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## Code Compliance Report

July 10, 2012

US Bank Nat Association  
800 Moreland St  
Owensboro KY 42301-2046

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

Re: 777 Lawson Ave E  
File#: 10 309441 VB3

Dear Property Owner:

The following is the Code Compliance report you requested on June 15, 2012.

Please be advised that this report is accurate and correct as of the date July 10, 2012. 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 July 10, 2012. 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**

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. Hardwired on second floor.
- 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.
- Provide general rehabilitation of garage.
- Review all applicable codes & policies when replacing windows including egress windows for sleeping rooms.
- Grade must drain away from foundation of dwelling. Maintain 6 inch clearance between wood and soil.
- Replace all siding on garage and repair framing on northeast corner where hit by vehicle. Call for framing inspection.
- Re level rear entry stairs.
- Remove all wall, ceiling and floor covering from basement.
- Remove illegal kitchen in basement.
- Replace front steps at street sidewalk.
- Install tempered glass in window on stair landing to second floor.
- Repair fence and retaining wall.
- Insure west side of house has proper drainage to remove run-off.
- Install safety cables on garage door springs and replace damaged garage.
- 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
- Verify/install a separate 20 ampere kitchen appliance circuit.

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- Verify that fuse amperage matches wire size
- Close openings in junction boxes with knockout seals and/or junction box covers
- Properly strap cables and conduits in basement/ service conduit on the exterior of the house.
- Install/replace GFCI receptacle in second bathroom adjacent to the sink
- Remove all cord wiring in 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
- Throughout building, install outlets and light fixtures per bulletin 80-1
- 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/side/back entry doors
- Remove and or/ re-wire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring in basement/garage. No access
- Replace all painted-over receptacles.
- Properly wire gas range receptacle.
- Add a receptacle in first floor dining room, the finished rooms in the basement and all second floor bedrooms ARC Fault.
- Based on repair list purchase permit for 10 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: Rick Jacobs      Phone: 651-266-9054**

- Basement - Water Heater - No gas shut off or gas piping incorrect (IFGC 402.1)
- Basement - Water Heater - Vent must be in chimney liner (IFGC 501.12)
- Basement - Water Heater - gas venting incorrect (IFGC 503)
- Basement - Water Heater - not fired or in service (MPC 2180)
- Basement - Water Meter - raise meter to a minimum 12 inches above floor (MPC 2280)
- Basement - Water Meter - remove meter from pit (MPC 88.08)
- Basement - Water Meter - service valves not functional or correct (MPC 1800 Subp 3,4)
- Basement - Water Piping - improper fittings or usage (MPC 0420)
- 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)

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- Basement - Water Piping - run 1 inch water line from meter to first major take off (SPRWS Water Code)
- Basement - Gas Piping - dryer gas shutoff; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 402.1)
- Basement - Gas Piping - run dryer vent to code (IFGC 613.1 - IMC 604.1)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - improper connections, transitions, fittings or pipe usage (MPC 2420)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - no front sewer clean out (MPC 1000)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - no soil stack base clean out
- Basement - Laundry Tub - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200. P.)
- Basement - Laundry Tub - unvented (MPC 0200 E)
- Basement - Laundry Tub - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Basement - Laundry Tub - water piping incorrect (MPC 0200 P.)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 411 1.3.3)
- First Floor - Sink - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Toilet Facilities - waste incorrect (MPC 2300) also reset the toilet on a firm base.
- 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: - No permits or inspections for basement fixtures. Need access to plumbing of basement fixtures after proper permits are obtained.
- Obtain plumbing permits prior to commencement of work.

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

- Clean and Orsat test boiler burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe
- Install approved metal chimney liner
- Connect boiler and water heater venting into chimney liner
- Provide adequate clearance from flue vent pipe on boiler to combustible materials or provide approved shielding according to code
- Vent clothes dryer to code
- Provide adequate combustion air and support duct to code
- Provide support for gas lines to code
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines and unapproved valves.
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms
- Attach metal tag to expansion tank valve stating that this valve must be open at all times except when draining the expansion tank
- Support supply and return piping from heating system according to code
- Pipe vent on back flow preventer on city water fill line according to manufacturer's installation instructions.
- Repair or replace radiator valves as needed.

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- Remove heating equipment in the garage and all connecting piping and venting and permanently seal and plug all openings.
- Mechanical gas and hydronic 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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Attachments