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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:**

**106 KING ST E**

With the following Historic Preservation information: Inventory #: RA-SPC-4092

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

Langes Rearrangement Ex S 2 Ft Lot 1

**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 May 18, 2016 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 one-and-one-half story, wood frame, single-family dwelling with a detached one-stall garage.

The following is excerpted from the May 31, 2013 Code Compliance Report:

**BUILDING**

- 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
- Weather seal exterior doors, threshold and weather-stripping.
- Install floor covering in bathroom and kitchen that is impervious to water.
- Repair walls, ceiling and floors throughout, as necessary.
- Provide fire block construction as necessary and seal chases in basement ceiling.
- 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 Conservation Code and the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry: Install per code where feasible.
- 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.
- Provide general rehabilitation of garage.
- Install address numbers visible from street and on the alley side of garage.
- Provide ground cover capable of controlling sediment and erosion.
- Openings in stair risers must be less than 4 inches.
- Grade must drain away from foundation of dwelling. Maintain 6 inch clearance between wood and soil.
- Install wall in west side yard to remove water from against foundation and around building.
- Remove south side brickwork by window and repair framing window and trim before brick reinstalled. (Install weather barrier on sheathing.)
- Replace decayed post in basement.
- Replace kitchen ceiling after removing old one. Call for inspections.
- Replace all siding on east side of porch.
- Replace steps from yard to garage.
- Remove trash from behind garage.
- Provide 6 inch clearance from garage to wood on garage.
- Replace or repair overhead garage door.
- Replace all decayed studs, trim, framing and fascia on garage.
- Repair garage roof covering as needed and replace house roof covering.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

## **ELECTRICAL**

- 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 that fuse/circuit breaker amperage matches wire size
- Close openings in service panel/junction boxes with knockout seals, breaker blanks, and/or junction box covers
- Properly strap cables and conduits in basement/ service conduit on the exterior of the house.
- Remove all cord wiring
- 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
- Repair or Replace all broken, missing or loose light fixtures, switches and outlets, covers and plates
- Install hard-wired, battery backup smoke detector and other smoke detectors as required by the IRC. Also, Install carbon monoxide detector(s) within 10 feet of all bedrooms
- Properly wire exterior lights at front/side/back door
- Remove and or/ re-wire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring in basement/garage
- Replace all painted-over receptacles.
- 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 electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.

## **PLUMBING**

- Basement - Water Heater - Vent must be in chimney liner (MFGC 501.12)
- 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 Piping - pipe sizing incorrect (MPC 4715.1730)
- 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)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - replace the floor drain cover or clean out plug (MPC 1300)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - replace corroded piping (MMC 103)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - replace improper piping or fittings (MFGC 411)
- First Floor - Sink - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Toilet Facilities - reset the toilet on a firm base (MPC 0870)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - Provide a vacuum breaker for the handheld shower (MPC 2000 B)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200. P.)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)

- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - provide stopper (MPC 1240)
- Exterior - Lawn Hydrants - Requires backflow assembly or device (MPC 2000)
- Exterior - Piping Vents - improper location (MPC 2530 Subp. 3)
- All the above corrections to waste, vent, water, and gas piping shall be per the Minnesota Plumbing Code Chapter 4715 & Chapter 326, the Minnesota Mechanical Code, the Minnesota Fuel Gas Code, and the Saint Paul Regional Water Code. All plumbing must be done by a plumbing contractor licensed in the State of Minnesota and the City of St. Paul under an approved permit.

### HEATING

- Clean and Orsat test furnace burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Check furnace heat exchanger for leak; provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe
- 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
- All supply and return ducts for warm air heating system must be clean before final approval for occupancy. 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
- Mechanical permits are required for the above work.
- Provide return air from habitable rooms on 2nd floor according to code

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **June 22, 2016** 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 heard from interested parties. After this hearing the City Council will adopt a resolution stating what action if any, it deems appropriate.

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,

Matt Dornfeld  
Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector

cc: Legistar Approval list and City Council