



SAINT PAUL
SAFETY & INSPECTIONS

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

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855 3rd St E.
St. Paul MN, 55106

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Department of Safety and Inspections, Division of Code Enforcement, has determined that the dwelling and premise at **855 3rd St E.** is "Unfit for Human Habitation". In Accordance with Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 34, Section 23, the premises will be placarded on **October 28, 2025 and ordered vacated no later than November 5, 2025.**

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.

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

1. SPLC 34.23. - **CONDEMNATION:** The home and garage is condemned as unsafe or dangerous. It constitutes a condition of material endangerment to occupants and emergency personnel. Inspector was called to the house for a gas leak from the oven and found walls missing throughout the entire house and an unapproved second-floor apartment and illegal occupancy inside the garage. This is also a fire hazard.

THIS PROPERTY IS CLASSIFIED AS A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. THE SECOND-FLOOR APARTMENT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED FOR OCCUPANCY. PLEASE VACATE AND REMOVE THE UNAPPROVED SECOND-FLOOR APARTMENT. GARAGES ARE NOT HABITABLE STRUCTURES PLEASE IMMEDIATELY VACATE THE GARAGE
THANK YOU.

2. SPLC 34.19. – **ACCESS:** Provide access to the inspector to all areas of the building.

PLEASE PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE INSPECTOR TO THE ENTIRE HOUSE, GARAGE AND PROPERTY THANK YOU.

3. SPLC 45.03. - **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.

PLEASE DISCONNECT AND REMOVE ALL EXTENSION CORDS FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE AND FROM INSIDE THE GARAGE THANK YOU.

4. SPLC 62.101. - **ZONING:** Use of this property does not conform to zoning ordinance. Discontinue unapproved use or call DSI Zoning at (651) 266-8989 to convert to legal use. Immediately discontinue USE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME THAT HAS BEEN ILLEGALLY CONVERTED TO A DUPLEX.

PLEASE VACATE AND REMOVE THE UNAPPROVED SECOND-FLOOR ILLEGAL APARTMENT THANK YOU.

5. SPLC 34.10. - **WALLS:** All walls must be maintained in a sound condition and in a professional state of maintenance and repair.

PLEASE REPLACE ALL MISSING WALLS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROPERTY
PERMIT IS REQUIRED THANK YOU.

6. SPLC 34.15. - **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. Immediately provide and maintain a smoke detector located outside each sleeping area.

PLEASE PROVIDE AN OPERABLE SMOKE DETECTOR IN A CENTRALIZED LOCATION INSIDE THE MAIN-FLOOR THANK YOU.

7. SPLC 34.15. - **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.

PLEASE PROVIDE AN OPERABLE CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR WITHIN TEN FEET OF ALL SLEEPING ROOMS THANK YOU.

8. SPLC 34.13. - **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. This work may require permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989

PLEASE REMOVE THE BED FROM THE BASEMENT THAT HAS NO MEANS OF EGRESS THANK YOU.

9. SPLC 34.08. - **ACCESSORY STRUCTURES:** All accessory structures including, but not limited to, detached garages, sheds, retaining walls and fences shall be kept in a professional state of maintenance and repair and maintained structurally sound. All exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay by paint which is not lead-based paint or by other protective covering or treatment. Service doors to accessory structures shall be provided with securing locks.

PLEASE REMOVE THE MATTRESS, SOFA, PORTABLE HEATER AND PERSONAL BELONGINGS FROM INSIDE THE GARAGE. PLEASE REPLACE THE SERVICE DOOR AND REPAIR THE MAIN DOOR TO THE GARAGE THANK YOU.

10. SPLC 33.03 (c). - **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.

FLEXIBLE DUCT IS NOT AN APPROVED MATERIAL FOR DRYER VENTS. PLEASE REPLACE VENT WITH APPROVED MATERIALS TO MEET CODE OR REMOVE CLOTHES DRYER FROM THE PROPERTY PERMIT IS REQUIRED THANK YOU.

11. SPLC 45.03. - **ELECTRIC COVER PLATES:** Provide electrical cover plates to all outlets, switches and junction boxes were missing.

PLEASE REPLACE THE COVER PLATE MISSING FROM THE ELECTRICAL PANEL BOX LOCATED IN THE BASEMENT THANK YOU.

12. SPLC 34.12. - **SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT:** Repair and maintain all required and supplied equipment in an operative and safe condition to perform their intended function properly and safely in accordance with the provisions of the applicable code.

PLEASE REPAIR OR REPLACE THE OVEN AND GAS PIPING DUE TO THE GAS LEAK PERMIT IS REQUIRED THANK YOU.

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 Inspector Willie Williams, at (651) 266-1942. To arrange an appointment or request an extension of time to complete repairs, you will need to speak directly to the inspector.

Sincerely,

Willie Williams

Enforcement Officer

Badge No: 324

Cc: Posted to ENS