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# Order to Abate Nuisance Building(s)

Dear Responsible or Interested Party:

**The Vacant/Nuisance Buildings Unit, Department of the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, hereby declares the premises located at:**

**914 Central Avenue West**

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE

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

MILTON ADDITION LOT 14 BLK 4

**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 April 8, 2026, 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 two story, wood frame, single-family dwelling with a detached one-stall garage and a wooden shed.

**DEFICIENCIES:**

- The chimney is defective, deteriorated or in a state of disrepair. Replace all missing or defective bricks, tuckpoint as needed to restore the chimney to a professional state of maintenance and repair.
- The eaves and soffits are in a state of disrepair or deterioration. Repair all defects, holes, breaks, lose or rotting boards, to a professional state of maintenance.
- The exterior walls and trim of the house and garage have defective, peeled, flaked, scaled, or chalking paint or have unpainted wood surfaces. Scrape and repaint to affect a sound condition in a professional manner.
- The foundation is deteriorated, defective or in a state of disrepair. Repair all foundation defects in a professional manner to a weather-tight, water-tight, and rodent-proof condition
- The roof is deteriorated, defective, or in a state of disrepair. Repair or replace the roof covering to a sound, tight and water impervious condition.
- The exterior walls of the house and garage are defective. Repair all holes, breaks, lose or rotting siding, to a professional state of maintenance.
- The window and/or door screens are missing, defective or in a state of disrepair. Provide proper window and door screens for all openable windows and doors. Screens must be tight-fitting and securely fastened to the frames.
- The windows and/or storm windows are in a state of disrepair. Replace all missing or broken window glass. Make all necessary repairs to frames, sashes, hardware, and associated trim in a professional manner.
- All garages and accessory structures must be in sound condition and secure from unauthorized entry.
- Lacks electricity, natural gas service, and water service.

As owner, agent, or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **May 15, 2026,** 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 dollars ($5,000.00) performance deposit 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 James Hoffman at 651-266-1947, or you may leave a voicemail message.

Sincerely,

***James Hoffman***
Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector