was "bubbled" out and weak to the touch.
14. Lower Unit - Dining Room - MN Stat. 299F.362, MSFC 1103.8 - Immediately provide and maintain a smoke alarm located outside each sleeping area. -No smoke alarm for 2nd bedroom area in the dining room.
15. Lower Unit - Dining room - MSFC 703.1, 704.1 - Repair and maintain the required fire resistive construction with approved materials and methods. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989. -Ceiling in lower unit has become wet and no longer provides adequate fire separation.
16. Lower Unit - MSFC 315.3 - Provide and maintain orderly storage of materials. -Several various items stored in the living room.
17. Lower unit - Basement - SPLC 34.10 (1) - Abate and maintain the basement reasonably free from dampness and free of mold and mildew. -Basement is full of water-soaked clothes on the floor, standing water in other areas.
18. Lower unit - Living room - MN Stat 299F.18 - Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials. -Reduce living room storage by 50%
19. Lower unit - Living room - MSFC 1031.2, 1031.3 - Remove the materials that cause an exit obstruction. Maintain a clear and unobstructed exit path. -Remove the storage items away from the window that cause an exit obstruction.
20. Lower unit - Mechanical closet - MSFC 315.3.3 - Remove combustible storage within 36 inches of fuel burning equipment. -Several storage item in the mechanical closet around the furnace.
21. Lower unit - Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (1), 34.34 (4), 34.16 - Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition. -Flies, mold like substances and dirt throughout the unit.
22. Roof - 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. -Chimney vent liner could not be seen from the ground when viewing the chimney. Permits will need to be pulled to repair or replace the chimney liner.
23. Roof - Throughout. - SPLC 34.09 (2)(b), 34.33 (1)(d) - Provide and maintained the roof weather tight and free from defects. -SW side of the roof seems to be bowing inward, several shingles are missing or damaged.

24. Unit 2 - Rear hallway - MN Stat. 299F.362, MSFC 1103.8 - Immediately provide and maintain a smoke alarm located outside each sleeping area. -Hard wired alarm missing in rear entry hallway.
25. Unit 2 - Throughout - SPLC 34.09 (4) a, 34.33 (3) a - Repair and maintain the window glass. Windows shall be fully supplied with windowpanes which are without open cracks or holes. -Several windows in the unit have broken glass.
26. Upper Unit - Bathroom - SPLC 34.14 (3) - Provide and maintain a window or approved ventilation system in all bathrooms in accordance with building code requirements in effect at time of construction. -Fan in the upper bathroom is not working.
27. SPLC 39.02(c) - Complete and sign the smoke alarm affidavit and return it to 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 the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at: Jack.Toeller@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8950 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Jack Toeller
Fire Inspector
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