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CITY OF SAINT PAUL Christopher B. Coleman, Mayor

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December 28, 2016

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

John F Nieszner Trustee 854 Edmund Ave Saint Paul MN 55104-2730

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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 **854 EDMUND AVE** is "Unfit for Human Habitation". In accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34, Section 23, the premises will be placarded on **December 28, 2016** and ordered vacated no later than **December 28, 2016**.

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

- 1. CONDEMNATION: The interior of the house constitutes material endangerment. The interior of home has gross unsanitary conditions. Inspector found the home filled with clutter, small walking path throughout the home. This is a fire hazard due to the excessive combustibles.
- 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. 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.
- 4. DAMAGED ELECTRICAL FIXTURES. Repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.
- 5. EXIT OBSTRUCTION. Remove the materials that cause an exit obstruction. Maintain a clear and unobstructed exit way.
- 6. EXTENSION CORDS. Immediately, discontinue use of frayed, deteriorated, damaged or spliced electrical cords adequate to meet the building's needs. This work may require a permit(s), call DSI at (651) 266-9090.
- 7. WATER HEATER. Contact a licensed contractor to repair or replace the water heater. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-9090.
- 8. DRYER VENTING. Provide, repair or replace the dryer exhaust duct. Exhaust ducts for domestic clothes dryers shall be constructed of metal and shall have a smooth interior finish. The exhaust duct shall be a minimum nominal size of four inches (102 mm) in diameter and installed in accordance with the mechanical code. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.
- 9. INTERIOR WALLS. The interior walls are defective. Repair all wall defects and finish in a professional manner.
- 10. INTERIOR CEILINGS. The interior ceilings are defective. Repair all ceiling defects and finish in a professional manner.
- 11. COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS. Immediately remove and discontinue excessive accumulation of combustible materials. Provide and maintain orderly storage of materials.
- 12. INTERIOR SANITATION. Provide and maintain interior in a clean and sanitary condition.

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13. 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 working toilet, hand sink and bathtub or shower.

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, 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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