

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

Amended May 10, 2023

To: Maynard Roelofs

And To: All Occupants of the following Housing premises:

RE: Those housing premises located in Lethbridge, Alberta and municipally described as: 419 12C Street N.

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 in extremely poor condition.
- b. Many of the windows in this building have been smashed.
- c. Most of the windows in this building are single pane and are not suitable for winter temperatures.
- d. Both the front and back door have been kicked in multiple times. They are roughly securable but are not in good condition.
- e. There are multiple locations in this home that have experienced water damage from either leaks or water infiltration. This includes the kitchen ceiling; the master bedroom closet; the living room ceiling and the upstairs bathroom walls and floor.
- f. There are mouse droppings everywhere on the main floor indicating a mouse infestation.
- g. There is no smoke alarm in the hall between bedrooms upstairs.
- h. The floor is peeling/lifting all over the kitchen and there is a portion of flooring completely missing near the stove.
- i. There are multiple holes in the wall leading to the basement.
- j. There are large chunks of ceiling and the wall missing from the kitchen.
- k. There are no railings on the steps to the basement.

I. There are multiple items stored directly beside the hot water tank. **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 in extremely poor condition which is in contravention of section III(2)(a) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: The roof and exterior cladding of walls shall be maintained in a waterproof, windproof and weatherproof condition.
- b. Many of the windows in this building have been smashed which is in contravention of section III(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.
- c. Most of the windows in this building are single pane and are not suitable for winter temperatures which is in contravention of section III(2)(b)(ii) of the Minimum Housing and Health Standards which states that: In housing premises intended for use during the winter months, windows in habitable rooms shall protect against cold weather through the provision of a storm sash, double glazing, or other durable thermal/air resistant barrier as may be approved by the Executive Officer.
- d. Both the front and back door have been kicked in multiple times. They are roughly securable but are not in good condition which is in contravention of section III(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.
- e. There are multiple locations in this home that have experienced water damage from either leaks or water infiltration 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.
- f. There are mouse droppings everywhere on the main floor indicating 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.
- g. There is no smoke alarm in the hall between bedrooms upstairs 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.
- h j. Numerous finishing issues which are all in contravention of section III(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.

- k. There are no railings on the steps to the basement 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.
- There are multiple items stored directly beside the hot water tank 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 May 12, 2023.
- 2. That the Owner immediately undertake and diligently pursue the completion of the following work in and about the above noted premises, namely:
 - a. Completely re-shingle the roof.
 - b. Replace all broken windows.
 - c. Ensure windows to all habitable rooms are double pane or otherwise suitable for winter temperatures (eg. install a storm sash).
 - d. Repair/replace door frames and ensure all exterior doors secure properly.
 - e. Replace all water damaged building materials.
 - f. Ensure mouse issue is addressed.
 - g. Ensure smoke alarm is installed in upstairs hall.
 - h. Repair all finishing issues.
 - i. Install railings on the stairs.
 - j. Keep the area beside the hot water tank clear.
- 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, February 14, 2023 Amended on May 10, 2023 Confirmation of a verbal order issued to Maynard Roelofs and the current occupants on February 9, 2023. Executive Officer Alberta Health Services

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