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## Order to Abate Nuisance Building(s)

Dear Sir or Madam:

**The Vacant/Nuisance Buildings Unit, Department of the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, hereby declares the premises located at:**

**1698 LAFOND AVE**

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE

**and legally described as follows, to wit:**

George Bros Addition To the C Lot 6 Blk 3

**to comprise a nuisance condition in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 45.02, and subject to demolition under authority of Chapter 45.11.**

On January 20, 2016 a Building Deficiency Inspection Report was compiled and the following conditions were observed.

**This list of deficiencies is not necessarily all the deficiencies present at this time. This building(s) is subject to the restrictions of Saint Paul Ordinance Chapter 33.03 and shall not again be used for occupancy until such time as a Certificate of Compliance or a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. All repairs must be in accordance with appropriate codes. Changes or additions to the electrical system, mechanical system, or the plumbing system may necessitate updating or upgrading the systems involved.**

This is a one-story, wood frame, single-family dwelling with a detached one-stall garage.

**DEFICIENCIES** observed at time of inspection:

- Severe clutter throughout interior of home (hoarding).
- Gross unsanitary conditions (human and animal feces).
- Evidence of rodent and insect infestation.

The following is excerpted from the December 19, 2011 Code Compliance Inspection report:

**BUILDING**

- Install handrails (34 inches - 38 inches above each nosing) and guardrails (36 inch minimum) at all stairways, and return hand rail ends into a newel post or wall per attachment.
- Provide complete storms and screens, in good repair for all door and window openings.
- Exit doors shall be capable of being opened from the inside, easily and without the use of a key. Remove all surface bolts.
- Weather seal exterior doors, threshold and weather-stripping.
- Repair walls, ceiling and floors throughout, as necessary.
- Prepare and paint interior and exterior as necessary. Observe necessary abatement procedures (EPA, MPCA and St. Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34 for additional information) if lead base paint is present.
- Air-seal and insulate attic/access door.
- Install Smoke Detectors/Carbon Monoxide Detectors per MN Conservation Code and the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry: Install per code where feasible.
- Provide major clean-up of premises.
- Repair siding, soffit, fascia, trim, etc. as necessary.
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of house.
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of garage.
- Install downspouts and a complete gutter system and/or repair system as needed.
- Install rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
- Replace garage roof covering
- Review all applicable codes & policies when replacing windows including egress windows for sleeping rooms.
- Remove trees which are against foundation of home and garage.
- Openings in stair risers must be less than 4 inches.
- Grade must drain away from foundation of dwelling. Maintain 6 inch clearance between wood and soil.
- Install handrail, guardrails and riser boards to code on basement stairs.
- Insure rodents are exterminated.
- Repair front porch foundation and raise up porch to re-level and stabilize.
- Replace garage siding at grade, need to have 6 inch clearance from wood to grade and slope grading away from foundation of garage. Install 1-hour fire rated wall assembly at east wall of garage.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

## **ELECTRICAL**

- Close opening in junction box with knock out seals under basement stairs.
- Ground bathroom light in first floor bathroom
- Remove all cord wiring
- Check all outlets for proper polarity and verify ground on 3-prong outlets. Accessibility difficult at time of inspection.
- Properly wire exterior light at back door up high.
- Circuit 1 and 2 part of multi wire circuit, cannot be on same phase. Rewire to NEC 2011.
- Remove or rewire doorbell transformer by basement stairs, exposed line voltage wiring.
- Insure 3 receptacles in kitchen per SPLC Sec. 34.14 (2) (c)
- All added receptacles must be grounded, tamper-resistant and be on an Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter-protected circuit.
- Any open walls or walls that are opened as part of this project must be wired to the standards of the current NEC.
- All buildings on the property must meet the St. Paul Property Maintenance Code (Bulletin 80-1).
- All electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.

## **PLUMBING**

- Basement - Water Heater - No gas shut off or gas piping incorrect (IFGC 402.1)
- Basement - Water Piping - provide water piping to all fixtures and appliances (MPC 1700)
- Basement - Water Piping - repair or replace all corroded, broken or leaking piping (MPC 4715.1720)
- Basement - Laundry Tub - unvented (MPC 0200 E)
- Basement - Laundry Tub - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - faucet incorrect air gap.
- First Floor - Gas Piping - range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 411 1.3.3)
- First Floor - Lavatory - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor - Toilet Facilities - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200. P.)
- First Floor - Toilet Facilities - fixture is broken or parts missing (MPC 0200 0.)
- First Floor - Toilet Facilities - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - Provide a vacuum breaker for the handheld shower (MPC 2000 B)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200. P.)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - incorrectly vented (MPC 2500)
- Obtain plumbing permits prior to commencement of work.

## **HEATING**

- Clean and Orsat test furnace burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Check furnace heat exchanger for leaks; provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe.
- Vent clothes dryer to code.
- All supply and return ducts for warm air heating system must be clean before final approval for occupancy. Provide access for inspection of inside of ducts or provide documentation from a licensed duct-cleaning contractor that the duct system has been cleaned.

- Repair and/or replace heating registers as necessary.
- A ventilation mechanical permit is required for the above work.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **February 5, 2016** the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, will begin a substantial abatement process to demolish and remove the building(s). The costs of this action, including administrative costs and demolition costs will be assessed against the property taxes as a special assessment in accordance with law.

As first remedial action, a Code Compliance Inspection Report must be obtained from the Building Inspection and Design Section, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, (651) 266-8989. This inspection will identify specific defects, necessary repairs and legal requirements to correct this nuisance condition. You may also be required to post a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) performance bond with the Department of Safety and Inspections before any permits are issued, except for a demolition permit. Call the Department of Safety and Inspections for more information at 651-266-8989.

If this building is located in a historic district or site (noted on page 1, above, just below the property address) then you must contact Heritage Preservation (HPC) staff to discuss your proposal for the repairs required by this order and compliance with preservation guidelines. Copies of the guidelines and design review application and forms are available from the Department of Safety and Inspections web site (see letterhead) and from the HPC staff. No permits will be issued without HPC review and approval. HPC staff also can be reached by calling 651-266-9078.

As an owner or responsible party, you are required by law to provide full and complete disclosure of this "Order to Abate" to all interested parties, all present or subsequent renters and any subsequent owners. The property shall not be sold, transferred or conveyed in any manner until the Nuisance Conditions have been abated and the Certificate of Code Compliance or Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

The Enforcement Officer is required by law to post a placard on this property which declares it to be a "nuisance condition", subject to demolition and removal by the City. This placard shall not be removed without the written authority of the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement. The department is further required to file a copy of this "Order to Abate" with the City Clerk's Office.

If corrective action is not taken within the time specified in this order, the Enforcement Officer will notify the City Council that abatement action is necessary. The City Clerk will then schedule dates for Public Hearings before the City Council at which time testimony will be heard from interested parties. After this hearing the City Council will adopt a resolution stating what action if any, it deems appropriate.

If the resolution calls for abatement action the Council may either order the City to take the abatement action or fix a time within which this nuisance must be abated in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code and provide that if corrective action is not taken within the specified time, the City shall abate this nuisance. The costs of this action, including administrative costs will be assessed against the property as a special assessment in accordance with law.

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If you have any questions or request additional information please contact **Matt Dornfeld** between the hours of 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. at **651-266-1902**, or you may leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

Matt Dornfeld  
Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector

cc: Legistar Approval list and City Council

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