

TWIN CITIES RESTORATION

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Regarding 874 Pascal St N.

Marcia,

Anita has forwarded me the letter you sent her on the 4th of May. I felt I need to write to update you as well and address a few concerns I have from this process.

The home is almost completed on the interior. Final plumbing and electrical inspections are being ordered today. Trim work will be completed on Saturday. AC condenser is being placed by Tuesday next week and HVAC final inspection will be scheduled at that time. Next week the carpet is being installed and I plan to have Jim Seeger return for final inspection and certificate of occupancy. At this point the property should be allowed to be removed from the category 3. Clearly it's not going to be let go after all of this. Can we all be realistic about this?

The exterior was set to be completed this week but we continue to have delays due to the rain. As of right now everything has been pushed into next week and hopefully it stays dry and we can move forward.

I have had issues and concerns with this project from day 1 in regards to the city and how this project has been handled. It's started with a delay in the building permit because your department did not talk to the building dept. I had to literally fax down the approval letter from you to get them to move forward on the permit.

This happened again when either my electrical contractor or HVAC contractor was flat out refused a permit because the home was a category 3. Again I had to set that straight.

Our original timeline was delayed several times due mainly due to weather. November was very wet, the holidays delayed us and again in January with the extreme cold. Now the past 6 weeks more rain has delayed the project. This has been frustrating and is costing me money the longer this goes on, I want to see this completed and sold probably more than anyone.

Jim, Anita and I met at the home in April to make sure we were on the same page with the timeline and the code compliance sheet. Jim and I went through this code compliance and everything but two or three items were left. These items were things that need to be completed at the end of the project and we were not there at the time we met.

I have deep concerns about the number 5 bullet point on the letter sent to Anita. The fact the city intends to forfeit her deposit is absurd. The comment "lack of progress" did not sit well with me. I do not think that you have a firm grasp on the sheer scope of this project. We literally gutted this home to the studs. The only thing left was framing, some of which we had to correct, and the foundation.

To say lack of progress is actually very insulting when we have spent over 100k on this home since November and have been working nonstop as weather and my subcontractors schedule allows. This home is practically brand new and is far above and beyond what the original intent was when the code compliance list was written. New construction takes anywhere from 4-6 months in good warm weather and we are practically in the same. So to hear someone say "lack of progress" is frustrating.

My original goal was first week in April and considering the delays I had to put up with I'd say we are doing great. I understand the intention of the process you use for vacant homes within the city but this process has been very difficult from my point of view and I think the city would have better luck with residents that WANT to repair their home with a change in the process. I capitalize 'want' because I fully understand not everyone wants to do what we have done. But from our point of view this home is in far better condition than the homes on either side of ours but government red tape is making this harder than it needs to be.

Wake Berg

Here are some pictures of the project so you can see for yourself the progress.



















































