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NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND ORDER TO VACATE

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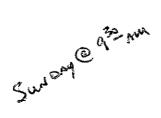
Occupant 924 Cook Ave E Saint Paul MN 55106-3217 Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, has determined that the dwelling and premises at 924 COOK AVE E is "Unfit for Human Habitation". In accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34, Section 23, the premises will be placarded on May 20, 2014 and ordered vacated no later than May 20, 2014.

Your attention is called to the following provisions of Section 34.23, Subsection 6 entitled, "Vacation of Structure or Unit":

"Any residential structure or residential unit which has been condemned or placarded as unfit for human habitation shall be vacated within the time set forth in the placard and/or order. It shall be unlawful for any person to let to any person for human habitation any structure or unit so condemned or placarded, and no person shall occupy the structure or unit after the date set forth in the placard and/or notice."

THIS DWELLING SHALL NOT AGAIN BE USED FOR HUMAN HABITATION UNTIL WRITTEN APPROVAL IS SECURED FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL; DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS, DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT



<u>Principle Violations</u>: These deficiencies must be corrected before this condemnation and vacate order will be removed.

- 1. Lack of Electricity. Immediately restore electrical service. Failure to provide proper electrical service has resulted in these premises being declared Unfit for Human Habitation and ordered vacated for lack of this basic facility. Use of candles, fuel operated lighting or extension cord wiring is not permitted while the power is off.
- 2. MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved carbon monoxide alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturers instructions.
- 3. <u>Smoke Detector</u>: Lack of properly installed and operable smoke detector. Provide functioning smoke detectors in accordance with the attached requirement, within 24 hours.
- 4. Gross unsanitary conditions inside the house (garbage, animal urine/feces, extreme clutter, insects, etc.)

<u>Other Violations</u>: These deficiencies must be corrected in order to bring this property into compliance with the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

- 2. Remove flammable/combustible items at least three feet away from the furnace and water heater. Remove blow torches from habitable rooms.
- 3. Dismantle illegal bedrooms upstairs and in the basement.
- 4. Remove illegally wired light fixture from the main floor NW bedroom.

Authorization to reoccupy this/these dwelling unit(s) will not be given until it is demonstrated that all principal violations have been corrected and that no new conditions exist which could constitute material endangerment or which threaten the peace, health, safety or welfare of the occupants of this building.

All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permit information may be obtained from the Building Inspection and Design Section, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, (651) 266-8989.

You may file an appeal to this notice by contacting the City Clerk's Office at (651) 266-8688. Any appeal must be made in writing within 10 days of the date of this notice.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep all buildings secured and to properly maintain the premises at all times.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Inspector, Ed Smith, at 651-266-1917. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.

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Sincerely,

Ed Smith

Enforcement Officer

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