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Order to Abate Nuisance Building(s)

Dear Responsible or Interested Party:

The Vacant/Nuisance Buildings Unit, Department of the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, hereby declares the premises located at:

854 EDMUND AVE

With the following Historic Preservation information: NONE

and legally described as follows, to wit:

SYNDICATE NO. 2 ADDITION W 30 FT OF LOT 14 BLK 4

to comprise a nuisance condition in violation of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 45.02, and subject to demolition under authority of Chapter 45.11.

On August 19, 2020 a Building Deficiency Inspection Report was compiled and the following conditions were observed.

This list of deficiencies is not necessarily all the deficiencies present at this time. This building(s) is subject to the restrictions of Saint Paul Ordinance Chapter 33.03 and shall not again be used for occupancy until such time as a Certificate of Compliance or a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. All repairs must be in accordance with appropriate codes. Changes or additions to the electrical system, mechanical system, or the plumbing system may necessitate updating or upgrading the systems involved.

This is a two-story, wood frame, duplex with a detached one-stall garage.

The following is excerpted from the April 24, 2017 expired Code Compliance Report:

BUILDING

1. Install 20-minute fire rated doors, with self-closing device, between common areas and individual units. All penetrations required to have property intumescent device or caulk (per current building codes).
2. Install Smoke Detectors/Carbon Monoxide Detectors per MN Conservation Code and the MN Dept. of Labor and Industry: Install per code where feasible.
3. Provide major clean-up of premises.
4. Install water-proof enclosure in shower area.
5. Verify proper venting of bath exhaust fan to exterior.
6. Repair siding, soffit, fascia, trim, etc. as necessary.
7. Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of house.
8. Provide proper drainage around house to direct water away from foundation of garage.
9. Install downspouts and a complete gutter system.
10. Install rain leaders to direct drainage away from foundation.
11. Provide general rehabilitation of garage.
12. Maintain one-hour fire separation between dwelling units and between units and common areas.
13. Install address numbers visible from street and on the alley side of garage.
14. Remove trees which are against foundation of home and garage.
15. Grade must drain away from foundation of dwelling. Maintain 6-inch clearance between wood and soil.
16. Remove trees from around house foundation and kill roots. Also remove vines from obstructing access to house.
17. Install code approved attic access to code size.
18. Repair 1st. floor bath ceiling to code with inspections and 1-hour rated assembly.
19. Repair soffits and fascia where damaged or missing.
20. East side of garage needs to be re-plumbed (leaning to south) no access to west side of garage and 2nd. floor, all to meet code.
21. Replace decayed garage siding at grade with code approved materials.
22. Install handrails (34 inches - 38 inches above each nosing) and guardrails (36-inch minimum) at all stairways, and return handrail ends into a newel post or wall per attachment.
23. Repair or Replace any deteriorated window sash, broken glass, sash holders, re-putty, etc as necessary.
24. Provide complete storms and screens, in good repair for all door and window openings.
25. Repair or replace damaged doors and frames as necessary, including storm doors.
26. 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.
27. Where wall and ceiling covering is removed install full thickness or code-specified insulation.
28. Air-seal and insulate attic/access door.
29. A building permit is required to correct the above deficiencies. All work is to be done in a workmanship like manner.

ELECTRICAL

1. Provide a complete circuit directory at service panel indicating location and use of all circuits.
2. Close openings in junction boxes with knockout seals.
3. Repair or replace all broken, painted over, corroded, missing or loose receptacles, luminaires (light fixtures), switches, covers and plates to current code.
4. Check all receptacles for proper polarity (including 2-prong) and verify ground on 3-prong receptacles. Ensure all GFCI receptacles are functioning properly. Rewire and/or replace receptacles that are improperly wired or not functioning properly.
5. Install hard-wired, battery backup, smoke detector as specified in Chapter 58 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code, and other smoke detectors and as required by the Minnesota State Building Code.
6. Remove and/or rewire all illegal, improper or hazardous wiring to current NEC.
7. Ensure proper access to service panel for 2nd level unit.
8. All electrical work must be done by a Minnesota-licensed electrical contractor under an electrical permit.

PLUMBING

1. Basement -Gas Piping - Install an approved shut off; connector and gas piping for the dryer.
2. Basement -Gas Piping - Vent clothes dryer to code.
3. Basement -Laundry Tub - Install the waste piping to code.
4. Basement -Laundry Tub - Provide the proper potable water protection for the faucet spout.
5. Basement -Soil and Waste Piping - Install a front sewer clean out.
6. Basement -Soil and Waste Piping - Replace all corroded cast iron, steel waste or vent piping.
7. Basement -Soil and Waste Piping - Install a clean out at the upper terminal at each horizontal drainage pipe.
8. Basement -Tub and Shower - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
9. Basement -Tub and Shower - Install the waste piping to code.
10. Basement -Tub and Shower - Install the water piping to code.
11. Basement -Tub and Shower - Install scald and thermal shock protection, ASSE Standard 1016.
12. Basement -Water Heater - Install the gas shut off and the gas piping to code.
13. Basement -Water Heater - Install the water heater gas venting to code.
14. Basement -Water Heater - The water heater venting requires a chimney liner.
15. Basement -Water Heater - Install the water piping for the water heater to code.
16. Basement -Water Heater - The water heater must be fired and in service.
17. Basement -Water Meter - Raise the water meter to a minimum of 12 inches above the floor.
18. Basement -Water Meter - The service valves must be functional and installed to code.
19. Basement -Water Piping - Repair or replace all the corroded, broken, or leaking water piping.
20. Basement -Water Piping - Replace all the improperly sized water piping.
21. Exterior -Lawn Hydrants - Repair or replace the lawn hydrants that are broken or have parts missing.
22. Exterior -Lawn Hydrants - The lawn hydrant(s) require a backflow preventer.

23. Exterior -Rain Leader - The rain leaders must be separated from the sanitary sewer.
24. Exterior -Rain Leader - The rain leaders must be properly plugged or capped to code.
25. First Floor -Lavatory - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
26. First Floor -Lavatory - Install the waste piping to code.
27. First Floor -Lavatory - Install the water piping to code.
28. First Floor -Sink - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
29. First Floor -Sink - Install the waste piping to code.
30. First Floor -Sink - Install the water piping to code.
31. First Floor -Toilet Facilities - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
32. First Floor -Toilet Facilities - Install the waste piping to code.
33. First Floor -Toilet Facilities - Install the water piping to code.
34. First Floor -Tub and Shower - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
35. First Floor -Tub and Shower - Install the waste piping to code.
36. First Floor -Tub and Shower - Install the water piping to code.
37. First Floor -Tub and Shower - Install scald and thermal shock protection, ASSE Standard 1016.
38. Second Floor -Lavatory - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
39. Second Floor -Lavatory - Install the waste piping to code.
40. Second Floor -Lavatory - Install the water piping to code.
41. Second Floor -Sink - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
42. Second Floor -Sink - Install the waste piping to code.
43. Second Floor -Sink - Install the water piping to code.
44. Second Floor -Toilet Facilities - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
45. Second Floor -Toilet Facilities - Install the waste piping to code.
46. Second Floor -Toilet Facilities - Install the water piping to code.
47. Second Floor -Tub and Shower - Install a proper fixture vent to code.
48. Second Floor -Tub and Shower - Install the waste piping to code.
49. Second Floor -Tub and Shower - Install the water piping to code.
50. Second Floor -Tub and Shower - Install scald and thermal shock protection, ASSE Standard 1016.
51. All the above corrections to waste, vent, water, and gas piping shall be per the Minnesota Plumbing Code Chapter 4714, Minnesota Rules Chapter 326, 4716, 1300, the Minnesota Mechanical Code, the Minnesota Fuel Gas Code, and Saint Paul Regional Water Services Water Code. All plumbing must be done by a plumbing contractor licensed in the State of Minnesota and the City of St. Paul by a plumber licensed in the State of Minnesota who also possess a City of Saint Paul Competency Card and after obtaining an approved City of Saint Paul Plumbing Permit.

MECHANICAL

1. 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.
2. Provide thirty (30) inches of clearance in front of furnace for service.
3. Move return air intake a minimum of ten (10) feet from furnace flue draft diverter or relocate it to another room.
4. Replace furnace flue venting to code.
5. Vent clothes dryer to code.

6. Provide support for gas lines to code.
7. Plug, cap and/or remove all disconnected gas lines and unapproved plug valves.
8. Install furnace air filter access cover.
9. Clean all supply and return ducts for warm air heating system.
10. Repair and/or replace heating registers as necessary.
11. Provide heat in every habitable room and bathrooms.
12. Provide a means of return air from every habitable room to the furnace.

As owner, agent or responsible party, you are hereby notified that if these deficiencies and the resulting nuisance condition is not corrected by **September 19, 2020** the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, will begin a substantial abatement process to demolish and remove the building(s). The costs of this action, including administrative costs and demolition costs will be assessed against the property taxes as a special assessment in accordance with law.

As first remedial action, a Code Compliance Inspection Report must be obtained from the Building Inspection and Design Section, 375 Jackson Street, Suite 220, (651) 266-8989. This inspection will identify specific defects, necessary repairs and legal requirements to correct this nuisance condition. You may also be required to post a five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) performance bond with the Department of Safety and Inspections before any permits are issued, except for a demolition permit. Call the Department of Safety and Inspections for more information at 651-266-8989.

If this building is located in a historic district or site (noted on page 1, above, just below the property address) then you must contact Heritage Preservation (HPC) staff to discuss your proposal for the repairs required by this order and compliance with preservation guidelines. Copies of the guidelines and design review application and forms are available from the Department of Safety and Inspections web site (see letterhead) and from the HPC staff. No permits will be issued without HPC review and approval. HPC staff also can be reached by calling 651-266-9078.

As an owner or responsible party, you are required by law to provide full and complete disclosure of this "Order to Abate" to all interested parties, all present or subsequent renters and any subsequent owners. The property shall not be sold, transferred or conveyed in any manner until the Nuisance Conditions have been abated and the Certificate of Code Compliance or Certificate of Occupancy has been issued.

The Enforcement Officer is required by law to post a placard on this property which declares it to be a "nuisance condition", subject to demolition and removal by the City. This placard shall not be removed without the written authority of the Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement. The department is further required to file a copy of this "Order to Abate" with the City Clerk's Office.

If corrective action is not taken within the time specified in this order, the Enforcement Officer will notify the City Council that abatement action is necessary. The City Clerk will then schedule dates for Public Hearings before the City Council at which time testimony will be heard from interested parties. After this hearing the City Council will adopt a resolution stating what action if any, it deems appropriate.

If the resolution calls for abatement action the Council may either order the City to take the abatement action or fix a time within which this nuisance must be abated in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 33 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code and provide that if corrective action is not taken within the specified time, the City shall abate this nuisance. The costs of this action, including administrative costs will be assessed against the property as a special assessment in accordance with law.

If you have any questions or request additional information please contact **Matt Dornfeld** at **651-266-1902**, or you may leave a voice mail message.

Sincerely,

Matt Dornfeld

Vacant Buildings Enforcement Inspector