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January 13, 2025

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Revocation of Fire Certificate of Occupancy and Order to Vacate

RE: 511 MINNEHAHA AVE E
Ref. # 10051

Dear Property Representative:

Your building was inspected on October 25, 2024, for the renewal of the Certificate of Occupancy. Since you have failed to comply with the applicable requirements, it has become necessary to revoke the Certificate of Occupancy in accordance with Section 40.06 of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Per the decision of the Legislative Hearing Officer:

1) **The hearing scheduled for January 7, 2025, has been continued to January 21, 2025**, in order that the City's Structural Engineer, Brian Karpen, could review the engineering report from Structural Resource Center LLC which you submitted.
2) Grant to January 1, 2025, for compliance with the September 4, 2024, correction order
3) Appeal related to the Fire Certificate of Occupancy orders refer the matter back to Legislative Hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 01:30 pm (or via phone between 01:30 and 3:30 pm)
    a) Engineering analysis for consideration of extension required for items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7 by no later than close of business January 3, 2025.
    b) Grant to February 1, 2025, for items 2 and 6.
    c) Item 8 to be completed (permit pulled *and* finaled) by January 6, 2025.

A reinspection will be made on January 13, 2025, at 01:30 pm to confirm that the rear deck has been blocked and signage posted per the decision of the Legislative Hearing Officer in the letter dated January 10, 2025.

The Saint Paul Legislative Code further provides that no building shall be occupied without a Certificate of Occupancy. Failure to immediately complete the following deficiency list or the building vacated may result in a criminal citation.

DEFICIENCY LIST

1. Exterior - Foundation - SPLC 34.09 (2)(a), 34.33 (1)(a) - Provide and maintain foundation elements to adequately support this building at all points. -
    a. Mortar is soft, flaking, and damaged in multiple locations.
    b. Mortar comes out in powder form when touched.
    c. This work shall be done under permit, the work inspected, and the permit closed.

2. Exterior - Rear - MSFC 604.1 - Repair or replace damaged electrical fixtures. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.
    a. Multiple light fixtures are not properly installed, missing covers and bulbs, and are not protected from the elements.
    b. Missing fixture above lower-level back door, wires loosely hanging.

3. Exterior - Rear - SPLC 34.09 (3), 34.33(2) - Repair or replace the unsafe stairways, porch, decks, or railings in an approved manner. Every outside stair, porch and deck shall be constructed safely and shall be capable of supporting imposed loads as determined in the building code and shall be kept in a professional state of maintenance and repair with proper anchorage. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.
    a. Deck support beams are walking off and not centered on footings.
    b. Floorboards are soft, cracked, water damaged, and uneven.
    c. Beams and joists not properly installed.
    d. A permit is required to complete these corrections.

4. Exterior - Rear Deck and Stairs - SPLC 34.23, MSFC 111.1 - This occupancy is condemned as unsafe or dangerous. This occupancy must not be used until re-inspected and approved by this office. -
    a. Condemned for but not limited to structural integrity of the deck and stairs.
    b. Per the orders of the Legislative Hearing Officer:
        i. The doors exiting onto the deck should be secured and signage installed indicating the stairs/exit is unsafe.
        ii. The base of the stairs shall be blocked to prevent their use.

5. Exterior - Roof - SPLC 34.09 (2)(b), 34.33 (1)(d) - Provide and maintained the roof weather tight and free from defects. -
    a. Panels not properly installed, loose and crooked sections, visible separation between panels.
    b. Visible gaps between panels and structure.
    c. This work shall be done under permit, the work inspected, and the permit closed.

6. Exterior - Walls - SPLC 34.09 (1)(2)(a), 34.33 (1)(b) - Provide and maintain all exterior walls free from holes and deterioration. All wood exterior unprotected surfaces must be painted or protected from the elements and maintained in a professional manner free from chipped or peeling paint. -
    a. Trim boards along roof and front facia chipped and peeling paint, boards are water damaged or missing.
    b. Exposed boards where facia and trim have been removed.
    c. Holes and gaps in brick where trim boards have been removed.
    d. Mortar is soft, damaged, cracked, and comes out in dust form when touched.
    e. Cracks and visible gaps between bricks.
    f. This work shall be done under permit, the work inspected, and the permit closed.

7. Exterior - West Side Basement Level - MFGC 503 - Provide, repair, or replace the fuel equipment vent or vent liner to develop a positive flow adequate to convey all products of combustion to the outside. This work may require a permit(s). Call DSI at (651) 266-8989.-
    a. Vent cover missing over dryer ducts on glass block window.

8. Exterior - Windows - SPLC 34.09 (4), 34.33 (3)- Repair and maintain the window in good condition. All windows shall be maintained in accordance with the building code in effect at the time of construction or as altered/modified under an approved building permit. -
    a. Multiple windows with weather damage boards and trim.
    b. Boards and trim are soft, cracked, swelled, or missing.
    c. Cracked, chipped, and peeling paint.
    d. Gaps between windows and/or boards and structure.
    e. Windows have been boarded over and have chipped, cracked, and peeling paint or no paint.

9. MSBC - Section 1300.0120 Part 1 - Permits Required. Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit. Work being done requires a permit. -
    a. Multiple windows replaced without permit.
    b. Permit shall be pulled, work inspected, and the permit closed.

10. SPLC Sec. 40.06. - Suspension, revocation, and denial; (3) If it is found upon inspection of the fire code official that the building or occupancy is in violation of provisions of this or other applicable safety codes, ordinances, rules, and regulations-
    a. Revoked for but not limited to long term non-compliance in completing Correction Orders from inspections that took place on 12/26/2023, 01/26/2024, 02/02/2024, 06/12/2024, 07/22/2024, and 09/16/2024.

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: Daryl.Chute@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call me at 651-266-9129 between 7:30 - 9:00 a.m. Please help to make Saint Paul a safer place in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

Daryl Chute
Fire Safety Inspector II

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