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NOTICE OF CONDEMNATION AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION & ORDER TO VACATE

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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 **466 SARATOGA ST S** is "Unfit for Human Habitation". In accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34, Section 23, the premises will be placarded on **August 16, 2018** and ordered vacated no later than **August 16, 2018**.

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

"Any dwelling unit, structure or portion thereof which has been condemned or placarded as unfit for occupancy shall be vacated within the time set forth in the placard and/or order. No person shall occupy or let for occupancy any structure which is condemned."

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.

<u>Principle Violations</u>: These deficiencies must be corrected before this condemnation and vacate order will be removed.

- 1. **CONDEMNATION:** This occupancy is condemned as unsafe or dangerous. It constitutes a condition of material endangerment to occupants and emergency personnel. The interior of home has gross unsanitary conditions. Inspector found the home filled with overwhelming smell of rotting garbage, swarming flies, counters cluttered, rotting food, egress windows blocked, and small walking path throughout the home. This is also a fire hazard due to the excessive combustibles.
- 2. **BATHROOM:** Every dwelling unit shall contain within its walls a room, or adjacent rooms, separate from the habitable rooms which affords privacy and which is equipped with a toilet, hand sink and bathtub or shower. Remove the combustibles from the bathroom and clear out the rotting food and dishes in the tub and bathroom sink.
- 3. **BATHROOM FLOOR:** Every bathroom floor surface shall be kept in a professional state of maintenance and repair and be constructed and maintained substantially impervious to water to permit such floor to be easily kept in a clean and sanitary condition. Clean and sanitize the bathroom and floor.
- 4. **CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM:** 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 manufacturer's instructions.
- 5. **EMERGENCY ESCAPE AND RESCUE OPENING:** At least one window or door opening in every room used for sleeping purposes shall be openable from the inside and maintained in a professional state of maintenance and repair. Provide and maintain an approved opening from each sleeping room or area, or discontinue use of area as a sleeping room. Provide clear access to all emergency escapes and windows throughout.
- 6. **INTERIOR SANITATION:** The interior shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of refuse or garbage. Clean and sanitize the entire home, and remove hoarding conditions.
- 7. **SMOKE DETECTOR:** The occupant of a dwelling unit must inform the owner of the dwelling unit of a nonfunctioning smoke detector within 24 hours of discovering that the smoke detector in the dwelling unit is not functioning. Smoke detector may not be tampered with or disabled at any time.

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) 266-8585. 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, Lisa Martin, at 651-266-1940. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.

Sincerely,

Lisa Martin

Enforcement Officer

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