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## Code Compliance Report

October 11, 2011

MN REO PROPERTIES  
8937 AZTEC DRIVE  
EDEN PRAIRE MN 55347

Re: 904 Case Ave  
File#: 09 324471 VB3

Dear Property Owner:

The following is the Code Compliance report you requested on September 08, 2011.

Please be advised that this report is accurate and correct as of the date October 11, 2011. 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 October 11, 2011. 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**

- Insure basement cellar floor is even, is cleanable, and all holes are filled.
- Tuck Point interior/exterior of foundation as necessary.
- Dry out basement and eliminate source of moisture.
- Remove mold, mildew and moldy or water damaged materials.
- 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.
- Strap or support top of stair stringers for structural stability.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Air-seal and insulate attic/access door.
- Install Smoke Detectors/Carbon Monoxide Detectors per MN Co Conservation Code and the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry.
- 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.
- Install downspouts and a complete gutter system.
- Install rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
- Review all applicable codes & policies when replacing windows including egress windows for sleeping rooms.
- Openings in stair risers must be less than 4 inches.
- Remove post from old fence or replace.
- Provide plans and engineering for repair of basement west wall, about 20 feet of foundation wall has caved into basement.
- Replace steps into house from rear room.
- Provide basement access to code.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

**ELECTRICAL**                      **Inspector: Dan Moynihan**                      **Phone: 651-266-9036**

- Ground the electrical service to the water service with a copper conductor within 5 feet of the entrance point of the water service
- Bond around water meter with a copper wire sized for the electrical service per Article 250 of the NEC
- Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits
- Close openings in junction box with knock out seals and/or junction boxes
- Properly strap cables and conduits in basement/ service conduit on the exterior of the house.
- Provide one (1) light for each 200 square feet in unfinished basement. One light must be switched on from the top of the stairs
- 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 per bulletin 80-1 and other smoke detectors as required by the IRC. Also, Install carbon monoxide detector(s) within 10 feet of all bedrooms
- Install exterior lights at front entry door
- Remove and or/ re-wire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring in basement - no access, safety.

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- Remove or rewire track lighting in second floor bedroom.
- Based on repair list purchase a permit for 12 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 buildings on the property must meet the St. Paul Property Maintenance Code (Bulletin 80-1).
- All electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.

**PLUMBING**      **Inspector: Steve Fernlund**      **Phone: 651-266-9052**

- First Floor - Gas Piping - dryer gas shutoff; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 402.1)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 411 1.3.3)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - run dryer vent to code (IFGC 613.1 - IMC 604.1)
- First Floor - Sink - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200.P.)
- Second Floor - Toilet - reset to code.
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - replace waste and overflow (MPC 1240)
- Exterior - Lawn Hydrants - Requires backflow assembly or device (MPC 2000)
- Comments - Unable to gain access to basement. All plumbing must meet Minnesota State Plumbing Code 4715.
- Obtain plumbing permits prior to commencement of work.

**HEATING**      **Inspector: Jerry Hanson**      **Phone: 651-266-9044**

- Clean and Orsat test furnace/boiler burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Check furnace heat exchanger for leaks; provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe.
- Vent clothes dryer to code.
- Provide support for gas lines to code.
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines.
- Provide a window in the bathrooms with an aggregate glazing area of not less than 3 square feet, one-half of which must be openable or provide exhaust system vented to outside. A mechanical ventilation permit is required if an exhaust system is installed.
- 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.
- Undercut doors one inch above finished floors to rooms without ducted return air.

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- It was unsafe to enter the basement at time of inspection. All the systems and equipment must be brought up to code.
- Mechanical permits are required for the above work.

**ZONING**

1. This property is in a(n) RT1 zoning district.
2. This property was inspected as a Single Family Dwelling.

**Notes:**

- See attachment for permit requirements and appeals procedure.
- This property is designed by the Vacant Buildings Department as a Category #3 which requires a \$5000.00 Performance Bond or Deposit at the time the permit is issued.
- Most of the roof covering could not be inspected from grade. Recommend this be done before rehabilitation is attempted.

**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,

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