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6-21-15

Don and Tanika Nolan, Owners

Date of loss 4-30-15 due to a fire at 812 Cook Ave. E.

Legislative Hearing Office of the City Council

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To whom it may concern:

My company has been contacted to do the repairs on 1045 Arcade St. The back of this building had significant damage due to the fire at 812 Cook Ave E.

There is melted siding on the entire back, roof damage, fence damage, plants and tree damage, yard damage, loss of personal property that the owner had in the yard, the front door was damaged and the neon sign in the front window was damaged.

Because of the fire, there is asbestos siding that fell off the house on 812 Cook Ave. E, which has been found in the back yard of 1045 Arcade St. There was also a concern of lead from painted surfaces, which may have also contaminated her back yard. There may also be other contaminants in her back yard that came off of 812 Cook Ave. E. [burnt roofing, electrical wire coatings].

Upon the request of Tanika Nolan, I had her back yard tested for lead in the soil and siding that was found there from the burnt building. Attached is the report from Legends Technical Services, Inc.

They found levels of lead in the soil and tested the siding for asbestos and the siding did come back positive for asbestos.

Since the fire, I have been there a few times working on the bid to repair their property and have found more siding that had fallen into their yard.

We know the siding contains asbestos and it may be airborne in the back yard. For the safety of my workers, we cannot not do any repairs until the burnt house has been taken down and all the debris has been clean up. If it is deemed that the house is not to be taken down and repaired instead, we request that the area be bagged off to prevent anymore contamination in our work site. This needs to be done as soon as possible.

We have temporarily covered the melted siding on her building. This will not last too long and if it comes the insurance company will not pay to have it recovered.

We also want to be sure that any clean up that is done at 812 Cook Ave E, is done in compliance with the Minnesota Department of Public Health and the EPA.

We will have to have a licensed abatement company clean up the back yard at 1045 Arcade St, once 812 Cook St, has been addressed. We have to remove dirt, landscaping and soil and then have the yard tested again to be sure all contaminates are gone.

Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely

Joseph Gelhar

President

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