

## Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)

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**From:** Henry Zhou <hjdrrzhou1@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 3:16 PM  
**To:** Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Re: 877 Woodbridge

Mrs. Moermond,  
Thanks for getting back to me. I am going to have someone start cleaning up the property tomorrow.

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> On Aug 21, 2018, at 2:36 PM, Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul) <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us> wrote:

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> Mr. Zhou,

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> I have heard from Mr. Seeger that the plumbing inspector was at the property yesterday morning. He reported that the property was filthy, full of trash, old food and personal belongings, had dead rodents and smelled strongly of urine, mold and mildew. Thus the problems were 2-fold: the inspector did not have clear views of all parts of the property because of the belongings and trash and the poor air quality. The plumbing inspector recommended to Mr. Seeger that it was not safe for other inspectors to enter until and unless these conditions are corrected.

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> I asked Mr. Magner, the Code Enforcement Division Manager to review the conditions and provide documentation. He and one of his supervisors, Joe Yannarely, went to the property yesterday afternoon. They concurred with the plumbing inspector's assessment, noting they needed to open the doors to ventilate for acceptable air conditions and moved very quickly through documenting the conditions with photos because of the poor air quality. It is not clear to me if the work you did in 2012 has been damaged by the gross unsanitary conditions, although it seems likely the mold, mildew and urine would have penetrated or covered walls and floors. Mr. Magner and Mr. Yannarely also noted it is apparent someone has been living/squatting in both the first and second floor units, but it seems they have vacated the premise.

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> If the Council continues your case, any workplan you present for Council consideration must be based on a new code compliance inspection report and include provide specific contractor and subcontractor bids. You must then demonstrate you have adequate funds to complete the work. Other conditions may apply as your case is further evaluated. As indicated, all of this is premised on a current code compliance inspection report, which inspectors are unable to complete because of building conditions. A continuation of your case would mean a referral to Legislative Hearings where all of this would be reviewed in greater detail.

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> I will present the information provided to me from inspection staff tomorrow for the Council's consideration. I have not yet arrived at a recommendation for the Council in your case, should they ask.

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> Sincerely, Marcia Moermond

> Legislative Hearing Officer

> Saint Paul City Council

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Henry Zhou [mailto:hjdrzhou1@icloud.com]  
> Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 10:59 AM  
> To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul) <marcia.moermond@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
> Subject: 877 Woodbridge  
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> Mrs. Moermond,  
> First of all I just want you to know I contacted Jim Seeger yesterday for the lock box location, so he can make arrangements for all the inspection.  
> I really need your help to give me a few extra days to pull the performance bond. I gave a short term loan to my friend last week and he just mailed the check back to me last Saturday and I expect to receive it anytime. I estimate about \$10,000 to complete the repair for the house and I do have enough fund to cover the cost. Please work with me to fix the house. I promise you the bond will be posted in the next few days.  
> Thanks  
> Sincerely  
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