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## NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION AND ORDER TO VACATE

Betty Jean Gruber/Richard Michael Gruber  
1576 Griggs St N  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, has determined that the dwelling and premises at **671 HAWTHORNE AVE E** is "Unfit for Human Habitation". In accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34, Section 23, the premises will be placarded on **10-5-15** and ordered vacated no later than **10-16-15**.

Your attention is called to the following provisions of Section 34.23, Subsection 6 entitled, "Vacation of Structure or Unit":

**"Any residential structure or residential unit which has been condemned or placarded as unfit for human habitation shall be vacated within the time set forth in the placard and/or order. It shall be unlawful for any person to let to any person for human habitation any structure or unit so condemned or placarded, and no person shall occupy the structure or unit after the date set forth in the placard and/or notice."**

**THIS DWELLING SHALL NOT AGAIN BE USED FOR HUMAN HABITATION  
UNTIL WRITTEN APPROVAL IS SECURED FROM THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL;  
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND INSPECTIONS, DIVISION OF CODE  
ENFORCEMENT**

**Principle Violations:** These deficiencies must be corrected before this condemnation and vacate order will be removed.

1. The interior of the house constitutes material endangerment. The entire first floor and basement are full of excessive storage. Small walking paths throughout the house, egress windows for fire escape and blocked in both bedrooms. The house is fire hazard due to amount of combustibles in the home. Remove 50% of the debris by 10-16-15 or the house will be ordered vacated.
2. Smoke Detector: Lack of properly installed and operable smoke detector. Provide functioning smoke detectors in accordance with the attached requirement, within 24 hours.
3. MN State Statute 299F.50 Immediately provide and maintain an approved carbon monoxide alarm in a location within ten (10) feet of each sleeping area. Installation shall be in accordance with manufacturers instructions.
4. A through inspection will be performed after all the debris and clutter are removed.

**Other Violations:** These deficiencies must be corrected in order to bring this property into compliance with the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Authorization to reoccupy this/these dwelling unit(s) will not be given until it is demonstrated that all principal violations have been corrected and that no new conditions exist which could constitute material endangerment or which threaten the peace, health, safety or welfare of the occupants of this building.

All repairs and new installations must be made in accordance with the appropriate codes. Permit information may be obtained from the Building Inspection and Design Section, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, (651) 266-8989.

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 the date of this notice.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to keep all buildings secured and to properly maintain the premises at all times.

**If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Inspector, Paula Seeley, at 651-266-1916. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.**

Sincerely,

**Paula Seeley**  
Enforcement Officer

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