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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:**

**949 GALTIER ST**

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE

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

Wilkin Heywards Out Lotsto Ex S 2 Ft For Alley And Ex Galtier St S 4o Ft Of N 1/2  
Of N 1/2 Of Lot 15

**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 25, 2013 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 one-story, wood frame, single-family dwelling with a detached two-stall, wood frame, garage

The following is excerpted from the November 28, 2012 Code Compliance Report:

### **BUILDING**

- Tuck Point interior/exterior of foundation as necessary.
- Install handrails (34 inches - 38 inches above each nosing) and guardrails (36 inch minimum) at all stairways, and return hand rail ends into a newel post or wall per attachment.
- Provide complete storms and screens, in good repair for all door and window openings.
- Provide functional hardware at all doors and windows
- Repair or replace damaged doors and frames as necessary, including storm doors.
- Weather seal exterior doors, threshold and weather-stripping.
- Install floor covering in bathroom and kitchen that is impervious to water.
- Repair walls, ceiling and floors throughout, as necessary.
- Prepare and paint interior and exterior as necessary. Observe necessary abatement procedures (EPA, MPCA and St. Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34 for additional information) if lead base paint is present.
- Air-seal and insulate attic/access door.
- Install Smoke Detectors/Carbon Monoxide Detectors per MN Conservation Code and the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry: Install per code where feasible.
- Provide major clean-up of premises.
- Repair siding, soffit, fascia, trim, etc. as necessary.
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of house.
- Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of garage.
- Install rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
- Provide general rehabilitation of garage.
- Replace decayed or damaged siding on garage and provide 6 inch minimum clearance from siding to grade and slope grade away from garage.
- Properly repair south west corner of porch.
- Repair siding over front porch window.
- Replace overhead garage door.
- Install handrail and guardrail on basement stairs, also insure rise and run on stairs are uniform.
- Call for framing inspection before covering walls.
- Insulate walls and ceiling to code and vent to code.
- Finish installing garage siding and trim.
- Insure 2nd floor stairs is to code.
- Install 2 x 8 floor joist minimum for floor in front room of 2nd floor.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

### **ELECTRICAL**

- Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits
- Close openings in junction boxes with knockout seals and/or junction box covers.
- Properly strap cables in basement.
- Install/replace GFCI receptacle in first/second bathroom adjacent to the sink.
- Remove all cord wiring in garage.

- 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
- Install hard-wired, battery backup smoke detector and other smoke detectors as required by the IRC. Also, Install carbon monoxide detector(s) within 10 feet of all bedrooms
- Properly wire exterior lights at side door.
- Remove and or/ re-wire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring throughout house and garage.
- Reroute or protect NM cable in basement stapled to bottom of joists.
- Wire boiler to 2011 NEC.
- Wire open walls in kitchen to 2011 NEC.
- Wire 2nd level to 2011 NEC.
- Repair service knob on exterior of house.
- Based on repair list purchase permit for 10 circuits.
- All added receptacles must be grounded, tamper-resistant and be on an Arc-Fault Circuit Interrupter-protected circuit.
- Any open walls or walls that are opened as part of this project must be wired to the standards of the current NEC.
- All electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.

## **PLUMBING**

- Basement - Water Heater - Install a code compliant water heater.
- Basement - Water Piping - boiler fill water line requires backflow assembly or device (MPC 2100)
- Basement - Water Piping - improper piping or usage (MPC 0520)
- Basement - Water Piping - provide water piping to all fixtures and appliances (MPC 1700)
- Basement - Water Piping - repair or replace all corroded, broken or leaking piping (MPC 4715.1720)
- Basement - Water Piping - run 1 inch water line from meter to first major take off (SPRWS Water Code)
- Basement - Gas Piping - replace improper piping or fittings (MFGC 411)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - improper connections, transitions, fittings or pipe usage (MPC 2420)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - unplugged or open piping; back pitched piping (MPC 1000)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (MFGC 411)
- First Floor - Sink - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200.P.)
- First Floor - Sink - fixture is broken or parts missing (MPC 0200 0.)
- First Floor - Sink - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor - Sink - water piping incorrect (MPC 0200 P.)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200. P.)
- First Floor - Tub and Shower - water piping incorrect (MPC 0200 P.)
- Second Floor - Toilet Facilities - fixture is broken or parts missing (MPC 0200 0.)
- Second Floor - Toilet Facilities - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Toilet Facilities - water piping incorrect (MPC 0200 P.)

- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - unvented (MPC 0200. E)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - water piping incorrect (MPC 0200 P.)
- All Bathrooms - Install a lavatory to code.
- All Floors - Plumbing - General - Plumbing was installed without permits and no inspections. Obtain proper permits and provide for proper tests and inspections (0320 Subp. 3)
- All the above corrections to waste, vent, water, and gas piping shall be per the Minnesota Plumbing Code Chapter 4715 & Chapter 326, the Minnesota Mechanical Code, the Minnesota Fuel Gas Code, and the Saint Paul Regional Water Code. All plumbing must be done by a plumbing contractor licensed in the State of Minnesota and the City of St. Paul under an approved permit.

### HEATING

- Install approved level handle manual gas shutoff valve on boiler and remove unapproved valve
- 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
- Install approved metal chimney liner
- Vent clothes dryer to code
- Provide adequate combustion air and support duct to code
- Provide a window in the bathrooms with an aggregate glazing area of not less than 3 square feet, one-half of which must be openable or provide exhaust system vented to outside. A mechanical ventilation permit is required if an exhaust system is installed.
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms.
- Conduct witnessed pressure test on hot water heating and gas piping systems.
- Install back flow preventer on city water fill line to hot water heating system and pipe vent as required.
- Mechanical gas and hydronic permits are required for the above work and for the boiler installation.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **June 2, 2013** 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 **Mike Kalis** between the hours of 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. at **651-266-1929**, or you may leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

Mike Kalis  
Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector

cc: Legistar Approval list and City Council