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## Code Compliance Report

November 20, 2013

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PEARLAND TX 77584

**\*\* This Report must be Posted  
on the Job Site \*\***

Re: 684 Sims Ave  
File#: 12 103076 VB2

Dear Property Owner:

The following is the Code Compliance report you requested on October 16, 2013.

Please be advised that this report is accurate and correct as of the date November 20, 2013. All deficiencies identified by the City after this date must also be corrected and all codes and ordinances must be complied with. This report is valid for 365 days from November 20, 2013. This report may be used in lieu of a Truth in Housing Report required in St Paul Legislative Code 189. This building must be properly secured and the property maintained at all times.

In order to sell or reoccupy this property the following deficiencies must be corrected:

### ZONING

1. This property is in a(n) RT1 zoning district.
2. This property was inspected as a Single Family Dwelling.

### BUILDING Inspector: Jim Seeger Phone: 651-266-9046

- 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.

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- 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 Inspector: Randy Klossner Phone: 651-266-9032**

- 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

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- 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 Inspector: Steve Fernlund Phone: 651-266-9052**

- 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 O.)
- 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 Inspector: Maureen Hanson Phone: 651-266-9043**

- 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.

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**Notes:**

- See attachment for permit requirements and appeals procedure.
- Most of the roof covering could not be inspected from grade. Recommend this be done before rehabilitation is attempted.

**This is a registered vacant building. In order to sell or reoccupy this building, all deficiencies listed on this code compliance report must be corrected in accordance with the Minimum Housing Standards of the St. Paul Legislative Code (Chapter 34) and all required permits must receive final approval within six (6) months of the date of this report. One (1) six-month time extension may be requested by the owner and will be considered if it can be shown that the code compliance work is proceeding and is more than fifty (50) percent complete in accordance with Legislative Code Section 33.03(f).**

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 this notice. (You must submit a copy of this notice when you appeal, and pay a filing fee.)

If you have any questions regarding this inspection report, please contact Jim Seeger between 7:30 - 9:00 AM at 651-266-9046 or leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

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