

ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER

To:

Art Invest INC. "the Owner" Dionne Mascarenhas "the Owner" Roman Bouz "the Owner"

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

11705 94 St NW Edmonton, AB T5G 1J1

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. There were three people sleeping within the basement space during the August 21, 2024 inspection of the home. The window within the basement was too small to meet emergency egress requirements (openable area of the window was < 3.8 ft²).
- b. The windows in the front bedroom (West side of the home, adjacent to the front door) were not capable of remaining in an open position.
- c. The window in the upstairs, righthand bedroom was not capable of remaining in an open position.
- d. The basement window was not capable of being locked.
- e. There were no smoke alarms installed between the bedrooms of the home and the remainder of the home.
- f. There was no handrail installed along the stairs/ramp at the front of the home. There was no guardrail present around the platform at the front entrance of the home.
- g. There was no handrail present along the basement stairs.
- h. There was a hasp present along the outside of the door to the front bedroom (West side of the home, adjacent to the front door).

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. There were three people sleeping within the basement space during the August 21, 2024 inspection of the home. The window within the basement was too small to meet emergency egress requirements (openable area of the window was < 3.8 ft²). This is in contravention of Section 3(b)(ii) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that "Windows referred to in section 3(b)(i) shall provide unobstructed openings with areas not less than 0.35 m² (3.8ft²), with no dimension less than 380 mm (15")."
- b. The windows in the front bedroom (West side of the home, adjacent to the front door) were not capable of remaining in an open position. This is in contravention of Sections 3(b)(i) and 3(b)(ii) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which state that "(i) For buildings of 3 storeys or less and except where a bedroom door provides access directly to the exterior or the suite is sprinklered, each bedroom shall have at least one outside

window which may be opened from the inside without the use of tools or special knowledge. (ii) Windows referred to in section 3(b)(i) shall provide unobstructed openings with areas not less than 0.35 m² (3.8ft²), with no dimension less than 380 mm (15")."

- c. The window in the upstairs, righthand bedroom (East side of the home) was not capable of remaining in an open position. This is in contravention of Sections 3(b)(i) and 3(b)(ii) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which state that "(i) For buildings of 3 storeys or less and except where a bedroom door provides access directly to the exterior or the suite is sprinklered, each bedroom shall have at least one outside window which may be opened from the inside without the use of tools or special knowledge. (ii) Windows referred to in section 3(b)(i) shall provide unobstructed openings with areas not less than 0.35 m² (3.8ft²), with no dimension less than 380 mm (15")."
- d. The basement window was not capable of being locked. This is in contravention of Section 3(a) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that "Exterior windows and doors shall be capable of being secured."
- e. There were no smoke alarms installed between the bedrooms of the home and the remainder of the home. This is in contravention of Section 12 of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that "Smoke alarms within dwellings shall be installed between each sleeping area and the remainder of the suite and, where hallways serve the sleeping areas; the smoke alarms shall be installed within the hallway. (a) Smoke alarms shall be operational and in good repair at all times."
- f. There was no handrail installed along the stairs/ramp at the front of the home. There was no guardrail present around the platform at the front entrance of the home. This is in contravention of Section 3(c)(i) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that "Inside or outside stairs or porches including all treads, risers, supporting structural members, handrails, guards and balconies, shall be maintained in good repair and shall comply with the requirements of the Alberta Building Code or a Professional Engineer design."
- g. There was no handrail present along the basement stairs. This is in contravention of Section 3(c)(i) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that "Inside or outside stairs or porches including all treads, risers, supporting structural members, handrails, guards and balconies, shall be maintained in good repair and shall comply with the requirements of the Alberta Building Code or a Professional Engineer design."
- h. There was a hasp present along the outside of the door to the front bedroom (West side of the home, adjacent to the front door). This is in contravention of Section 5(2) of the Alberta Housing Regulation (AR 173/99) which states that "No person shall cause or permit any condition in housing premises that is or may become injurious or dangerous to the public health, including any condition that may hinder in any way the prevention or suppression of disease."
- i. The following finishes were damaged at the time of inspection: the floor within the kitchen (which had gaps present between the individual sections of the flooring), the floor within the front/West bedroom (which had gaps present between the individual sections of flooring), the trim around the front door (which was broken and missing in places), and the wall along the stairwell to the upstairs portion of the home (which had a large hole present). This is in contravention of Section 5 of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that "All walls, windows, ceilings, floors, and floor coverings shall be maintained in good repair, free of cracks, holes, loose or lifting coverings and in a condition that renders it easy to clean. (a) Rooms containing a flush toilet and/or a bathtub or shower shall have walls and floors that are smooth, non-absorbent to moisture and easy to clean. All walls shall form a watertight joint with each other, the floor, the ceiling and where applicable with the bathtub or shower. (b) Rooms and sections of rooms that are used for food preparation and

cooking shall have walls and floors constructed of materials which do not provide harbourage to dirt, grease, vermin and bacteria and that are easily kept clean."

j. The window in the basement was missing a pane. This is in contravention of Section 2(b)(i) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards, which states that "All windows and exterior doors shall be; maintained in good repair, free of cracks and weatherproof."

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. Install an emergency egress window within the basement space that will provide an unobstructed opening of at least 3.8 ft². Ensure the appropriate permits are obtained from the City of Edmonton to conduct the work (if applicable).
 - b. Modify/replace the windows in the front bedroom (West side of the home) and the upstairs righthand bedroom to ensure they are capable of being maintained in an open position during egress.
 - c. Install a lock on the basement window.
 - d. Install smoke alarms between the bedrooms and the remainder of the home.
 - e. Install a handrail and guardrail along the front entrance of the home. Ensure the handrail and guardrail meet the relevant requirements of the Alberta Building Code.
 - f. Install a handrail along the basement stairwell. Ensure the handrail meets the relevant requirements of the Alberta Building Code.
 - g. Remove the hasp from the exterior of the door for the front bedroom of the home.
 - h. Repair/replace the following finishes: the floor within the kitchen, the floor within the front/West bedroom, the trim around the front door, and the wall along the stairwell to the upstairs portion of the home.
 - i. Repair/replace the window within the basement.
- 2. The work referred to in paragraph 1 c, d, and g shall be completed by September 6, 2024. The work referred to in paragraph 1 a, b, e, f, h, and i shall be completed by September 16, 2024.

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 Edmonton, Alberta, August 21, 2024

Executive Officer Alberta Health Services

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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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