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From: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Friday, January 06, 2017 5:05 PM
To: 'ted.casper@aol.com'
Cc: Vang, Mai (CI-StPaul)
Subject: FW: Shamrock - 995 W. 7th St.

Dear Mr. Casper,

I had a chance to follow-up with the building official, Steve Ubl, on your case and get some comments. Please see below. We can discuss these at the hearing we have scheduled on 1/24/17. Thanks and have a good weekend.

Best, Marcia Moermond

From: Ubl, Stephen (CI-StPaul)
Sent: Wednesday, December 21, 2016 3:49 PM
To: Moermond, Marcia (CI-StPaul)
Cc: Wiese, Angie (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Shamrock - 995 W. 7th St.

Hi Marcia,

Thanks for talking with me today about the basement of the shamrock. There was an expansion of the restaurant in 2010 that basically expanded the restaurant into the building to the east. The basement area below the newly expanded first floor area has multiple basement areas. A hole was created in the limestone wall for access into another basement area thereby creating an area that exceeds the limits of a fire area in a basement without sprinklers. Fire orders were written to address this issue. There are two provisions in the code which must be satisfied when the basement became larger due to the opening in the limestone wall to connect two basement areas:

- 1.) Section 903.2.11.1 of the MN State Building code - if the area exceeds 1500 square feet – you must compartmentalize areas with rated assemblies OR sprinkle the building. The requirement for a one-hour wall with a 60 minute door & frame would split the space so that each space would be less than 1500 square feet OR they can sprinkle the basement and,
- 2.) Section 903.2.11.1.3 of the MN State Building code – if any portion of the basement is more than 75 feet from openings that offer water access for hose streams the building must be sprinkled OR compartmentalize the basement so the travel distance is less than 75 feet on either side of the rated wall assembly.

Both provisions charge the owner to create areas in the basement to be less than 1,500 square feet with openings less than 75 feet for water access OR sprinkle the building. Installing a one-hour door assembly in the limestone foundation appears to be the least expensive of the two options but it is the owner's choice.

Thank you,



Stephen Ubl

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