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Code Compliance Report

November 08, 2012

FHLMC/REAL FIC REALTY
149 THOMPSON AVE E SUITE 112
ST PAUL MN

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

Re: 656 Desoto St
File#: 12 101848 VB2

Dear Property Owner:

The following is the Code Compliance report you requested on October 19, 2012.

Please be advised that this report is accurate and correct as of the date November 08, 2012. 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 08, 2012. 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:

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
- 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.
- Provide fire block construction as necessary and seal chases in basement ceiling.
- Air-seal and insulate attic/access door.
- Provide major clean-up of premises.

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- 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.
- 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 rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
- Install flashing in an approved manner at the intersection of the roof with walls, chimneys, and other conjoined surfaces.
- Provide general rehabilitation of garage.
- Provide ground cover capable of controlling sediment and erosion.
- 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.
- Replace floor and framing on south side porch.
- Kill tree and roots at gas meter.
- Replace front steps at house and repair steps to street.
- Remove tree from north side of garage.
- Replace east side garage door.
- Remove wood stove piping from garage and repair roof hole.
- Repair and anchor front wall of garage.
- Remove trash and provide 6 inch. clearance to grade from siding around garage.
- Install drip cap on all garage openings.
- Replace kitchen floor and repair sub floor.
- Replace floor in sink base cabinet.
- Install tempered glass in window at bottom of stairs to 2nd floor and in window at top of stairs.
- Repair front retaining wall.
- A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies.

ELECTRICAL **Inspector: Randy Klossner** **Phone: 651-266-8989**

- Ground the electrical service to the water service with a copper conductor within 5 feet of the entrance point of the water service
- Bond around water meter with a copper wire sized for the electrical service per Article 250 of the NEC
- Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits
- Verify/install a separate 20 ampere laundry circuit and a separate 20 ampere kitchen appliance circuit
- Close openings in service panel/junction boxes with knockout seals, breaker blanks, and/or junction box covers
- Provide one (1) light for each 200 square feet in unfinished basement. One light must be switched on from the top of the stairs.

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- Ground light in kitchen over sink and disconnect receptacle on fixture.
- 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
- Install exterior light at back entry doors
- Remove and or/ re-wire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring in basement/garage and back entry.
- Replace all painted-over receptacles.
- Rewire garage feed to 2011 NEC.
- Add one receptacle in each bedroom and one receptacle in dining room, wire to 2011 NEC.
- Replace electrical panel due to excessive corrosion and relocate to meet clearance requirements.
- Rewire light in front room first floor to 2011 NEC.
- Add light in front entryway.
- Based on repair list purchase permit for service and all 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: Rick Jacobs** **Phone: 651-266-9054**

- Basement - Water Heater - not fired or in service (MPC 2180)
- Basement - Water Meter - raise meter to a minimum 12 inches above floor (MPC 2280)
- Basement - Water Meter - remove meter from pit (SPRW 94.04)
- Basement - Water Meter - service valves not functional or correct (MPC 1800 Subp 3,4)
- Basement - Water Piping - add appropriate hangers (MPC 1430 Subp. 4)
- Basement - Water Piping - improper fittings or usage (MPC 0420)
- Basement - Water Piping - provide water piping to all fixtures and appliances (MPC 1700)
- Basement - Water Piping - repair or replace all corroded, broken or leaking piping (MPC 4715.1720)
- Basement - Water Piping - run 1 inch water line from meter to first major take off (SPRWS Water Code)
- Basement - Gas Piping - run dryer vent to code (MFGC 614.1 - 614.7)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - improper connections, transitions, fittings or pipe usage (MPC 2420)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - improper pipe supports (MPC 1430 Subp. 4)

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- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - replace corroded cast iron or steel waste piping (MPC 0200)
- Basement - Soil and Waste Piping - unplugged or open piping; back pitched piping (MPC 1000)
- Basement Laundry Area - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Basement Laundry Area - water piping incorrect (MPC 0200 P.)
- Basement - Remove all saddles from the water piping.
- Basement - Replace any tapped cast iron pipe or fittings to code.
- First Floor - Gas Piping - range gas shut off; connector or piping incorrect (MFGC 411)
- First Floor - Lavatory - unvented (MPC 0200. E)
- First Floor - Lavatory - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- First Floor - Sink - faucet is missing, broken or parts missing (MPC 0200.P.)
- First Floor - Toilet Facilities - unvented (MPC 0200. E)
- First Floor - Toilet Facilities - waste incorrect (MPC 2300)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - Provide a vacuum breaker for the handheld shower (MPC 2000 B)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - provide anti-scald valve (MPC 1380. Subp. 5)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - provide stopper (MPC 1240)
- Second Floor - Tub and Shower - replace waste and overflow (MPC 1240)
- 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: Jerry Hanson** **Phone: 651-266-9044**

- Install approved level handle manual gas shutoff valve on furnace and remove unapproved valve
- 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
- Provide support for gas lines to code
- Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines and unapproved valves.
- 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.
- All supply and return ducts for warm air heating system must be clean before final approval for occupancy. Provide access for inspection of inside of ducts or provide documentation from a licensed duct-cleaning contractor that the duct system has been cleaned.
- Repair and/or replace heating registers as necessary.

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- Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms
- Remove wood burning fireplace venting and permanently seal openings.
- Provide a means of return air from every habitual room. Return air can not be taken from closets bathrooms, toilet rooms, kitchen or mechanical rooms.
- Mechanical gas permit is required for the above work.

ZONING

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

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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