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NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND ORDER TO VACATE

Linda Owl
882 Clark St
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, has determined that the dwelling and premises at **882 CLARK ST** is "Unfit for Human Habitation". In accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34, Section 23, the premises will be placarded on **10-11-10** and ordered vacated no later than **10-18-10**.

Your attention is called to the following provisions of Section 34.23, Subsection 6 entitled, "Vacation of Structure or Unit":

"Any residential structure or residential unit which has been condemned or placarded as unfit for human habitation shall be vacated within the time set forth in the placard and/or order. It shall be unlawful for any person to let to any person for human habitation any structure or unit so condemned or placarded, and no person shall occupy the structure or unit after the date set forth in the placard and/or notice."

THIS DWELLING SHALL NOT AGAIN BE USED FOR HUMAN HABITATION UNTIL WRITTEN APPROVAL IS SECURED FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL; DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS, DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT

Principle Violations: These deficiencies must be corrected before this condemnation and vacate order will be removed.

1. The interior of the house constitutes material endangerment. There is excessive storage/clutter throughout the entire house. Egress windows, exit doors blocked, hard wired smoke detector removed. Combustibles all near the furnace and water heater. Kitchen counter tops covered with debris. Carpeting soiled all over, floors filthy.

Other Violations: These deficiencies must be corrected in order to bring this property into compliance with the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

2. There is excessive clutter and improper storage in the garage. Floor to rafters of garage are full of combustibles
3. The front and rear wood steps have broken treads and hazardous.
4. MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved carbon monoxide alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturers instructions.
5. There are missing or defective guardrails. Provide all stairways, porches, decks or steps which are more than 30" high with guardrails and intermediate rails with openings in the guardrail no more than four (4) inches apart and in accordance with the State Building Code. Front steps has a very loose guardrail and handrail.
6. Due to excessive amount of debris in the house a through inspection was not completed and will need to be done before the house can be reoccupied.

Authorization to reoccupy this/these dwelling unit(s) will not be given until it is demonstrated that all principal violations have been corrected and that no new conditions exist which could constitute material endangerment or which threaten the peace, health, safety or welfare of the occupants of this building.

All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permit information may be obtained from the Building Inspection and Design Section, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, (651) 266-8989.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8688. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of the date of this notice.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep all buildings secured and to properly maintain the premises at all times.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Inspector, Paula Seeley, at 651-266-1916. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.

Sincerely,

Paula Seeley
Enforcement Officer

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c: Community Stabilization Project
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