



July 5, 2024

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St Paul MN 55106-5312

CORRECTION NOTICE - RE-INSPECTION COMPLAINT

RE: 927 DESOTO ST

Dear Property Representative:

An inspection was made on your building on July 3, 2024, in response to a complaint. You are hereby notified that the following deficiencies must be corrected prior to re-inspection date.

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. All Sleeping Rooms - MN Stat. 299F.362, MSFC 1103.8 - Immediately provide and maintain a smoke alarm located outside each sleeping area. -Smoke alarms located in all sleeping were inoperable upon testing.
2. Basement - Electrical Panel - NEC 110.26 - Provide and maintain a minimum of 36 inches clearance in front of all electrical panels. -Remove items stored in front of electrical panel.
3. Basement - MSFC 603.5.3 - Provide clearance around all mechanical equipment. - Remove items stored around the furnace and water heater.
4. Electrical - Multiple Areas - MSFC 604.5 - Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring. -1. Multiple extension cords daisy-chained on the exterior of the property along the southside of the property into the rear yard. 2. Extension cords extended from room to room in the interior of the property; living area to dining and kitchen.
5. Exterior - Driveway - SPLC 34.08 (7) - All parking spaces shall be paved with asphalt, concrete, or durable dustless surfacing. Before any existing spaces may be paved, site plan approval must be obtained as specified in the St. Paul Zoning Code. Contact

DSI Zoning at 651-266-8989.-Driveway asphalt is cracking and crumbling. 7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.

6. Exterior - Front Door - SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door in good condition. -Front door is rotting on the base and peeling paint. 7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.
7. Exterior - Front Door - Door Frame - SPLC 34.09 (4)(i), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door frame. -Front door frame is rotting and peeling paint. 7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.
8. Exterior - Front of Property Stairs/Deck - SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.33(2) - Repair or replace the unsafe stairways, porch, decks or railings in an approved manner. Every outside stair, porch and deck shall be constructed safely and shall be capable of supporting imposed loads as determined in the building code and shall be kept in a professional state of maintenance and repair with proper anchorage. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-Front steps are deteriorated and or missing. Deck leading to the front door is rotting and damaged in various areas. Repair and or replace in a professional and approved manner. **New deficiency.
9. Exterior - Multiple Areas - SPLC 34.09 (1)(2)(a), 34.33 (1)(b) - 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. -Rotted and damaged siding, peeling paint on all exterior surfaces throughout the property. 7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.
10. Exterior - Multiple Areas - SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3)- Repair and maintain the window in good condition. All windows shall be maintained in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit. -Multiple windows with broken window glass and rotted frames. Repair or replace the windows. 7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.
11. Exterior - Rear Yard - MSFC 307.4 - All fires on the ground must be a minimum of 25 feet from structures or contained in a grill or outdoor fireplace. Wind speeds must be under 10 mph, constantly attended, a means of extinguishment must be provided. Only natural firewood can be burned (no construction materials| brush or waste materials), and fire shall be extinguished if the smoke is deemed a nuisance. A citation will be issued for non-compliance. -Evidence of illegal burning. There is approved firepit onsite.
12. Exterior - Retaining Wall - 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. -Repair or replace the retaining wall where needed. 7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.
13. Exterior - Roofline - SPLC 34.09 (2)(b), 34.33 (1)(d) - Provide and maintained the roof weather tight and free from defects. -Gutters are damaged and partially falling off roofline. 7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.

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14. Exterior - Throughout - SPLC 34.09 (2)(b), 34.33 (1)(d) - Provide and maintained the roof weather tight and free from defects. -Facia and soffit rotted and missing.
7/3/2024 UPDATE: No change.
15. Interior - 2nd Level - Attic Space - MNSFC 1016.2 (4) Egress through intervening spaces. Means of egress from dwelling units or sleeping areas shall not lead through other sleeping areas, toilet rooms or bathrooms. -Attic area is used for sleeping rooms without the proper emergency escape and rescue openings. These rooms, located on the second level (attic space) exits into another sleeping room located on the main level.
16. Interior - 2nd Level - Attic Space - SPLC 34.23, MSFC 111.1 - This occupancy is condemned as unsafe or dangerous. This occupancy must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office. -Attic area is used for sleeping rooms without the proper emergency escape and rescue openings. These rooms, located on the second level (attic space) exits into another sleeping room located on the main level.
17. Interior - Basement - MSFC 315.3 - Provide and maintain orderly storage of materials. - Provide orderly storage for items in basement.
18. Interior - Basement - MN Stat 299F.18 - Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials. -Reduce items stored in basement by 50% percent.
19. Interior - Bathroom - NEC 406.4(D)(3) - GFCI outlets shall be provided where replacements are made at outlets that are required to be so protected elsewhere in this Code. -GFCI outlet located in main level bathroom did not test or reset upon testing.
20. Interior - Enclosed Porch - MSFC 313.1 - Fueled equipment, including but not limited to motorcycles, mopeds, lawn-care equipment and portable cooking equipment, shall not be stored, operator or repaired within a building. -Remove lawn-mover stored in front enclosed porch.
21. Interior - Kitchen Flooring - Sink - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17(5) - Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner. -Repair or replace the floor coverings. There is a hole on the floor, under the kitchen sink cabinet. Basement level can be seen from this hole.
22. Interior - Main Level - Bathroom - SPLC 34.14(1) - Provide and maintain light and ventilation in all habitable rooms in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit. -Floor vent in bathroom is damaged.
23. Interior - Main Level Bathroom - SPLC 34.11 (1), MSBC 2902.1, SPLC 34.35 (1), MPC 301.1 - Repair or replace and maintain all parts of the plumbing system to an operational condition. -Toilet is not caulked to the floor.

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24. Interior - Multiple Areas - SPLC 34.09(4), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the door in good condition. -Multiple doors throughout property broken; holes, bottoms deteriorated and or missing, out of the door frame and rotted.
25. Interior - Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (6), 34.34 (5) - Every owner of a structure shall be responsible for the control and/or elimination of insects, rodents or other pests wherever infestation exists. -Evidence of rodent and insect infestation throughout property.
26. Interior - Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (1), 34.34 (4), 34.16 - Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition. -Unknown stains, debris and refuse on floors and walls throughout property.
27. Interior - Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) - Repair and maintain the walls in an approved manner. -Repair or replace the damaged or deteriorated wall coverings that have holes, is stained and or cracked throughout property.
28. Interior - Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17(5) - Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner. -Repair or replace the carpeting, tiles and boards. Carpet is stained, damaged and deteriorated throughout areas. Tiles and boards are broken and or missing throughout property. Repair or replace in a professional and approved manner.
29. Interior - Throughout - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.17 (5) - Repair and maintain the ceiling in an approved manner. -Repair or replace the damaged or deteriorated ceiling due to water damage.
30. Water Heater - SPLC 34.11 (5), 34.35 (2), MPC 408.3 - Provide adequate hot water between 110 degrees F and 120 degrees F.-Water temperature measured at 135 degrees.

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 Sarah.Bono@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-8952 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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Sarah Bono
DSI Fire Safety Inspector