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Review of 1644 Bush Ave  
Code Compliance Report &  
Summary of Property

Ms. Lantry,

The property shows many issues that require attention. There is a broad range of deficiencies from very minor repair to distinct hazards. Most of the deficiencies are minor and require minimal repair and can certainly be resolved with very little cost. Even some of the significant issues can be repaired with little financial outlay but still requires correction. There are distinct hazards in the home that require attention and need repair or replacement immediately. There are several electrical and mechanical issues that were explained to the homeowner and he acknowledged the need to correct the deficiencies.

Many of the issues would need to be corrected in the spring and should not hold up occupancy of the building. The exterior caulking, garage repair, grading etc. could all be completed in the spring. The play shed is close to the property line and is an integral part of the decking in the rear yard. The garage is close to the other side yard property line as well but I think the garage poses a far more risk than the play shed. I think leaving both existing structures in place would be acceptable but a one-hour wall (sheetrock the inside of the garage wall) would be required on the west wall of the garage.

The electrical wiring in the home appears to have NOT been done under permit or even inspected. Several electrical issues must be completed because of their hazard to an occupant. There are added electrical items on the list due in part to what I think were lists placed in different files on the day this home's Code of Compliant List was generated meaning different house files were placed on different addresses. The gas line issues and the venting issues are also very important for life-safety and need to be repaired as well prior to occupancy. Additionally, the roof over the deck on the east side of the home must be removed because of the lack of structural support and the potential snow loads this winter. All of these items are possible of being completed in a short period of time.

In closing, permits obtained for work to be performed would have minor fees for miscellaneous repairs but must be obtained for inspections and compliance. I would be open to take a major role in ensuring this project goes as smoothly as possible. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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