

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

To: Deanna Slingerland

"the Owner"

Cornelis Slingerland

"the Owner"

Margaret Slingerland

"the Owner"

Eldon Slingerland

"the Property Manager"

And To: All Occupants of the following Housing premises:

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

1908 7 Avenue S – Main Floor

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 was no railing on the front steps.
- b. The side steps to the back yard were rotting and falling apart. These steps are necessary for the upstairs tenant to take the garbage out.
- c. The front door landing was rotten and spongy in places.
- d. There appeared to be a mouse infestation. This may originate from the vacant suite below.
- e. There was a completely clogged dryer vent high up at the back of the house.
- f. There were multiple large cracks in the concrete foundation around the house.
- g. There was an uncovered vent hole near the back door that may contribute to the pest issues.
- h. The space under the deck was cluttered, full of leaves and had a window that didn't appear to be fully sealed against pest entry.

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 was no railing on the front steps which is in contravention of section III(3)(c) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Inside or outside stairs or porches including all treads, risers, supporting structural members, rails, 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.
- b. The side steps to the back yard were rotting and falling apart which is in contravention of section III(3)(c) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Inside or outside stairs or porches including all treads, risers, supporting structural members, rails, 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.
- c. The front door landing was rotten and spongy in places which is in contravention of section III(3)(c) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Inside or outside stairs or porches including all treads, risers, supporting structural members, rails, 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.

AND

Which is in contravention of section III(1)(c) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: Building materials that have been damaged or show evidence of rot or other deterioration shall be repaired or replaced.

- d. There appeared to be a mouse infestation which is in contravention of section V(16)(a) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: The owner shall ensure that the housing premises are free of insect and rodent infestations.
- e. There was a completely clogged dryer vent high up at the back of the house which is in contravention of section 5(2) of the Housing Regulation 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.
- f. There were multiple large cracks in the concrete foundation around the house which is in contravention of section III of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: The owner shall ensure that the housing premises is structurally sound, in a safe condition, in good repair, and maintained in a waterproof, windproof and weatherproof condition.
- g. There was an uncovered vent hole near the back door that may contribute to the pest issues which is in contravention of section 5(2) of the Housing Regulation 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.

h. The space under the deck was cluttered, full of leaves and had a window that didn't appear to be fully sealed against pest entry which is in contravention of section 5(2) of the Housing Regulation 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.

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 July 28, 2025.
- 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 appropriate railings on the front steps.
 - b. Replaced the side steps to the backyard.
 - c. Replace or repair the rotten/damaged sections of the front exterior landing.
 - d. Ensure the mice are eradicated.
 - e. Clear out the vent at the back of the house.
 - f. Seal the cracks in the concrete.
 - g. Cover the vent hole on the back of the house.
 - h. Clear out the debris under the deck and ensure the window is completely pest proof.
- 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, July 23, 2025

Executive Officer Alberta Health Services

You have the right to appeal

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

A Notice of Appeal form may be obtained by contacting the Public Health Appeal Board or visiting their website.

Health Legislation, Regulations and Standards

Electronic versions of the Public Health Act and Regulations are available at the Alberta King's Printer Bookstore 10611 - 98 Avenue, Main Floor, Park Plaza, Edmonton, Alberta, T5K 2P7 or https://www.alberta.ca/alberta-kings-printer.aspx.

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