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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:

698 4TH ST E

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE District: HPL-DB Building Name: house Inventory #: RA-SPC-2629

and legally described as follows, to wit:

Lyman Dayton Addition Lot 18 Blk 33

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 June 29, 2011, 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



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The following deficiency list is excerpted from the March 1, 2010, Code Compliance Report.

## **BUILDING**

- Insure basement cellar floor is even, cleanable and all holes are filled
- Dry out basement and eliminate source of moisture
- Remove mold, mildew and moldy or water damaged materials
- Permanently secure top and bottom of support posts in an approved manner
- Remove or encapsulate asbestos in an approved manner
- Install handrails and guardrails at all stairways, including basement stairways, and return handrail ends to the wall or newel post per attachment.
- Strap or support top of stair stringers
- 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 thumb type deadbolts for all entry doors. Remove any surface bolts
- Repair or replace damaged doors and frames as necessary, including storm doors
- Weather seal exterior doors
- Install floor covering in bathroom and kitchen that is impervious to water
- Repair walls, ceiling and floors throughout, as necessary
- Install attic insulation according to applicable code
- Air-seal and insulate attic access door in an approved manner
- Provide smoke detectors per the MN Building Code and carbon monoxide detectors per State Law.
- Install water-proof enclosure in shower area
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of house.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies
- Repair hump in floor at main level east bedroom.
- Scrape and re-parge basement walls.
- Remove damaged ceiling coverings in basement.
- Install vapor barrier at grade in crawl space.
- Provide new floor covering at basement stairs.
- Upper level east room is not a legal bedroom

## **ELECTRICAL**

- Ground the electrical service to the water service with a copper conductor within 5 feet of the entrance point of the water service
- Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits
- Verify that fuse/circuit breaker amperage matches wire size

- Properly strap cables and conduits in basement/ service conduit on the exterior of the house.
- Ground bathroom light in second floor bathroom and disconnect receptacle on fixture
- Install globe-type enclosed light fixture on all closet lights
- 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
- Remove any 3-wire ungrounded outlets and replace with 2-wire or ground 3-wire to code
- 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
- In basement wire dryer neutral to code. Rewire sub feed from main to code. First floor dining room add third receptacle. Second floor east room add second receptacle. First floor living room add fourth receptacle.
- All added receptacles must be grounded, tamper-resistant and be on an Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter-protected circuit.
- All electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.
- 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).

## **PLUMBING**

- Basement Water Heater Vent must be in chimney liner
- Basement Water Heater Water piping incorrect
- Basement Water Heater gas shut off incorrect
- Basement Water Heater gas venting incorrect
- Basement Water Heater not fired or in service
- Basement Water Meter meter is removed or not in service
- Basement Water Piping boiler fill water line requires backflow assembly or device
- Basement Water Piping repair or replace all corroded, broken or leaking piping
- Basement Soil and Waste Piping add appropriate hangers
- Basement Soil and Waste Piping no front sewer clean out; no soil stack base clean out
- Basement Laundry Tub provide a vacuum breaker for the spout
- Basement Laundry Tub waste incorrect 1 1/2 under concrete
- First Floor Gas Piping range gas shut off incorrect
- First Floor Sink faucet is missing, broken or parts missing

- First Floor Sink incorrectly vented
- First Floor Sink waste incorrect
- Second Floor Lavatory faucet is missing, broken, or parts missing
- Second Floor Toilet Facilities Replace toilet tank lid
- Second Floor Tub and Shower fixture is broken or parts missing
- Second Floor Tub and Shower provide stopper
- Exterior Lawn Hydrants Requires backflow assembly or device

## **HEATING**

- Install approved lever handle manual building shutoff gas valve in an accessible location ahead of the first branch tee.
- Clean and Orsat test boiler burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe.
- 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 exhaust system vented to outside. A mechanical ventilation permit required is required if an exhaust system is installed.
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms.
- Attach metal tag to expansion tank valve stating that this valve must be OPEN at all times except when draining the expansion tank.
- Support supply and return piping for heating system according to code.
- Install boiler pressure relief valve and pipe discharge to within 18 inches of the floor.
- Install back flow preventer on city water fill line to hot water heating system and pipe vent as required.
- Repair or replace radiator valves as needed.
- Re-pipe heating system to code.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **August 15, 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 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 **Tom Friel** between the hours of 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. at **651-266-1906**, or you may leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

Tom Friel Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector

cc: Legistar Approval list and City Council

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