

# CITY OF SAINT PAUL

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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:

#### 812 COOK AVE E

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE and legally described as follows, to wit:

Arlington Hills Add B4045 49 Ex E 3 Ft Of S 65 Ft Lot 2 Blk 10

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 May 14, 2015 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 garage.

The southeast corner of the building sustained extensive smoke, soot, and water damage as a result of a fire on April 29, 2015.

The following is excerpted from the December 11, 2014 Code Compliance Inspection Report:

#### **BUILDING**

- Dry out basement and eliminate source of moisture.
- 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 downspouts and a complete gutter system.
- Install rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
- Provide general rehabilitation of garage.
- Install address numbers visible from street and on the alley side of garage.
- Replace siding on front section of house with same type of siding, not patchwork.
- Repair skirting under deck.
- Install deck flashing at siding at rear of house and replace siding under deck.
- Bottom step to height at basement floor.
- Remove mold, mildew and moldy or water damaged materials.
- Secure lid for sump basked.
- Repair or replace kitchen floor.
- Basement flooded and water was running out windows after building inspector did code compliance inspection.
- 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.
- 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.
- Where wall and ceiling covering is removed install full thickness or code-specified insulation.
- Install Smoke Detectors/Carbon Monoxide Detectors per MN Conservation Code and the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry: Install per code where feasible.
- Repair siding, soffit, fascia, trim, etc. as necessary.

### **ELECTRICAL**

- Repair the electrical service grounding conductor to the metallic water piping system. Install a conductor sized to Table 250.66 (NEC) from the electrical service to within 5' of the entrance point of the water service, and bond around the water meter.
- Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits.
- Install hard-wired, battery backup, Carbon Monoxide smoke detector as specified in Chapter 58 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, and other smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as required by the Minnesota State Building Code. SPLC 58, IRC
- Verify wiring in garage no access at time of inspection.
- Basement -Close openings in service panel/junction boxes with knockout seals, breaker blanks, proper cable clamps, and/or junction box covers.
- Basement -Properly strap and support cables and/or conduits.

- Throughout -Repair or replace all broken, painted over, corroded, missing or loose receptacles, luminaires (light fixtures), switches, covers and plates to current code.
- Throughout -Check all receptacles for proper polarity (including 2-prong) and verify ground on 3-prong receptacles. Ensure all GFCI receptacles are functioning properly. Rewire and/or replace receptacles that are improperly wired or not functioning properly.
- 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.

## **PLUMBING**

- Piping Vents Provide the proper full size vent through the roof.
- Water Piping Repair or replace all the corroded, broken, or leaking water piping.
- Basement -Soil and Waste Piping Install a front sewer clean out.
- Basement -Water Heater Install the gas shut off and the gas piping to code.
- Basement -Water Heater The water heater must be fired and in service.
- First Floor -Gas Piping Vent clothes dryer to code.
- First Floor -Toilet Facilities Reset the toilet on a firm base.
- Second Floor -Toilet Facilities Reset the toilet on a firm base.
- Second Floor -Tub and Shower Install a vacuum breaker for the hand held shower.
- Second Floor -Tub and Shower Provide access.

#### **HEATING**

- Clean and Orsat test furnace burner. Check all controls for proper operation. Check furnace heat exchanger for leak; provide documentation from a licensed contractor that the heating unit is safe.
- Vent clothes dryer to code and provide approved gas piping and valve.
- Provide support for gas lines to code.
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines
- Bathrooms require a means to ventilate the space. Provide a window with an aggregate glazing area of not less than 3 square feet, one half of which must be operable. Alternative is a bath fan properly vented to the outside. A mechanical ventilation permit will be required for the bath fan.
- Provide all supply and return ducts for warm air heating system must be clean before final approval for occupancy. Documentation is required from a licensed duct-cleaning contractor that the duct system has been cleaned.
- Repair and/or replace heating registers as necessary.
- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms
- Support supply and return air ducts for the heating system according to code
- Provide a means of returning air from every habitable room to the furnace. Return air cannot be taken from closets, bathrooms, toilet rooms, kitchen or mechanical rooms.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **June 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

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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.

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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

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