

**ORDER OF AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER
CLOSED FOR TENANT ACCOMMODATION PURPOSES
ORDER TO VACATE**

To: Jimmy Tam and Yuen Kim Tam
"the Owner"

And To: All Occupant(s) of the following Housing premises:

RE: Those housing premises located in Lethbridge, Alberta and municipally described as:
638 8 Street S. - Basement areas of all units (1-10),

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. Beds were observed in many suites in this townhouse complex. The basement windows are too small for emergency egress.
- b. There are no smoke alarms in the basements.

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. Beds were observed in many suites in this townhouse complex. The basement windows are too small for emergency egress, which is in contravention of section III(3)(b)(i) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Windows referred to above shall provide unobstructed openings with areas not less than 0.35 m² (3.8ft²), with no dimension less than 380 mm (15").
- b. There are no smoke alarms in the basements, which is in contravention of Section IV(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.

AND WHEREAS, by virtue of the foregoing, the above noted premises are hereby declared to be **Closed for Tenant Accommodation Purposes**.

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

1. That the occupants vacate the above noted premises on or before <vacate date>.

2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
 - a. Install egress windows in all basements.
 - b. Install operational smoke alarm in all basements.
 - c. Check with City of Lethbridge Building Codes for any additional requirements.

OR

- d. Come up with an alternative method by which the basement is rendered in such a manner that it is not used as a bedroom and submit it to this office for review (eg. Locking the basement doors).
3. That until such time as the work referred to above is completed to the satisfaction of an Executive Officer of Alberta Health Services; the above noted premises shall remain closed for tenant accommodation purposes.

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 Lethbridge, Alberta, June 13, 2016

Mark Albiez BSc, BEH(AD), CPHI(C)
Executive Officer
Environmental Health Officer

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 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, Telus Plaza North Tower
10025 Jasper Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 1S6
Phone: 780-427-2813
Fax: 780-422-0914
Email: HealthAppealBoard@gov.ab.ca
Website: <http://www.health.alberta.ca/about/PHAB.html>

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