

## ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To: Brian Bernard Blais

"the Owner"

**RE:** Those housing premises located in Calgary, Alberta and municipally described as:

1125 8 Street SE - Common Area

WHEREAS I, an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services, have inspected the above noted premises pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Act, RSA 2000, c. P-37, as amended;

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following conditions exist in and about the above noted premises which are or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health or which might hinder in any manner the prevention or suppression of disease, namely:

- a. The roof is showing extreme signs of ageing, and there have been numerous leaks into the main floor ceiling of the residence. The roof is sagging, shingles are curling, and ceilings inside are cracked and sagging.
- b. The staircase leading to the basement is extremely steep.
- c. There is a sump pump located in the floor of the south bedroom, in the immediate vicinity of the kitchen and bathroom. The water in the sump pump was at the brim, and has overflowed in the past.

**AND WHEREAS** such inspection disclosed that the following breaches of the Public Health Act and the Housing Regulation, Alberta Regulation 173/99, and the Minimum Housing and Health Standards exist in and about the above noted premises, namely:

- a. The roof is showing extreme signs of ageing, and there have been numerous leaks into the main floor ceiling of the residence. The roof is sagging, singles are curling, and ceilings inside are cracked and sagging. This is in contravention of section 1(b,d) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that basements, cellars or crawl spaces shall be structurally sound, maintained in good repair and free from water infiltration and accumulation. Repairs or modifications of any structural element of the housing premises may require the design and/or supervision of a professional structural engineer or a Safety Codes Officer (Building Discipline).
- b. The staircase leading to the basement is extremely steep. This is in contravention of section 3(c) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that stairs or porches, including all treads, risers, shall be maintained in good repair and shall comply with the requirements of the Alberta Building Code or a Professional Engineer design.
- c. There is a sump pump located in the floor of the bedroom, in the immediate vicinity of the kitchen and bathroom. The water in the sump pump was at the brim, and has overflowed in the past. This is in contravention of section 6(a,c) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that the plumbing system and the sanitary drainage system or

private sewage disposal system, as the case may be, including drains, fixtures, raps, vents, stacks, waste disposal facilities, pump out sewage holding tanks, septic tanks and the disposal system shall be maintained in a proper operating condition. (c) All plumbing fixtures shall be serviceable, free from leaks, trapped and vented to the outside.

## NOW THEREFORE, I hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT**:

- 1. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
  - a. Hire a structural engineer to assess the structural integrity of the roof, rafters, and main floor ceiling. Provide documentation to a Public Health Inspector/Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services.
  - b. Have a Safety Codes Officer assess the staircase leading to the basement units to ensure it complies with the Alberta Building Code. Provide documentation to a Public Health Inspector/Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services.
  - Have a Safety Codes Officer evaluate the safety, functionality and placement of the sump pump. Provide documentation to a Public Health Inspector/Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services.
- 2. The work referred to in paragraph 1 shall be completed by August 7, 2020.

The above conditions were noted at the time of inspection and may not necessarily reflect all deficiencies. You are advised that further work may be required to ensure full compliance with the Public Health Act and regulations, or to prevent a public health nuisance.

DATED at Calgary, Alberta, July 24, 2020.

Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Brian Blais on July 16, 2020.

Andrew Percival, CPHI(C) Executive Officer Alberta Health Services

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A person who

- a) is directly affected by a decision of a Regional Health Authority, and
- b) feels himself aggrieved by the decision

may appeal the decision by submitting a Notice of Appeal form within ten (10) days after receiving the order to:

Public Health Appeal Board c/o Central Reception

Main Floor, ATB Place North Tower

10025 Jasper Avenue NW Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6 Phone: 780-222-5186 Fax: 780-422-0914

Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca

Website: https://www.alberta.ca/public-health-appeal-board.aspx

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