

## CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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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:

#### **627 OHIO ST**

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE

and legally described as follows, to wit:

Dawsons Addition S 1/2 Of E 100 Ft Of Lot 4 And All Of Lot 3 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 <u>July 13, 2011</u>, 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 house and metal accessory shed

## **EXTERIOR**

Unapproved exterior electrical wiring

Water damaged interior ceiling

West side dormer lacks flashing; siding water damaged

Roof covering ends separating at dormer

Certificate of Occupancy revoked for deficiencies

Missing sash cords and locks

No chimney liner visible

Damaged and missing screen and storm windows

Missing dead bolt lock – removed from the front door

The following list of deficiencies is excerpted from the January 7, 2011 Code Compliance Inspection 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
- 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.
- Weather seal exterior doors, threshold and weather-stripping.
- 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.
- Install Smoke Detectors/Carbon Monoxide Detectors per MN Co Conservation Code and the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry.
- 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.
- Install downspouts and a complete gutter system.
- Provide durable, dustless parking surface as specified in the zoning code.
- Review all applicable codes & policies when replacing windows including egress windows for sleeping rooms.
- Remove trees which are against foundation of home and garage.
- Openings in stair risers must be less than 4 inches.

- Re-level storage shed.
- Second floor ceiling height does not meet code in 2 bedrooms and second floor north bedroom has 28 x 21 clear opening for window for egress.
- First floor bedroom egress window is under sized also 24 x 21 clear opening.
- Front steps at porch top riser not uniform needs correction.
- Roof appears to be leaking at top of second floor stairs.
- 24 inches of snow on site at time of inspection.
- 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/install a separate 20 ampere laundry circuit and a separate 20 ampere kitchen appliance circuit
- Verify that fuse/circuit breaker amperage matches wire size (10 AWG on 50 amp breaker)
- Install GFCI receptacle in first floor bathroom adjacent to the sink
- Ground bathroom light in first 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
- 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
- Properly wire exterior lights at front door
- Remove or rewire dryer receptacle to 2008 NEC. Separate neutral and ground in panel.
- 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 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 gas venting incorrect (IFGC 503)
- Basement Water Heater not fired or in service (MPC 2180)
- Basement Water Meter meter is removed or not in service (MPC 4715.1700)
- Basement Water Meter service valves not functional or correct (MPC 1800 Subp 3,4)

- 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 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 Soil and Waste Piping improper connections, transitions, fittings or pipe usage (MPC 2420)
- Basement Soil and Waste Piping no front sewer clean out (MPC 1000)
- Basement Laundry tub stand pipe is unvented.
- Basement Laundry Tub provide a vacuum breaker for the spout (MPC 2000 B)
- Basement Laundry Tub unvented (MPC 0200 E)
- Basement Toilet Facilities unvented (MPC 0200. E)
- Basement Tub and Shower provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- Basement Tub and Shower unvented (MPC 0200. E)
- First Floor Gas Piping range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (IFGC 411 1.3.3)
- First Floor Lavatory incorrectly vented (MPC 2500)
- First Floor Lavatory waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor Sink unvented (MPC 0200. E)
- First Floor Sink waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor Toilet Facilities waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor Tub and Shower incorrectly vented (MPC 2500)
- First Floor Tub and Shower provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- First Floor Tub and Shower replace waste and overflow (MPC 1240)
- First Floor Tub and Shower waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Exterior Lawn Hydrants Requires backflow assembly or device (MPC 2000) could not verify.
- Obtain plumbing permits prior to commencement of work.

### **HEATING**

- Install approved lever handle manual gas shutoff valve on all gas appliances and remove unapproved valve.
- 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 adequate combustion air and support duct to code.
- Provide support for gas lines to code.
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines.
- Provide appropriate size operable window in bathrooms or provide bathroom exhaust system vented to outside with approved material according to code. 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.
- Provide return air from second floor for warm air heating system according to code.
- All supply/return ducts to be supported and repair damaged return air panning in basement according to code.
- Install kitchen exhaust fan duct according to code.
- Repair and/or replace heating registers as necessary.
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms.
- Mechanical gas and ventilation permits are 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 **August 22, 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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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 Supervisor

cc: Legistar Approval list and City Council

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