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

RE: 1133 RICE ST  
Ref. # 19508

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was determined to be unoccupied on January 25, 2013. 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.

**A re-inspection will be made on March 1, 2013 at 1:30pm.**

#### **DEFICIENCY LIST**

1. Basement - Furnace - UMC 1002 - Repair, replace or install duct work in compliance with the mechanical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-9090.-The furnace duct is not installed properly. Contact a licensed mechanical contractor to install the duct work in compliance with the mechanical codes. This work must be done under permit.
2. Basement - Stairway - MSFC 104.9, 1005.3.2.2 - Remove the storage under the stairs or provide and maintain 1 hour fire resistive construction on the storage side of the stairs.
3. Basement - Stairway - SPLC 34.10 (3) 34.33(2) - Provide an approved guardrail. Intermediate balustrades 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. Basement - Stairway - SPLC 34.10 (3), 34.33(2) - Provide an approved handrail. The top of the handrail must be between 34 and 38 inches above the treads and run the entire length of the stair.-The current handrail is 23 inches from the nose of the stair tread. Provide a code compliant handrail on the basement stairway.
5. Basement - Storage - MN Stat 299F.18 - Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials.-Immediately remove the mattresses store in the basement.
6. Basement - Water Heater - MFGC 503 - Provide, repair or replace the fuel equipment vent or vent liner to develop a positive flow adequate to convey all products of combustion to the outside. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-The vent leading from the water heater is not correctly pitched. Contact a licensed mechanical contractor to install a code compliant water heater vent. This work must be done under permit.
7. Basement, Store and Stock Room - Isle Width - MSFC 1014.4.1.2 - Provide and maintain a minimum of 36 inch aisle width.-Maintain a 36 inch isle width throughout the areas accessible by customers and provide 28 inch isle width throughout the areas accessible to employees only.
8. Basement, Store and Stock Room - Storage Height - MSFC 315.2 - Provide and maintain at least 2 feet clearance below the lowest structural member or the ceiling.
9. Exterior - Storage - SPLC 34.08 (6), 34.31 (4) - Remove the accumulation of exterior storage that creates a nuisance or harbors rodents.
10. Exterior - SPLC 34.09 (1) b,c, 34.32 (1) b,c - Provide and maintain all exterior walls free from holes and deterioration. All wood exterior unprotected surfaces must be painted or protected from the elements and maintained in a professional manner free from chipped or peeling paint.-Repair/replace the damaged/missing siding along the east elevation.
11. Store - Exit Doors - MSFC 1008.1.8 - Egress doors shall be readily openable from the egress side without the use of a key or special knowledge. Door handles, pulls, latches, locks and other operating devices on doors shall only require a single operation to release the door from the egress side.-There are multiple door locks on the rear exit door. Provide an approved locking mechanism on the exit door.
12. Store - MSFC 1010.1, 1003.3.1.2 - Exit doors must swing in the direction of travel. Change the swing of the door.-Exit doors must swing in the direction of exit travel. Change the swing of the doors.
13. Store and Stock Room - Emergency Lighting - MSFC 1006.1 - Provide and maintain an approved emergency lighting system.
14. Store and Stock Room - Exit Sign - MSFC 1011.2 - Provide and maintain approved external or internal lighting of the exit sign.

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: [wayne.spiering@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:wayne.spiering@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8993 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Wayne Spiering  
Fire Inspector

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