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

RE: 305 GEORGE ST W  
Ref. # 107496

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was determined to be a registered vacant building on October 8, 2014. 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. Back Yard - MSFC 307.1 Fire Prevention has been receiving complaints regarding fires conducted on your property. All fires on the ground must be a minimum of 25 feet from structures or contained in a grill or outdoor fireplace. Wind speeds must be under 10 mph, constantly attended, a means of extinguishment must be provided. Only natural firewood can be burned (no construction materials, brush or waste materials), and fire shall be extinguished if the smoke is deemed a nuisance. A citation will be issued for non-compliance.-Remove unapproved fire ring/pit in back yard.
2. Both Units - Access - SPLC 34.19 - Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building.-Failure to meet the inspector for the scheduled appointment or failure to contact the inspector to reschedule the scheduled appointment will result in enforcement action.
3. East and South Exterior - Wooden Guardrails - SPLC 34.09 (2), 34.32(2) - Repair or replace the damaged guardrail in an approved manner. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-9090.-Repair damaged, broken and unsecure spindles on both staircases.

4. East and South Exterior - Wooden Staircases - SPLC 34.09 (2) 34.32 (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.-Missing handrails on both staircases.
5. Exterior - Wooden Staircases - SPLC 34.09 (2), 34.32(2) - Repair or replace the unsafe stairways, porch, decks or railings in an approved manner. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-9090. -Repair weak boards on south staircase.
6. House - Exterior - SPLC 34.09 (1) b,c, 34.33 (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 falling soffits on east side of the house.
7. House Exterior - North Wall - SPLC 34.09 (1) a, 34.32 (1) a - Provide and maintain foundation elements to adequately support this building at all points.-Repair and seal cracks along north wall and foundation.
8. UNIT 305 - East Exterior - SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.33 (3) -Provide or repair and maintain the window screen.-Replace damaged window screen.
9. 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.
10. 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: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.

If you have any questions, email me at: [sean.westenhofer@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:sean.westenhofer@ci.stpaul.mn.us) or call me at 651-266-8982 between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Sean Westenhofer  
Fire Inspector  
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