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## **CORRECTION NOTICE - RE-INSPECTION COMPLAINT**

RE: 666 ARLINGTON AVE E

Dear Property Representative:

A re-inspection was made on your building on August 11, 2021, in response to a complaint. You are hereby notified that the following deficiencies must be corrected prior to re-inspection date per the Legislative Hearing Officer. Compliance is due by September 17, 2021 and the reinspection will be made on September 20, 2021.

**A reinspection will be made on September 20, 2021 at 2:30 pm.**

Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation or the revocation of the Certificate of Occupancy. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional reinspection fees.

### DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Basement - MN Stat 299F.18 - Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials. Reduce items stored in basement by 75%. Reduce items by 50% throughout the rest of the property.
2. Basement - MMC 504.6 - **\*\*NEW ITEM\*\***Provide, repair or replace the dryer exhaust duct. Exhaust ducts for domestic clothes dryers shall be constructed of metal and shall have a smooth interior finish. The exhaust duct shall be a minimum nominal size of four inches (102 mm) in diameter and installed in accordance with the mechanical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-Flex exhaust ducts is used. **\*\*Note - new item added. Due to the heavy content in the basement during the initial inspection, this deficiency was not visible.**

3. Bathroom - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) - Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner. -Open walls in bathroom; plumbing exposed and tiles missing in tub around faucet and knobs.
4. Exterior - Side Yard and Rear of Property - SPLC 34.08 (1), 34.32 (1) - All exterior property areas shall be maintained free from any accumulation of refuse, garbage or feces. -Refuse, debris and other stored items throughout exterior of property. ***\*\*Note - this deficiency has been referred to our Code Enforcement Division.***
5. Exterior of Property - SPLC 34.09 (1)(2), 34.33 (1) - Provide and maintain all exterior walls free from holes and deterioration. All wood exterior unprotected surfaces must be painted or protected from the elements and maintained in a professional manner free from chipped or peeling paint. -Peeling paint throughout property.
6. Garage - SPLC 34.08(5), 34.32(3) - All accessory structures including, but not limited to, detached garages, sheds and fences shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair. Provide and maintain exterior unprotected surfaces painted or protected from the elements. -Garage is peeling paint throughout and soffit on garage has deteriorated.
7. Kitchen and Bathroom - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) - Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. -Damaged ceilings and peeling paint.
8. Roof - SPLC 34.09 (2), 34.33 (1) - Provide and maintained the roof weather tight and free from defects. Soffit is deteriorated.
9. Throughout - MSFC 315.3 - Provide and maintain orderly storage of materials.
10. SPLC Sec. 40.01. - Fire certificate of occupancy requirement

(a) All existing buildings in the city are required to have and maintain a fire certificate of occupancy, issued by the department of safety and inspections. The fire certificate of occupancy shall be an indication that the building meets, at the time of inspection, all relevant codes to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the building's occupants and the general public.

(b) Provisional fire certificate of occupancy. When an owner-occupied dwelling changes to a rental dwelling unit, the owner of the dwelling must submit a completed application for a provisional certificate of occupancy, a completed owner's self-evaluation affidavit and pay the fee for a provisional certificate of occupancy within thirty (30) days of the change in use.

Under SPLC 40.03, owner and owner-occupied is defined as:

Owner. The person, firm, corporation or other entity listed in the records on file in the recorder's office as holding fee title to the building. For purposes of notice only, "owner" includes the owner's authorized agent or other person in control of the premises.

Owner-occupied. Dwellings which are the principal residence of the owner of record of the building and in which the owner resides. "Owner," for the purposes of this definition, means a natural person and does not include a corporation, partnership, or other entity.

Per these definitions, a Fire Certificate of Occupancy is required for the property.

Apply for a Fire Certificate of Occupancy, have the property vacated, or convert the property to an owner-occupied status by September 17, 2021.

11. SPLC 34.23, MSFC 110.1 - This occupancy is condemned as unfit for human habitation. This occupancy must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office. Condemnation is due to but not limited to gross & unsanitary conditions, rats, heavy content and no Fire Certificate of Occupancy.
12. SPLC 200.02 (a) - No person shall own, harbor, keep or maintain in the City and dog over three months of age without a license. Provide written documentation of current license to the Fire Inspector. To obtain a dog license, contact DSI at 651-266-8989-Three dogs on premises with no dog license on record.
13. SPLC 34.08 (1), 34.34 (4), 34.16 - Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition. Flies everywhere, excessive smells of rot & decay, refuse and debris throughout property.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>

You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: 651-266-8585 and must be filed within 10 days of the date of the original orders.

If you have any questions, email me at [der.vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:der.vue@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8988 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Please help to make Saint Paul a safer city in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

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Fire Safety Inspector