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## Code Compliance Report

January 07, 2013

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**\*\* This Report must be Posted  
on the Job Site \*\***

Re: 616 Case Ave  
File#: 12 112001 VB2

Dear Property Owner:

The following is the Code Compliance report you requested on December 07, 2012.

Please be advised that this report is accurate and correct as of the date January 07, 2013. All deficiencies identified by the City after this date must also be corrected and all codes and ordinances must be complied with. This report is valid for 365 days from January 07, 2013. This report may be used in lieu of a Truth in Housing Report required in St Paul Legislative Code 189. This building must be properly secured and the property maintained at all times.

In order to sell or reoccupy this property the following deficiencies must be corrected:

**BUILDING**                      **Inspector: Jim Seeger**                      **Phone: 651-266-9046**

- Remove mold, mildew and moldy or water damaged materials.
- Permanently secure top and bottom of support posts in an approved manner.
- 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.
- Repair or Replace any deteriorated window sash, broken glass, sash holders, re-putty, etc as necessary.
- Provide complete storms and screens, in good repair for all door and window openings.
- Provide functional hardware at all doors and windows
- Exit doors shall be capable of being opened from the inside, easily and without the use of a key. Remove all surface bolts.
- Repair or replace damaged doors and frames as necessary, including storm doors.
- 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.

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- Any framing members that required repair or do not meet code (where wall and ceiling covering is removed, members that are over-spanned, over-spaced, not being carried properly, door and window openings that are not adequately supported, etc.) are to be reconstructed in an approved manner.
- Charred building components shall be scraped or sandblasted completely clean and water-damaged components replaced. A determination of necessary fire damage corrective measures shall be made by this department or by a registered structural engineer as to replacement, repairs, etc. All smoke damaged and charred members shall be cleaned, sealed and deodorized.
- Provide fire block construction as necessary and seal chases in basement ceiling.
- Where wall and ceiling covering is removed install full thickness or code-specified insulation.
- 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.
- Install rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
- Install address numbers visible from street and on the alley side of garage.
- Provide durable, dustless parking surface as specified in the zoning code.
- Remove trees which are against foundation of home and garage.
- Grade must drain away from foundation of dwelling. Maintain 6 inch clearance between wood and soil.
- Replace all fire damaged siding, windows, trim and framing on west side of house.
- Replace or re-level basement stairs.
- Remove ceiling covering from 1st. and 2nd floor.
- Remove all wall covering in 2nd floor west bedroom and hall stair area.
- Replace all fire damaged roof framing, roof boards and shingles.
- Provide major repair of storage shed or remove.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

**ELECTRICAL**                      **Inspector: Randy Klossner**                      **Phone: 651-266-8989**

- Close openings in junction boxes with knockout seals and/or junction box covers in basement and attic.
- Repair or Replace all broken, missing or loose light fixtures, switches and outlets, covers and plates
- Check all outlets for proper polarity and verify ground on 3-prong outlets
- Install hard-wired, battery backup smoke detector and other smoke detectors as required by the IRC. Also, Install carbon monoxide detector(s) within 10 feet of all bedrooms

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- Remove and or/ re-wire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring in basement, garage and attic.
- Replace all painted-over receptacles.
- Add receptacle in first floor bedroom per SPLC 34.14(2)b.
- Repair/rewire all fire damaged areas to 2011 NEC.
- Based on repair list purchase permit for 15 circuits.
- 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 electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.

**PLUMBING**      **Inspector: Rick Jacobs**      **Phone: 651-266-9054**

- Basement - Water Heater - not fired or in service (MPC 2180)
- Basement - Water Meter - support meter properly (MPC 2280)
- Basement - Water Piping - add appropriate hangers (MPC 1430 Subp. 4)
- 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 - Gas Piping - dryer gas shutoff; connector or piping incorrect (MFGC 411)
- Basement - Gas Piping - retest all gas piping for Xcel meter unlock (MFGC 406.1)
- Basement - Gas Piping - run dryer vent to code (MFGC 614.1 - 614.7)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - unplugged or open piping; back pitched piping (MPC 1000)
- First Floor - Toilet Facilities - reset the toilet on a firm base (MPC 0870)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Toilet Facilities - reset the toilet on a firm base (MPC 0870)
- Exterior - Verify main plumbing stack is installed to code; with the proper vent through the roof.
- All the above corrections to waste, vent, water, and gas piping shall be per the Minnesota Plumbing Code Chapter 4715 & Chapter 326, the Minnesota Mechanical Code, the Minnesota Fuel Gas Code, and the Saint Paul Regional Water Code. All plumbing must be done by a plumbing contractor licensed in the State of Minnesota and the City of St. Paul under an approved permit.

**HEATING**      **Inspector: Maureen Hanson**      **Phone: 651-266-9043**

- Clean and Orsat test furnace burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Check furnace heat exchanger for leak; provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe
- Vent clothes dryer to code
- Provide adequate combustion air and support duct to code

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- Provide support for gas lines to code
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines
- 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
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms
- Conduct witnessed pressure test on gas piping to attic.
- Secure condensate drain line from A/C evaporator in basement.
- Unable to gain entry to attic during inspection. If there is any nonconforming heating equipment in there, remove it and all connecting piping, venting, ductwork and permanently seal and plug all openings or install equipment to code. All ducts in unconditioned spaces must be sealed and insulated to an R-8 rating.
- Mechanical gas permit is required for the above work.

**ZONING**

1. This property is in a(n) RT2 zoning district.
2. This property was inspected as a Single Family Dwelling.

**Notes:**

- See attachment for permit requirements and appeals procedure.
- Most of the roof covering could not be inspected from grade. Recommend this be done before rehabilitation is attempted.
- Roof, sidewalks, etc. snow covered and could not be inspected. All must meet appropriate codes when completed.
- Interior of garage not available for inspection. Repair per applicable codes.

**This is a registered vacant building. In order to sell or reoccupy this building, all deficiencies listed on this code compliance report must be corrected in accordance with the Minimum Housing Standards of the St. Paul Legislative Code (Chapter 34) and all required permits must receive final approval within six (6) months of the date of this report. One (1) six-month time extension may be requested by the owner and will be considered if it can be shown that the code compliance work is proceeding and is more than fifty (50) percent complete in accordance with Legislative Code Section 33.03(f).**

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at 651-266-8688. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of this notice. (You must submit a copy of this notice when you appeal, and pay a filing fee.) If you have any questions regarding this inspection report, please contact Jim Seeger between 7:30 - 9:00 AM at 651-266-9046 or leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

James L. Seeger, Code Compliance Officer

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Attachments