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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:**

**684 SIMS AVE**

With the following Historic Preservation information: Building Name: residence  
Inventory #: RA-SPC-3374

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

J R Weides Sub Of B27 Arlingt Lot 5 Blk 27

**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 November 19, 2014 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.**

The building is a one and one-half story, wood frame, single-family dwelling.

The following Deficiency List is excerpted from the November 20, 2013 Code Compliance Report:

### **BUILDING**

- 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.
- Repair or Replace any deteriorated window sash, broken glass, sash holders, re-putty, etc as necessary.
- 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.
- Any framing members that required repair or do not meet code (where wall and ceiling covering is removed, members that are over-spanned, over-spaced, not being carried properly, door and window openings that are not adequately supported, etc.) are to be reconstructed in an approved manner.
- Re-level structure as much as is practical.
- Provide fire block construction as necessary and seal chases in basement ceiling.
- Where wall and ceiling covering is removed install full thickness or code-specified insulation.
- 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.
- Install flashing in an approved manner at the intersection of the roof with walls, chimneys, and other conjoined surfaces.
- Remove trees which are against foundation of home and garage.
- Openings in stair risers must be less than 4 inches.
- Grade must drain away from foundation of dwelling. Maintain 6 inch clearance between wood and soil.
- Properly install downspouts and gutters with rain leaders in correct location.

- Replace basement stairs and supply headroom to code.
- Install safety glass in stairway windows in rear stairway to 2nd floor and in window on front stairs.
- Repair front porch and replace improperly installed siding.
- Replace decayed skirting on front porch and provide proper drainage and grading on east side.
- Replace window and frame over 2nd floor bathtub.(safety glass)
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

### **ELECTRICAL**

- Provide a complete more descriptive circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits.
- 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
- Replace all painted-over receptacles.
- Install box extensions on devices mounted in wood paneling where required by the NEC.
- Replace vandalized meter socket.
- Based on repair list purchase permit for a service and 6 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 - not fired or in service (MPC 2180)
- Basement - Gas Piping - dryer gas shutoff; connector or piping incorrect (MFGC 411)
- Basement - Gas Piping - run dryer vent to code (MFGC 614.1 - 614.7)
- First Floor - Gas Piping - range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (MFGC 411)
- First Floor - Sink - water piping incorrect (MPC 0200 P.)
- Second Floor - Lavatory - fixture is broken or parts missing (MPC 0200 0.)
- Second Floor - Toilet Facilities - reset the toilet on a firm base (MPC 0870)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - replace waste and overflow (MPC 1240)
- Exterior - Lawn Hydrants - Broken or parts missing (MPC 0200 K)

- 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

- Clean and Orsat test boiler burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe
- Provide adequate combustion air and support duct to code
- Provide support for gas lines to code
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines
- 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
- Support supply and return piping from heating system according to code
- Repair or replace radiator valves as needed
- Mechanical gas permit is required for the above work.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **January 4, 2015** 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 **Tom Friel** between the hours of 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. at **651-266-1906**, or you may leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

Tom Friel  
Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector

cc: Legistar Approval list and City Council