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### **Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate**

RE: 419 VAN DYKE ST  
Ref. # 116799

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was determined to be a registered vacant building on November 15, 2012. Since certificates are for the occupancy of buildings, it has become necessary to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy.

Saint Paul Legislative Code provides that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. In order to re-occupy the building, the following deficiencies (if applicable) must be corrected and a complete Certificate of Occupancy inspection will be required.

#### **DEFICIENCY LIST**

1. Basement - MSFC 315.2.5 - Fueled equipment, including but not limited to motorcycles, mopeds, lawn-care equipment and portable cooking equipment, shall not be stored, operator or repaired within a building.-remove motor cycle from basement . You cannot store fueled equipment inside the house.
2. Bedroom West Side - MSFC1026.1 - Provide and maintain an approved escape window from each sleeping room. Move dresser and or bedpost that prevents escape through escape window.
3. Front entry stairway that leads to kitchen. - SPLC 34.10 (3) 34.33(2) - Provide an approved guardrail. Intermediate ballustrade must not be more than 4 inches apart. Intermediate rails must be provided if the height of the platform is more than 30 inches.
4. Garage - SPLC 34.08 (5), 34.31 (3) - Repair, replace and maintain all exterior surfaces on fences, sheds, garages and other accessory structures free from holes and deterioration.

Provide and maintain exterior unprotected surfaces painted or protected from the elements.-Repair all wood areas of peeling paint and rotten wood.

5. House - MSFC 605.6 - Provide electrical cover plates to all outlets, switches and junction boxes where missing. Replace all missing broken electrical cover plates per Minnesota State Fire code.
6. House - MSFC 605.5 - Discontinue use of extension cords used in lieu of permanent wiring. Stop using all extension cords.
7. House - SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.32 (3) - Replace all missing door knobs.
8. House - MN Stat 299F.18 - Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials. Reduce 75%-There are clothes boxes all types of materials that have to be removed from the house at least 75%
9. House - MSFC 605.1- All light fixtures shall be maintained with protective globes if originally equipped. Replace all missing light fixture globes.
10. House - SPLC 34.10 (7), 34.33 (6) - Repair and maintain the floor in an approved manner.-Repair or replace the carpeting. The carpet has been ripped from the floor leaving nails tacks sticking up. Remove or replace.
11. House bedroom doors - SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.32 (3) - Repair and maintain the door in good condition.-doors have holes knocked in them repair or replace.
12. Main floor bathroom - SPLC 34.10 (4), 34.33 (3) - Provide a bathroom floor impervious to water. After securing toilet to floor caulk the base.
13. Main floor bathroom - SPLC 34.11, SBC 2902.1, SPLC 34.17, MPC 4715.0200.C - Provide an approved number and type of plumbing fixtures.-Provide and maintain an approved private tub or shower. This work may require a permit(s). Call LIEP at (651) 266-9090. The tub does not drain. Repair
14. Main floor bathroom - SPLC 34.11, SBC 2902.1, SPLC 34.17, MPC 415.0220 - Repair or replace and maintain the plumbing fixture to an operational condition.-Repair or replace and maintain an approved private toilet. Secure toilet to floor.
15. SPLC 34.11 (6), 34.34 (3) - Provide service of heating facility by a licensed contractor which must include a carbon monoxide test. Submit a completed copy of the Saint Paul Fire Marshal's Existing Fuel Burning Equipment Safety Test Report to this office.
16. SPLC 39.02(c) - Complete and sign the smoke detector affidavit and return it to this office.

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: (651-266-8688) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.

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 to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

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