



January 22, 2026

Occupant
873 Front Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55103-1325

SAFETY INSPECTION JANUARY 21, 2026

RE: 873 Front Avenue

Occupant:

A safety inspection was made on your property on January 22, 2026, in accordance with direction from the legislative hearing officer. You are hereby notified that the following deficiencies exist at this property.

1. MSFC 1104.26 and Sec. 34.13 – Emergency Egress

- a. Main level bedroom. There is currently a bureau partially blocking the window. Occupant was only able to open the window a few inches. Occupant will need to reorganize furniture in this room to allow for full window access. Occupant will need to ensure this window can safely and quickly open for egress/ingress.
- b. Upper bedroom. There is currently an air conditioner situated in the only window in this room, blocking egress/ingress. Air conditioner will need to be removed.

2. Sec. 34.23 – Structures Unfit for Occupancy

- a. Camper attached to pickup truck in backyard is currently occupied by one adult and pet. This is not a structure fit for occupancy and shall be immediately vacated.

3. Sec. 34.15 – Minimum Standards for Safety from Fire on Residential Properties

- a. Main level, living room. Smoke alarm in living room beyond its ten-year lifespan. Replace with newly provided smoke alarm.
- b. Main level, living room. Install newly provided carbon monoxide detector.
- c. Upper level, boys' room. Smoke alarm is hanging open and is also beyond its ten-year lifespan. Replace with newly provided smoke alarm.

4. Sec. 34.10 – Interior Structures on Residential Properties

- a. Front porch. There is currently a large pile of items on the front porch. The number of belongings on the porch creates an unforeseen fire load which would block egress/ingress to the front door. Minimize items on front porch.

5. MSFC 604.5 – Extension Cords

- a. Main level bedroom. There is currently an extension cord running from a light socket in the basement, up and across the basement stairs, powering a space heater in this bedroom. Remove extension cord. Space heaters must be plugged directly into a wall socket with *three feet* of clear space around the heater.

6. Minnesota Mechanical Code 504.8.1 – Exhaust Ducts, Material and Size

- a. Basement. Exhaust tubing currently attached to clothes dryer is of the accordion, flexible style. Exhaust ducts shall have a smooth interior finish and shall be constructed of metal not less than 0.016 inch in thickness. Replace flexible ducting with appropriate ducting.

Saint Paul Legislative Code authorizes this inspection and collection of inspection fees. For forms, fee schedule, inspection handouts, or information on some of the violations contained in this report, please visit our web page at: <http://www.stpaul.gov/cofo>

You have the right to appeal these orders to the Legislative Hearing Officer. Applications for appeals may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 310 City Hall, City/County Courthouse, 15 W Kellogg Blvd, Saint Paul MN 55102 Phone: (651-266-8585) and must be filed within 10 days of the date of this order.

If you have any questions, email me at: keith.demarest@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me between the hours of 7:30am and 9:00am at: (651) 266-8998. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Keith Demarest
DSI Fire Safety Supervisor