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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:**

**772 DESOTO ST**

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE

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

Stinsons Addition Lot 6 Blk 13

**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 November 23, 2010 a Building Deficiency Inspection was conducted. The following Deficiency List is excerpted from the Code Compliance Report prepared for this property on April 8, 2010, and confirmed as appropriate for this Building Deficiency Report.

**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 and its over-sized, single stall detached garage and the two story, wood frame shed.

## **BUILDING**

- Install handrails and guardrails at all stairways, including basement stairways, and return handrail ends to the wall or newel post 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
- Repair walls, ceiling and floors throughout, as necessary
- Prepare and paint interior and exterior as necessary. Observe necessary abatement procedure if lead base paint is present (See St Paul Legislative Code, Chap. 34 for additional information).
- Install attic insulation according to applicable code
- Air-seal and insulate attic access door in an approved manner
- Provide smoke detectors per the MN Building Code and carbon monoxide detectors per State Law.
- Repair siding, soffit, fascia, trim, etc. as necessary
- Maintain 6 inches minimum clearance between wood and soil, sloped to drain away from foundation of dwelling.
- Maintain 6 inches minimum clearance between wood and soil, sloped to drain away from foundation of garage.
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of house.
- Provide proper drainage around garage to direct water away from foundation of garage.
- Install rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
- Provide general rehabilitation of garage.
- Install address numbers visible from street and alley.
- Provide durable, dustless parking surface as specified in the zoning code.
- Provide ground cover capable of controlling sediment and erosion.
- Close in open stair risers to maintain an opening no greater than 4 inches
- Install service door on garage.
- Install landing at south side storage shed stair base.
- Remove south side storage shed (two story building) or apply for variance with Zoning Dept.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

## **ELECTRICAL**

- Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits
- Close openings in service panel/junction box with knock out seals, breaker blanks and/or junction boxes
- Install/replace GFCI receptacle in second floor bathroom adjacent to the sink
- Ground bathroom light and fan in second floor bathroom and disconnect receptacle on fixture
- 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

- 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
- In basement install 15 amp breakers on #14 wire. Re-fasten dryer outlet. Second floor east bedroom install third receptacle. Outside move weather head to within 24 inches of the point of attachment of service drop.
- 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 - Water Heater - Water piping incorrect
- Basement - Water Heater - gas shut off incorrect
- Basement - Laundry Tub - incorrectly vented
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - unplugged or open piping; back pitched piping at stack
- First Floor - Laundry Tub - waste incorrect trap
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - Provide access
- Obtain plumbing permits prior to commencement of work.

### **HEATING**

- Vent clothes dryer to code.
- Raise combustion air opening a minimum of twelve inches above surrounding grade, install approved hood and support duct to code.
- Provide support for gas lines to code.
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines.
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **January 18, 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 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 **Rich Singerhouse** between the hours of 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. at **651-266-1945**, or you may leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

Rich Singerhouse  
Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector

cc: Mary Erickson - Council Research  
Cindy Carlson - PED Housing  
Amy Spong – Heritage Preservation