



CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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September 14, 2020
AMENDED CONDEMNATION

NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION & ORDER TO VACATE

Nathanael Jenkins
876 Lawson Ave E
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, has determined that the dwelling and premises at **876 LAWSON AVE E** is "Unfit for Human Habitation". In accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34, Section 23, the premises will be placarded on **9-3-20** and ordered vacated no later than **9-8-20**.

Your attention is called to the following provisions of Section 34.23, Subsection 6 entitled, *Vacation of Structure or Unit*:

“Any dwelling unit, structure or portion thereof which has been condemned or placarded as unfit for occupancy shall be vacated within the time set forth in the placard and/or order. No person shall occupy or let for occupancy any structure which is condemned.”

THIS DWELLING SHALL NOT AGAIN BE USED FOR HUMAN HABITATION UNTIL WRITTEN APPROVAL IS SECURED FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL; DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS, DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT.

Principle Violations: These deficiencies must be corrected before this condemnation and vacate order will be removed.

1.SPLC 34.23 **CONDEMNATION:** This occupancy is condemned as unsafe or dangerous it sustained severe fire damage and constitutes a condition of material endangerment to occupants and emergency personnel. The interior of home has gross unsanitary conditions. Inspector found the home unsanitary, overcrowded, and several electrical violations. The counters cluttered, soiled food and clothing, egress windows blocked, small walking paths in several rooms throughout the house. This is also fire hazard due to the excessive combustibles.

2.SPLC 34.13 **MORE THAN FOUR UNRELATED OCCUPANTS:** The use of this building for more than four unrelated adults would require approval and a Certificate of Occupancy. Use of this property does not conform to zoning ordinance. Immediately discontinue unapproved use and convert to legal use. Discontinue use as a rooming and boarding occupancy without approval and the required Certificate of Occupancy.

3.SPLC 34.15 **CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM:** Immediately provide and maintain an approved Carbon Monoxide Alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

4.SPLC 34.15 **SMOKE DETECTOR:** The occupant of a dwelling unit must inform the owner of the dwelling unit of a nonfunctioning smoke detector within 24 hours of discovering that the smoke detector in the dwelling unit is not functioning. Smoke detector may not be tampered with or disabled at any time.

5.SPLC 45.03 **EXPOSED WIRES:** Remove unapproved exposed wiring and repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. Install in accordance with the electrical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-9090.

6.SPLC 45.03 **EXTENSION CORDS:** Immediately, discontinue use of frayed, deteriorated, damaged or spliced electrical cords adequate to meet the building's needs. This work may require a permit(s), call DSI at (651) 266-9090.

7.SPLC 34.14 (2) **ELECTRICAL PANEL CLEARANCE:** Provide and maintain a minimum of 36 inches clearance in front of all electrical panels.

8.SPLC 34.11 **HEATING FACILITIES:** Every residential building or residential portion of a building shall have heating facilities that are properly installed, safely maintained and in good working condition, and capable of safely and adequately heating all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms located therein to a temperature of at least sixty-eight (68) degrees Fahrenheit. Installation, repair or alteration of heating facilities, space heaters and water heating facilities shall be in accordance with the Legislative Code, Chapter 33, and the state mechanical code. The enforcement officer may require the owner of residential property to provide current proof of service of any heating or space heating facility by a licensed contractor, which must include a carbon monoxide reading. Every space heating, cooking and water heating device located in a structure shall be properly installed, connected, maintained and capable of performing the function for which it was designed in accordance with the provisions of the plumbing and mechanical codes.

9.SPLC 45.03 **INTERIOR SANITATION:** The interior shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of refuse or garbage.

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12.SPLC 34.09 **WINDOWS:** Repair and maintain the window in good condition including the glass, sash, frame and screens. Windows shall be without cracks or holes, sashes shall be in sound conditions, the window shall be easily opened and maintain the open position. All screens shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair.

Other Violations: These deficiencies must be corrected in order to bring this property into compliance with the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Authorization to reoccupy this/these dwelling unit(s) will not be given until it is demonstrated that all principal violations have been corrected and that no new conditions exist which could constitute material endangerment or which threaten the peace, health, safety or welfare of the occupants of this building.

All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permit information may be obtained from the Building Inspection and Design Section, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, (651) 266-8989.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8585. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of the date of this notice.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep all buildings secured and to properly maintain the premises at all times.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Inspector, Paula Seeley, at 651-266-1916. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.

Sincerely,

Paula Seeley
Enforcement Officer

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