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On 4/27/2018, Cities' Inspection Service, Inc. completed a building inspection of the property located at XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXX, Minnesota for you. Doug Hastings did all the fieldwork related to this project. Doug used the commercial inspection protocol; the Standard Guide for Property Condition Assessment – ASTM Standard E2018-01.



The method used for this inspection was visual. There was no destructive analysis or technical testing of any building component. The project excluded all environmental health hazards, such as concealed mold, mildew and fungal growth; and any insect and vermin infestations.

The purpose of this inspection was to observe the physical condition of this building. The intent was to identify defects or conditions that adversely affected the structure and its components. This report contains the results of the inspection. Definitions that are used:

-  **Functional:** component was performing its intended function; installation and condition were appropriate for age and use.
-  **Major Defect:** component was not performing its intended function and requires repair or replacement.
-  **Minor Defect:** component deficiency was insufficient to be major defect; but it requires repair, normal maintenance, or a safety improvement.
-  **Potential Concern:** component is old, nonexistent, not visible, or not viewed operating.

# Exterior

## Description of Exterior

Building: 1 level 10 unit apartment	Parking: 15 spaces	Approx. age: 58 years
Wall covering: veneer bricks	Layers: 1	Approx. age: 58 years
Windows: slider	Glass: 1 pane	Approx. age: 58 years
Roof covering: PVC single ply plastic	Layers: 1	Approx. age: 15 years

- Functional
- ⊗ Major Defect
- Minor Defect
- ⚠ Potential Concern

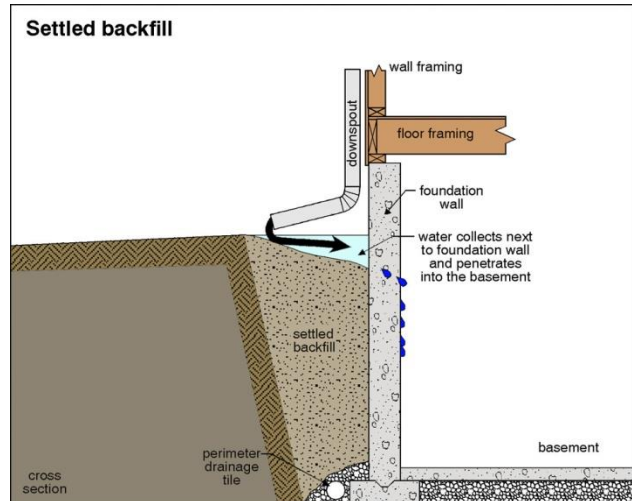
## Exterior Observations

### Explanation of Problems

#### Landscape

front \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... flat grade  
side \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... flat grade  
rear \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... flat grade





Hardscape

steps and walks\_\_ ⊗.... deteriorated rear steps / patched front step



Rear steps

Parking

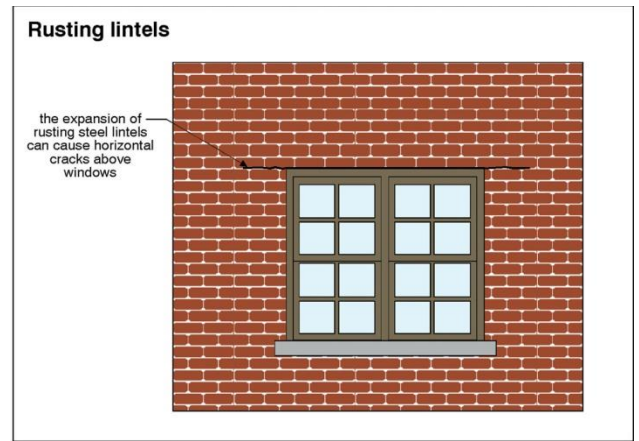
curbs\_\_\_\_\_ ⊙.... tipped rear concrete  
 surface\_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... cracked and loose asphalt  
 striping\_\_\_\_\_ ⊙.... worn paint / lines not visible

Walls

bricks\_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... deteriorated bricks below windows & AC boxes / rusted lintels  
 AC sleeves\_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... flat, not weather tight & no winter cover  
 flashing/caulking\_ ⊙

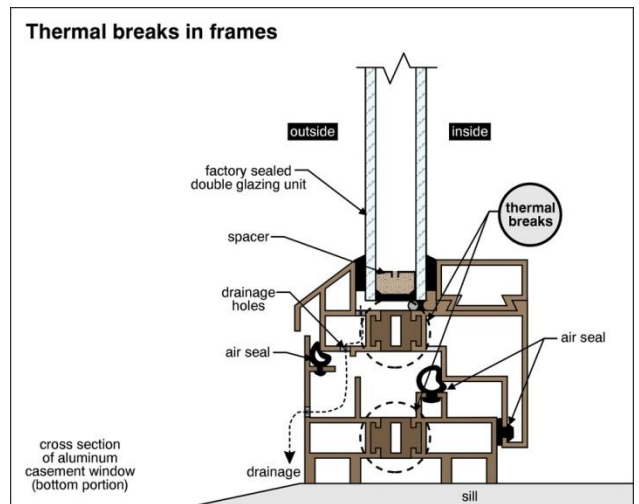


Deteriorated bricks



Windows

- basement \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... single pane / interior water damage
- main level \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... single pane / interior water damage
- upper level \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... single pane / interior water damage



Doors

- main \_\_\_\_\_ ☒.... damaged frame / inoperable doorbells
- rear \_\_\_\_\_ ☉.... out of adjustment
- portico \_\_\_\_\_ ☒.... deteriorated roofing (front & rear)

Roof covering

*viewed: walked on roof*

- drainage \_\_\_\_\_ ☒.... ponding water
- materials \_\_\_\_\_ ☒.... loose & buckled insulation
- flashings \_\_\_\_\_ ☉
- chimney \_\_\_\_\_ ☒.... deteriorated bricks
- gutters \_\_\_\_\_ ☉.... missing downspout extensions / peeled paint



Ponding water



Buckled insulation



Chimney bricks

***Probability of Moisture Intrusion***

- ✓ grounds\_\_\_high (grading)
- ✓ walls\_\_\_\_high (at windows & AC boxes)
- ✓ roof\_\_\_\_\_low

Limitations to Exterior Observations

- None.

# Structure

## Description of Structure

Foundation: concrete block	Insulation: not visible	
Floors: solid wood joists	Insulation: not visible	
Walls: wood frame studs	Insulation: not visible	
Roof: solid wood joists	Insulation: styrofoam	Inches: 2

- Functional
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- Minor Defect
- ⚠ Potential Concern

## Structure Observations

### Explanation of Problems

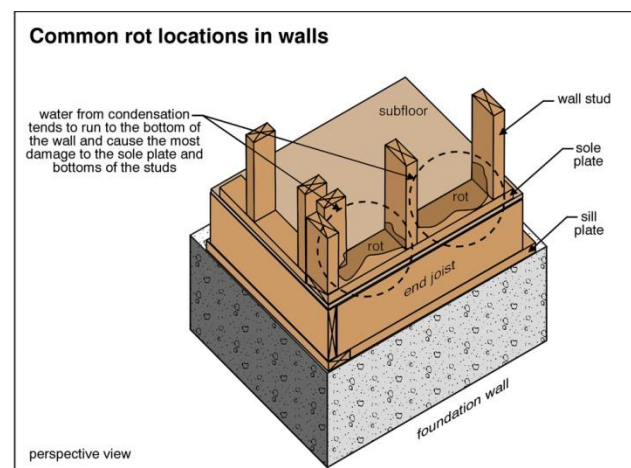
#### Foundation

*crawl space viewed: stored items & not accessible*

- walls \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠.... not visible
- floor slab \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- sump/drain tile \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠.... none

#### Floors

- joists \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... expect water damage
- posts and beam \_\_\_\_\_ ●



#### Walls

- wood framing \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... water damaged
- beams \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... water damaged

Roof

attic viewed: no access opening & not visible

joists \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... not visible

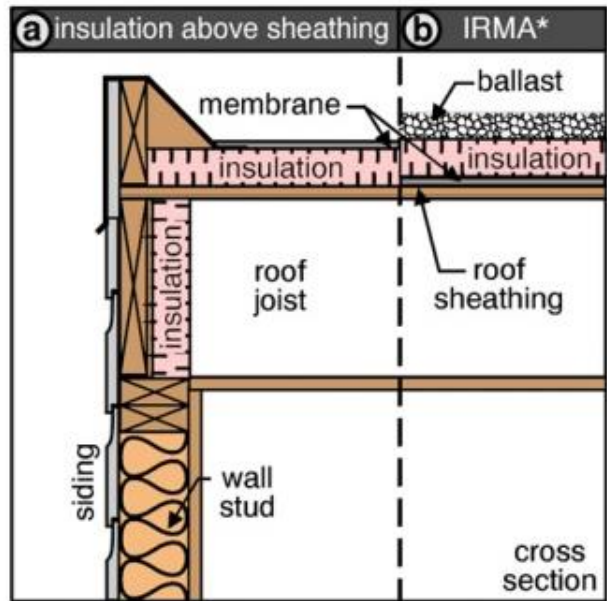
Insulation

basement \_\_\_\_\_ ❌... water damaged

floor \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... not visible

wall \_\_\_\_\_ ❌... water damaged

attic \_\_\_\_\_ ❌... loose roof rigid panels



\* Inverted Roof Membrane Assembly roof or protected membrane roof

**Probability of Failure or Moisture Intrusion**

- ✓ foundation \_\_\_ high (water damaged plaster)
- ✓ floors \_\_\_\_\_ high (water damaged walls)
- ✓ walls \_\_\_\_\_ high (water damaged plaster)
- ✓ roof \_\_\_\_\_ high (loose insulation)

Limitations to Structure Observations

- Foundation is 100% covered and condition not visible.
- Floors are 100% covered and condition not visible.
- Wall structure is 100% covered; wood decay and molds are not visible.
- Attic is 100% inaccessible and condition not visible.



# Electrical

## Description of Electrical

Utility service: overhead	Volts: 110/220
Main panel size: 400 amps	Approx. age: 58 years
Unit panel sizes: 10 panels 100 amps each	Approx. age: 2 years
Main disconnect: fused	Service wires: not visible
Branch circuits: circuit breakers	Distribution wires: copper

- Functional
- ⊗ Major Defect
- Minor Defect
- ⚠ Potential Concern

## Electrical Observations

### Explanation of Problems

Utility service \_\_\_\_\_ ●

Main panel

*panel location: south laundry room wall*

size \_\_\_\_\_ ●

condition \_\_\_\_\_ ●

wiring \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠.... locked & not visible

10 unit subpanels (units 1-10)

*panel location: south laundry room wall*

condition \_\_\_\_\_ ●

wiring \_\_\_\_\_ ●

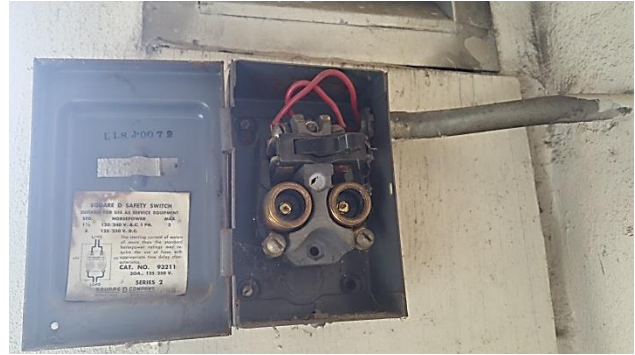
Outlets and fixtures

exterior \_\_\_\_\_ ●

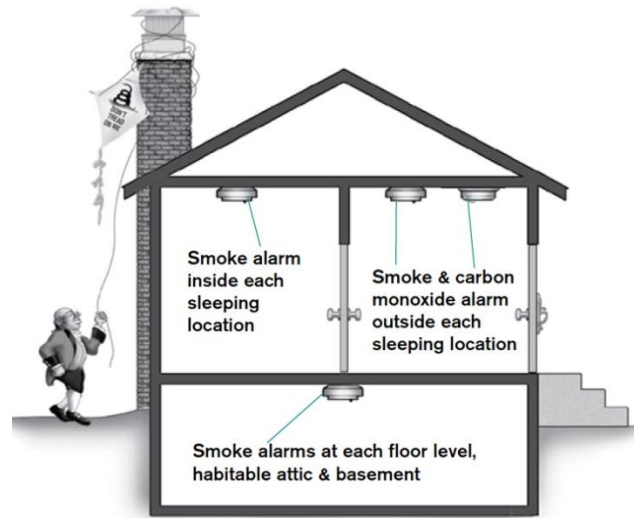
basement \_\_\_\_\_ ○.... unsecured junction panel

finished walls \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠.... not visible


attic \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠.... not visible




Junction panel




### Fire and security protection

smoke detectors\_ .... no lower, main, & upper hallway detectors / replace all unit detectors

CO detectors\_\_\_ .... replace all unit detectors

exit signs\_\_\_\_\_ .... undersized & poorly market

fire extinguishers\_ 

### Limitations to Electrical Observations

- Main service disconnect panel is locked and interior not visible.

# Plumbing

## Description of Plumbing

Main visible water supply pipe: copper	Interior water pipes: copper
Water heater: natural gas 75 gallons	Approximate age: 8 years
Soil stack: cast iron	Drain & vent pipes: iron

- Functional
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## Plumbing Observations

### Explanation of Problems

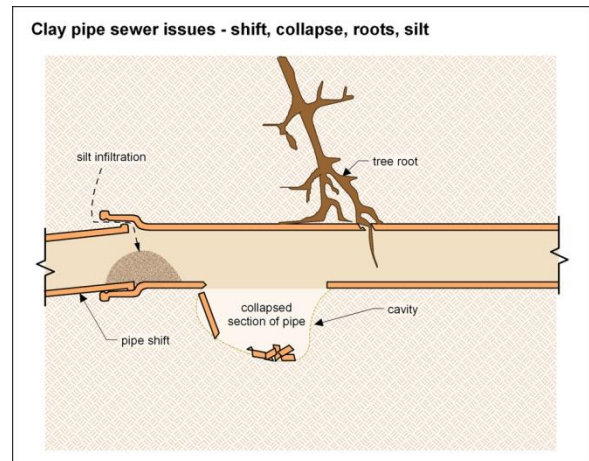
#### Water pipes

*main water shutoff valve located: near boiler*

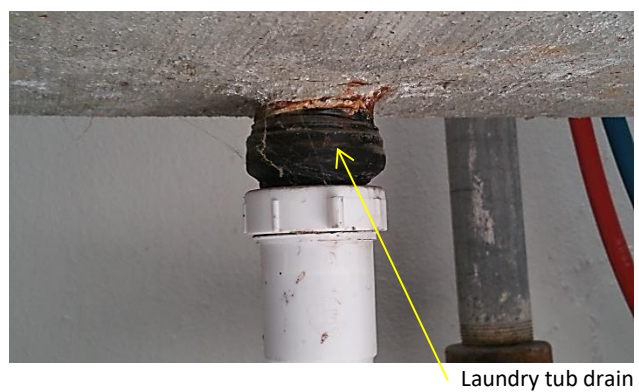
- main pipe \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- private well \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠..... seal or certify
- interior pipes \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- exterior spigots \_\_\_\_\_ ●

#### Waste pipes

- sewer \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠..... not visible / recommend contractor camera scope pipe to street
- soil stack \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠..... not visible
- drain/vent pipes \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗..... missing floor drain cleanout plug / temporary bathtub drain pipe to floor repair
- laundry tub \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗..... temporary drain pipe repair



Sewer concern



Gas pipes

*main gas shutoff valve located: at utility meters (under front entry landing)*

meter and pipes\_ ●

appliances \_\_\_\_\_ ○..... old boiler shutoff valve

Appliances

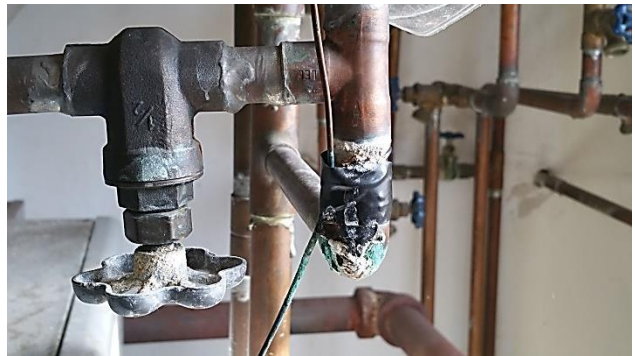
water heater \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗..... rusted & leaking water pipe connection / inoperable vent damper / slugging

clothes washer \_\_\_\_\_ ⊠..... coin operated & not viewed operating

clothes dryer \_\_\_\_\_ ⊠..... coin operated & not viewed operating



Water heater



Leaking water pipe

***Probability of Failure***

- ✓ Water pressure\_\_\_\_\_low
- ✓ Underground sewer\_\_not visible (recommend camera scope)
- ✓ Water heater\_\_\_\_\_high (corrosion in tank)

**Limitations to Plumbing Observations**

- Condition of underground sewer pipe is not visible.
- Waste, drain, vent pipes are inaccessible and condition not visible.

# Mechanical

## Description of Mechanical

Heating: natural gas forced water	Approximate age: 58 years
Cooling: wall air conditioners	Approximate age: unknown

- Functional
- ⊗ Major Defect
- Minor Defect
- ⚠ Potential Concern

## Mechanical Observations

### Explanation of Problems

#### Boiler

- jacket \_\_\_\_\_ ○.... painted & hot jacket / old (short useful life)
- heat exchanger\_\_ ⊗.... temporary cast iron repairs
- distribution \_\_\_\_ ⊗.... low water pressure / rusted & leaking water pipe
- expansion tank\_\_ ●
- pump \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- 10 zone controls\_ ⚠.... not tested
- vent and flue \_\_\_ ⊗.... temporary vent connector repairs



Temporary cast iron repairs



Temporary vent connection repair

Wall air conditioners

- unit #1 \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... not viewed operating
- unit #2 \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- unit #3 \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- unit #4 \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... not inspected
- unit #5 \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- unit #6 \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... old
- unit #7 \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... scorched outlet / not viewed operating
- unit #8 \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... not inspected
- unit #9 \_\_\_\_\_ ❌... old
- unit #10 \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠️... not inspected

**Probability of Failure**

- ✓ Heating \_\_\_\_\_ high (old)

**Limitations to Mechanical Observations**

- None.

# Interior

## Description of Interior

Apartment units: 10	Bedrooms each unit: 1	Baths each unit: 1
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- Functional
- ⊗ Major Defect
- ◉ Minor Defect
- ⚠ Potential Concern

## Interior Observations

### Explanation of Problems

#### Stairs

- lower level \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- main level \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- upper level \_\_\_\_\_ ●

#### Unit #1 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, foundation wall, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... no window thermal breaks & single pane / fire door out of adjustment / damaged & missing doors
- outlet and fixture \_\_\_\_\_ ◉.... missing covers
- heat \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... damaged radiator covers
- plumbing \_\_\_\_\_ ◉.... temporary bath sink drain pipe repair
- cabinet and top \_\_\_\_\_ ◉.... worn wood / unfinished countertop edges

#### Appliances

- refrigerator \_\_\_\_\_ ⊗.... old & damaged
- stove \_\_\_\_\_ ●
- dishwasher \_\_\_\_\_ ⚠.... old / short useful life
- vented fan \_\_\_\_\_ ●





Below bath

Unit #2 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor \_\_\_  .... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, foundation wall, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door \_\_\_  .... no window thermal breaks & single pane
- outlet and fixture \_\_\_  .... no bath GFI
- heat \_\_\_\_\_
- plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- cabinet and top \_\_\_\_\_

Appliances

- refrigerator \_\_\_\_\_
- oven \_\_\_\_\_
- cooktop \_\_\_\_\_
- vented fan \_\_\_\_\_

Unit #3 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor \_\_\_  .... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, foundation wall, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door \_\_\_  .... no window thermal breaks & single pane
- outlet and fixture \_\_\_
- heat \_\_\_\_\_
- plumbing \_\_\_\_\_  .... leaking toilet / slow bathtub drain
- cabinet and top \_\_\_\_\_

Appliances

- refrigerator \_\_\_\_\_  .... dirty
- stove \_\_\_\_\_  .... dirty
- vented fan \_\_\_\_\_



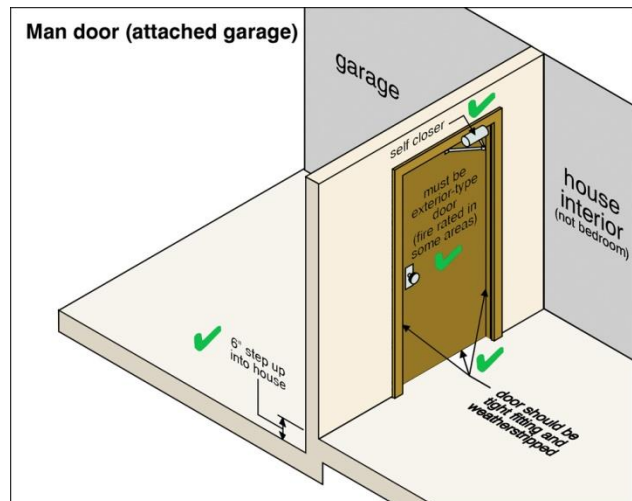
Leaking toilet

Unit #5 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor \_\_\_  .... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door \_\_\_  .... no window thermal breaks & single pane / damaged doors / fire door out of adjustment
- outlet and fixture \_\_\_  .... no bath GFI
- heat \_\_\_
- plumbing \_\_\_  .... leaking shower faucet
- cabinet and top \_\_\_

Appliances

- refrigerator \_\_\_
- stove \_\_\_
- vented fan \_\_\_  .... disconnected vent pipe



Fire doors

Unit #6 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor .... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door .... no window thermal breaks & single pane / damaged doors
- outlet and fixture .... 2 prong kitchen outlet / no GFI
- heat \_\_\_\_\_
- plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- cabinet and top \_\_\_\_\_

Appliances

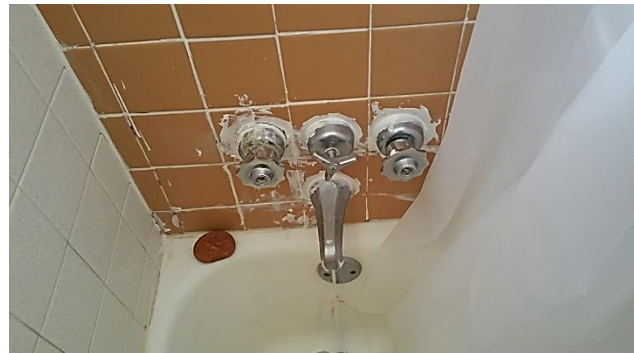
- refrigerator \_\_\_\_\_
- stove \_\_\_\_\_ .... flame roll out
- vented fan \_\_\_\_\_ .... old / short useful life

Unit #7 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor .... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door .... no window thermal breaks & single pane / damaged doors
- outlet and fixture .... scorched AC outlet / broken bath outlet & no GFI
- heat \_\_\_\_\_
- plumbing \_\_\_\_\_
- cabinet and top .... loose sink cabinet & top

Appliances

- refrigerator \_\_\_\_\_ .... damaged refrigerator
- stove \_\_\_\_\_
- vented fan \_\_\_\_\_



Unit #9 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor .... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door .... no window thermal breaks & single pane / damaged doors
- outlet and fixture .... no bath & kitchen GFI outlets
- heat
- plumbing
- cabinet and top

Appliances

- refrigerator .... old
- oven/cooktop .... old
- vented fan .... old

Unit #10 rooms

- wall, ceiling, floor .... water damaged ceilings & walls, below bath, air conditioner, bathtub wall plaster & tile
- window and door .... no window thermal breaks & single pane / no fire door closer / damage doors
- outlet and fixture .... no kitchen & bath GFI outlets
- heat
- plumbing .... loose toilet
- cabinet and top .... missing doors

Appliances

- refrigerator
- stove
- vented fan .... inoperable



Damaged plaster at AC

LL Common halls and entries

- wall, ceiling, floor\_\_\_
- door\_\_\_\_\_
- outlet and fixture\_\_\_
- heat\_\_\_\_\_

ML Common halls and entries

- wall, ceiling, floor\_\_\_
- window and door\_\_\_
- outlet and fixture\_\_\_

UL Common halls and entries

- wall, ceiling, floor\_\_\_
- window and door\_\_\_
- outlet and fixture\_\_\_

**Probability of Moisture Intrusion**

- ✓ Ceiling\_\_\_\_\_high (water damaged plaster)
- ✓ Walls\_\_\_\_\_high (water damaged plaster)
- ✓ Floor\_\_\_\_\_high (water damaged plaster)

**Limitations to Interior Observations**

- None.

# Conclusions

## ⊗ Major Defects

### *Exterior*

- ✓ Earth grade does not slope away from the lower level (moisture intrusion).
- ✓ Deteriorated and top coated rear entry concrete steps.
- ✓ Water damaged wall bricks below windows and AC boxes (moisture intrusion).
- ✓ Single pane windows and no thermal break (moisture intrusion).
- ✓ Damaged and flat AC thru wall sleeves (moisture intrusion). No insulated winter covers (moisture intrusion).
- ✓ Leaking front and rear entry portico roofs.
- ✓ Loose and buckled roof insulation, loose PVC membrane and no ballast.
- ✓ Deteriorated chimney bricks.

### *Structure*

- ✓ Water damaged wood wall and floor framing, insulation, and plaster.

### *Electrical*

- ✓ Poorly marked hallway fire escape exit signs. No smoke detectors in common hallways on all 3 levels.

### *Plumbing*

- ✓ Temporary slop tub drain pipe to floor connection repair. Temporary drain pipe to concrete tub repair.
- ✓ Corroded water heater (replace).

### *Mechanical*

- ✓ Temporary old boiler repairs (short useful life).

### *Interior (all units)*

- ✓ Extensive water damage to ceilings, walls, and floor. Biggest problems around windows, air conditioners, bathtub walls and tiles.

### *Interior Unit #5*

- ✓ Leaking shower faucet.

### *Interior Unit #6*

- ✓ Plugged stove burners.

### *Interior Unit #9*

- ✓ Unsafe kitchen appliances.

### *Interior Unit #10*

- ✓ Inoperable kitchen exhaust fan.

## ⊙ Minor Defects

### *Exterior*

- ✓ Patched front entry concrete step.
- ✓ Tipped rear lot line concrete curb and retaining wall.
- ✓ Cracked and worn asphalt parking (patch and sealcoat). Worn parking space lines.
- ✓ Rusted window and door opening steel lintels.
- ✓ Damaged front entry door frame. Rear entry door out of adjustment.
- ✓ Missing gutter downspout extensions. Peeled downspout paint.

### *Structure*

- ✓ Rodent bait stations; pest management will be required.

### *Electrical*

- ✓ Inoperable doorbells.
- ✓ Replace all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

### *Plumbing*

- ✓ Missing mechanical room floor drain cleanout plug.
- ✓ Old boiler gas pipe shutoff valve.

### *Mechanical*

- ✓ Low boiler water pressure.
- ✓ Rusted and leaking water pipe.

### *Interior (all units)*

- ✓ Worn cabinets and countertops.

### *Interior Unit #1*

- ✓ Damaged and missing doors. Hallway fire door out of adjustment.
- ✓ Missing radiator covers.
- ✓ Temporary sink drain pipe repair.

### *Interior Unit #2*

- ✓ No bath GFI outlet.

### *Interior Unit #3*

- ✓ Leaking toilet. Slow bathtub drain.

### *Interior Unit #5*

- ✓ Damaged doors. Hallway fire door out of adjustment.
- ✓ No bath GFI outlet.
- ✓ Disconnected kitchen fan vent pipe.

### *Interior Unit #6*

- ✓ Disconnected doors.
- ✓ 2 prong kitchen outlets; no GFI outlet.

### *Interior Unit #7*

- ✓ Damaged doors.
- ✓ Scorched outlet. Broken bath outlet and no GFI.
- ✓ Damaged refrigerator.

### *Interior Unit #9*

- ✓ Damaged doors.
- ✓ No kitchen and bath GFI outlets.

### *Interior Unit #10*

- ✓ Damaged doors. Hallway fire door out of adjustment.
- ✓ No kitchen and bath GFI outlets.

## Potential Concerns

- ✓ Building; all units are extensively moisture damaged; recommend invasive testing.
- ✓ Old sewer pipes can fail; recommend you hire a contractor to camera scope the underground pipe.
- ✓ This is not a pollution or environmental inspection.

### *Certifications by a licensed contractor required (not part of the inspection):*

- ✓ Structure water damage and mold (invasive moisture testing)
- ✓ Underground sewer pipe (camera scope)
- ✓ Abandoned private well (seal or certify)

### *Old components; short useful life:*

- ✓ Parking lot (less than 5 years)
- ✓ Water heater (anytime)
- ✓ Boiler (anytime)
- ✓ Wall air conditioners (anytime)
- ✓ Kitchen appliances (anytime)

### *Not visible or limited view (not part of the inspection):*

- ✓ Main disconnect panel (locked)
- ✓ Wall and floor structure (concealed)
- ✓ Underground sewer pipe (below grade)

### *Not viewed operating (not part of inspection):*

- ✓ Boiler zone controls (all units)
- ✓ Air conditioners (not air tested)
- ✓ Fire protection equipment
  - Smoke detectors
  - Carbon monoxide detectors
  - Fire extinguishers
- ✓ Clothes washer and dryer (coin operated)