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February 5, 2026

Occupant
51 Robie Street
Saint Paul, MN 55107-2818

SAFETY INSPECTION

RE: 51 Robie Street W

Occupant:

On the morning of February 5, 2026, in accordance with guidance from Saint Paul's Legislative Hearing Officer, an attempt was made to conduct a safety inspection at this property.

Failure to comply may result in a criminal citation. The Saint Paul Legislative Code requires that no building shall be occupied without a Fire Certificate of Occupancy. The code also provides for the assessment of additional re-inspection fees.

1. **Sec. 40.01. - Fire certificate of occupancy requirement.**
   (a) All existing buildings in the city are required to have and maintain a fire certificate of occupancy, issued by the department of safety and inspections. The fire certificate of occupancy shall be an indication that the building meets, at the time of inspection, all relevant codes to maintain the health, safety and welfare of the building's occupants and the general public.

   (b) Provisional fire certificate of occupancy. When an owner-occupied dwelling changes to a rental dwelling unit, the owner of the dwelling must submit a completed application for a provisional certificate of occupancy, a completed owner's self-evaluation affidavit and pay the fee for a provisional certificate of occupancy within thirty (30) days of the change in use. ***Property owner lives in Georgia.***

2. **Sec. 34.23 – Structures Unfit for Occupancy.** Upon a failed reinspection on February 5, 2026, this property has been placarded as condemned for the following but not limited to:
    a. No heat to the property, furnace found disassembled in basement.
    b. Space heater in basement unsafely spliced into the home's wiring.
    c. Extreme heavy contents throughout home.
    d. Blocked egress/ingress routes.
    e. Interior of home found to be in gross and unsanitary condition.
    f. Exterior of home found to be in gross and unsanitary condition.
    g. Extreme heavy contents on front porch, blocking egress/ingress.
    h. Unable to locate smoke or carbon monoxide alarms in home.
    i. Garage in backyard appears to be occupied with electrical cords running to it.
    j. Fish house in driveway appears to be occupied with electrical cords running to it.

3. **Sec. 34.11 – Basic Facilities on Residential Properties**
    a. *Heating facilities.* Every residential building or residential portion of a building shall have heating facilities that are properly installed, safely maintained and in good working condition, and capable of safely and adequately heating all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms located therein to a temperature of at least sixty-eight (68) degrees Fahrenheit with an outside temperature of minus twenty (-20) degrees Fahrenheit.
        i. The furnace for this property is currently disassembled. Heating facilities shall be immediately restored under permitted inspections.

4. Sec. 34.14(2)(a) – Light and Ventilation on Residential Properties
    a. The owner of any premises regulated by this section, as specified in section 34.03, shall comply with the following requirements: All residential structures and dwelling units shall be supplied with electrical service that is adequate to safely meet the electrical needs of the residential structures and dwelling units in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit. Any illegal wiring or electrical devices shall be removed, repaired or replaced. All electrical components shall be maintained in an approved manner and free of defects.
        i. Basement. Wiring for a space heater in the basement is currently "spliced" with other house wiring.

5. **Sec. 34.15(3)- Minimum Standards for Safety from Fire on Residential Properties.**
    a. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Smoke and carbon monoxide alarms must be installed in accordance with Chapter 39 of the Legislative Code.
        i. By reinspection date, smoke and carbon monoxide detectors shall be properly placed throughout the home.

6. **MSFC 1031.3-Obstructions**
    a. A means of egress shall be free from obstructions
        i. **By reinspection, ensure all egress routes into and out of the home are clear both for residents and first responders.**

7. **MSFC 315.3.2 – General Storage / Means of Egress**
    a. Combustible materials shall not be stored in exits or enclosures.
        *i. **Immediately remove the heavy fire load from entire home.***

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 this order.

If you have any questions, email me at: keith.demarest@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me between the hours of 7:30am and 9:00am at: (651) 266-8998. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Keith Demarest
Fire Safety Supervisor