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September 22, 2022

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**NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION  
UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION  
ORDER TO VACATE**

RE: 627 MENDOTA ST  
Ref. # 126791

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on September 22, 2022.

The building was found to be unsafe, unfit for human habitation, a public nuisance, a hazard to the public welfare or otherwise dangerous to human life. A Condemnation Placard has been posted on the building.

The following deficiency list must be completed, or the building vacated by the re-inspection date.

A reinspection will be made on October 24, 2022, at 12Noon.

**CONDEMNATION OF THE BUILDING REVOKES THE CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.**

Failure to complete the corrections may result in a criminal citation. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. 627 - SPLC SECTION 198.01 - Exotic animals- means any mammal amphibian reptile or bird which is not usually domesticated and of a species which due to size wild nature or other characteristics is dangerous to humans . Permits required for bearded dragon and gecko. Call Animal control at 651 266 -1100-
2. 627 629 - SPLC 34.09 (4)(f), 34.33 (3) - Repair and maintain the doorknobs.-
3. 627 629 - MSFC 604.1- All light fixtures shall be maintained with protective globes if originally equipped.-
4. 629 - Building - SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3) -All screens shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair.-
5. 629 - Upstairs - MSFC 604.5 - Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring.-
6. 629 - Upstairs - SPLC 34.10 (1), 34.34 (4), 34.16 - Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition.-
7. 629 - Upstairs - 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. Paint the wall. Patch the holes and/or cracks in the walls.
8. 629 - Building - SPLC 34.09 (4) a, 34.33 (3) a - Repair and maintain the window glass. Windows shall be fully supplied with windowpanes which are without open cracks or holes.-
9. 629 627 - MN Stat. 299F.362, MSFC 1103.8 - Immediately provide and maintain a smoke alarm located outside each sleeping area.-
10. 629 and 627 - SPLC 200.02 (a) - No person shall own, harbor, keep or maintain in the City and dog over three months of age without a license. Provide written documentation of current license to the Fire Inspector. To obtain a dog license, contact DSI at 651-266-8989-

11. Attic - MSFC 1010.1.9 - Remove unapproved locks from the unit doors. The door must be openable from the inside without the use of keys or special knowledge or effort.-
12. Attic unit - Illegal unit - SPLC 34.23, MSFC 111.1 - The ATTIC is condemned as unsafe and dangerous. The Attic must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office.-
13. Basement - SPLC 34.10 (1), 34.34 (4), 34.16 - Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition.-
14. Basement - SPLC 34.11 (1), SPLC 34.35 (1), MPC 707.4. - Repair the clogged drain line.-
15. Basement - SPLC 34.11 (4), 34.35 (1), MPC 1002.1 - Provide and maintain an approved waste trap.-
16. South side rear of house - SPLC 34.09 (3) 34.33 (2) - Provide an approved handrail. Every required handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting imposed loads and shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair and in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit.-
17. Southside rear of house - SPLC 34.09 (3) 34.33 (2) -Stairs, porches, decks and railings. -Every stairway, porch, deck or step which is more than thirty (30) inches above grade shall have guardrails and intermediate rails, no more than six (6) inches apart or in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit.-
18. Stairway leading to attic - SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.34(2) - Every stairway, porch, balcony, or deck shall have guardrails.-
19. Stairway leading to attic - SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.34(2) - Provide an approved handrail. Every required handrail and guard shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting imposed loads and shall be maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair and in

accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit.-

20. SPLC SECTION - 40.12 ILLEFGAL OCCUPANCY - No person shall occupy any building which does not have a fire certificate of occupancy. Any unit structure which is so occupied shall constitutes a hazard to the health welfare of the occupants and the public and may be condemned by the appropriate enforcement officer under section 34.23 of the legislative code.-
21. MN Stat. 299F.51 - 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 manufacturer's instructions.-
22. SPLC 39.02(c) - Complete and sign the smoke alarm affidavit and return it to this office.
23. MSFC 505.1 - The address posted is not visible from street.-
24. MSFC 505.1 - Provide address numbers at least four (4) inches in height.-
25. SPLC 34.08 (6) - Remove the accumulation of exterior storage ( left over construction from step repair) that creates a nuisance or harbors rodents.-

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: [james.thomas@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:james.thomas@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at

651-266-8983 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

James Thomas  
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Ref. # 126791

cc: Housing Resource Center  
Force Unit