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## Order to Abate Nuisance Building(s)

Dear: Sir or Madam

**The Vacant/Nuisance Buildings Unit, Department of the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, hereby declares the premises located at:**

**718 LAFOND AVE**

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE

**and legally described as follows, to wit:**

Chute Brothers Divisionno 5 Lot 10

**to comprise a nuisance condition in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 45.02, and subject to demolition under authority of Chapter 45.11.**

On April 25, 2011, a Building Deficiency Inspection Report was compiled and the following conditions were observed.

**This list of deficiencies is not necessarily all the deficiencies present at this time. This building(s) is subject to the restrictions of Saint Paul Ordinance Chapter 33.03 and shall not again be used for occupancy until such time as a Certificate of Compliance or a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. All repairs must be in accordance with appropriate codes. Changes or additions to the electrical system, mechanical system, or the plumbing system may necessitate updating or upgrading the systems involved.**

This is a single story wood frame house.

The following Deficiency List is excerpted from the September 16, 2010 Code Compliance Report:

## **BUILDING**

- Insure basement cellar floor is even, is cleanable, and all holes are filled.
- 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.
- Repair walls, ceiling and floors throughout, as necessary.
- 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.
- Habitable rooms with new usage and replaced windows shall have glass area equal to 8% of floor area, one-half of which shall operate.
- 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.
- Review all applicable codes & policies when replacing windows including egress windows for sleeping rooms.
- Openings in stair risers must be less than 4 inches.
- Repair front gate or remove.
- Properly flash and install front porch windows to code.
- Basement door not to wing over stairs.
- Remove illegal bedroom from basement.
- Second floor has one legal bedroom.

- Insure roof has step flashings on roof gable ends.
- Jack up and re level front and east side porch and supply footings and support to code with inspections before covering.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

## **ELECTRICAL**

- 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 laundry circuit and a separate 20 ampere kitchen appliance circuit
- Verify that fuse/circuit breaker amperage matches wire size
- Ground bathroom light in basement/first bathroom/second bathroom and disconnect receptacle on fixture
- Install globe-type enclosed light fixture on all closet lights
- 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
- Remove any 3-wire ungrounded outlets and replace with 2-wire or ground 3-wire to code
- Remove and or/ re-wire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring in basement/garage
- Replace all painted-over receptacles.
- Throughout building, install outlets and light fixtures as specified in Bulletin 80-1.
- Provide ground rod.
- 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 2008 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**

- 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 - Laundry Tub - unvented (MPC 0200 E)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - no front sewer clean out (MPC 1000)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - no soil stack base clean out
- Basement - Toilet Facilities - unvented (MPC 0200. E)
- 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 - Water piping incorrect (MPC 1730 Subp. 1)
- Basement - Water Heater - not fired or in service (MPC 2180)
- Basement - Water Meter - remove meter from pit (MPC 88.08)
- Basement - Water Piping - repair or replace all corroded, broken or leaking piping (MPC 4715.1720)
- Basement - Water Piping - run 1 inch water line from meter to first major take off (SPRWS Water Code)
- First Floor - Sink - incorrectly vented (MPC 2500)
- First Floor - Sink - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Lavatory - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- Obtain plumbing permits prior to commencement of work.

## **HEATING**

- Install approved lever handle manual gas shutoff valve on furnace and remove unapproved valve.
- Install approved lever handle manual building shutoff gas valve in an accessible location ahead of the first branch tee.
- Clean and Orsat test furnace 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.
- Install approved metal chimney liner.
- Connect furnace and water heater venting into chimney liner.
- Vent clothes dryer to code.

- Provide appropriate size operable window in bathrooms 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.
- A gas mechanical permit is required for the above work.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **May 31, 2011**, the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, will begin a substantial abatement process to demolish and remove the building(s). The costs of this action, including administrative costs and demolition costs will be assessed against the property taxes as a special assessment in accordance with law.

As first remedial action, a Code Compliance Inspection Report must be obtained from the Building Inspection and Design Section, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, (651) 266-8989. This inspection will identify specific defects, necessary repairs and legal requirements to correct this nuisance condition. You may also be required to post a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) performance bond with the Department of Safety and Inspections before any permits are issued, except for a demolition permit. Call the Department of Safety and Inspections for more information at 651-266-8989.

If this building is located in a historic district or site (noted on page 1, above, just below the property address) then you must contact Heritage Preservation (HPC) staff to discuss your proposal for the repairs required by this order and compliance with preservation guidelines. Copies of the guidelines and design review application and forms are available from the Department of Safety and Inspections web site (see letterhead) and from the HPC staff. No permits will be issued without HPC review and approval. HPC staff also can be reached by calling 651-266-9078.

As an owner or responsible party, you are required by law to provide full and complete disclosure of this "Order to Abate" to all interested parties, all present or subsequent renters and any subsequent owners. The property shall not be sold, transferred or conveyed in any manner until the Nuisance Conditions have been abated and the Certificate of Code Compliance or Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

The Enforcement Officer is required by law to post a placard on this property which declares it to be a "nuisance condition", subject to demolition and removal by the City. This placard shall not be removed without the written authority of the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement. The department is further required to file a copy of this "Order to Abate" with the City Clerk's Office.

If corrective action is not taken within the time specified in this order, the Enforcement Officer will notify the City Council that abatement action is necessary. The City Clerk will then schedule dates for Public Hearings before the City Council at which time testimony will be

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If the resolution calls for abatement action the Council may either order the City to take the abatement action or fix a time within which this nuisance must be abated in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code and provide that if corrective action is not taken within the specified time, the City shall abate this nuisance. The costs of this action, including administrative costs will be assessed against the property as a special assessment in accordance with law.

If you have any questions or request additional information please contact **Matt Dornfeld** between the hours of 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. at **651-266-1902**, or you may leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

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