



City of Nashua

Health & Community Services Division
18 Mulberry Street, Nashua, NH 03060

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nelson Ortega, Code Enforcement

FROM: Heidi Peek, Environmental Health *HP*

DATE: January 28, 1999

RE: 32-1/2 Kinsley Street, Nashua NH.

CC: William & Kenneth Blanchard and Rick Smart

On January 26, 1999 I accompanied Nashua's Code, Fire and Police Departments on an inspection of two units at 32-1/2 Kinsley Street. Based upon the squalor found in the basement unit, I would deem this unit unfit for human habitation. Considering these findings and multiple code violations, I would fully support a subsequent condemnation.

The upper apartment had a verified carbon monoxide leak, which constituted an immediate health hazard, provoking an independent response. The tenant of this apartment is also concerned about cockroaches in her unit and has heard what she believes to be squirrels living in the walls of her unit.

The basement apartment was so filthy that it is impossible to assess structural conditions buried under layers of personal property, cat feces, debris and filth. The elderly gentleman, who lives in this unit with his adult disabled son, has lived here for fifteen years. The only access to the central heating system and hot water heater is through this apartment, clearly indicating that the landlord and/or his representative has known of the squalor within this unit. The stench from this unit is first noticeable before the entry door is fully opened.

Based upon the degree of filth in the lower unit, it is a logical conclusion that environmental conditions have supported multiple generations of cockroaches and rodents. Yet, the landlord required evidence of cockroach infestation in the form of a captured live cockroach before he would treat the upper unit.

Division	Child Care	City	Environmental	Nashua	Public
Director	Services	Welfare	Health	Mediation	Health
594-3357	594-3369	594-3317	594-3356	594-3330	594-3355

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The basement floor of the lower unit consists of two bedrooms, a hall, a large storage area and an unfinished area that houses the heating and hot water systems for the entire building. The windowless bedrooms are without a source of ventilation. The carpeting throughout the unit is embedded with years of filth. The cat litter box is full of, and surrounded by, a mound of cat feces.

Beyond the accumulated filth and decay in the bathroom and kitchen, the toilet and surrounding area is literally embedded with years of human waste and the stove encrusted with a veneer of food remnants.

Mike Vacarro, Nashua's acting Fire Marshall made a referral for the services of New Hampshire Division of Elderly and Adult Services to intervene on behalf of the elderly tenant and his disabled adult son. The landlord's representative has been asked to relocate this family to another unit.

The filth-encrusted carpeting must be removed from this entire unit. The kitchen and bathroom must be cleaned thoroughly. Then, the entire building will have to be professionally treated for cockroach extermination, preferably using a bait method, with demonstrated, adequate follow-up. It is only after these conditions are met that health and structural environment may be assessed, at which time a follow-up inspection must be completed.

I am also concerned that the lease signed by the tenant in the upper unit precludes her from opening windows during the heating season and hope that other tenants have not also entered into such an agreement. In the absence of a HVAC system, mandating that windows remain shut severely limits fresh air exchange and could exacerbate a life-threatening situation as could have easily been the case with the recent carbon monoxide leak in this building.



CODE ENFORCEMENT
CITY OF NASHUA
229 MAIN STREET
NASHUA, NH 03061-2019
(603) 589-3100

LOCATION: 48 Chestnut Street

DANGER – THIS APARTMENT IS UNSAFE

BECAUSE OF THE FOLLOWING DANGEROUS CONDITION(S):

The sanitary conditions of this dwelling unit have been compromised to the point of being a

clear & imminent danger to the occupant/other persons in this unit.

THE DWELLING UNIT SHALL BE VACATED IMMEDIATELY AND IT'S USE FORBIDDEN BY ORDER OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF NASHUA, UNDER AUTHORITY OF RSA 147:16-a. DETAILS OF THIS VIOLATION ARE ON FILE AT NASHUA CITY HALL, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION. ANYONE ENTERING THIS UNIT WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, OR ANYONE REMOVING THIS NOTICE MAY BE GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR. PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY THIS ORDER MAY REQUEST A HEARING IN THE NASHUA DISTRICT COURT, AND MAY ASK THE COURT TO DIRECT THE RESPONSIBLE PARTY TO REMOVE OR ABATE THE DANGEROUS CONDITION(S).

Date posted: April 28, 2006

May 2, 2006

Maria Thyng
Adult and Elderly Services
19 Chestnut St
Nashua, NH 03060

Re: [REDACTED]
169 West Hollis St, [REDACTED]

Ms. Thyng, this letter will confirm that on Friday March 28, 2006 two of the code team members (Heidi Peek, Deputy Environmental Health Officer and I) inspected the above captioned property. This property was found to be severely unsanitary and uninhabitable for occupancy. This is a violation that would require I cite the tenant since it is a condition bought on by the tenant. It is my understanding that your office will be working with the property managers, Central Realty in assisting the tenant Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

This letter will serve as a notice that no one is to be residing in this unit until it is brought back to compliance with the Nashua Housing Code. Please be advised that prior to the tenant returning to unit 1, it must be re-inspected by Code Enforcement.

The unit needs to have the toilet either changed or completely cleaned out; the bedroom carpet and bed **MUST** be removed. The walls need to be cleaned and all blood stains removed.

If you should have any questions or I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at 603-589-3108.

Sincerely,

Nelson Ortega
Code Enforcement Officer III
City of Nashua

Cc: Heidi Peek, Deputy Environmental Health Officer (code team member)
Officer Craig Hammond, Nashua Police Dept. (code team member)
Lenay Richardson, Central Realty

Wolfe, Charlene

From: Kerrigan, Kevin
Sent: Monday, August 04, 2003 10:04 PM
To: Fire Marshals
Cc: Kerrigan, Kevin; Fire Chiefs
Subject: [REDACTED]

INCIDENT #2003-3969

WE WENT TO [REDACTED] FULTON ST. FOR A SERVICE CALL TO CHECK A SMOKE DETECTOR CHIRPPING IN THE BASEMENT. WHEN I RECEIVED THE PRINTOUT FOR THIS CALL I NOTED THAT IT ADVISED TO BE AWARE OF ANIMAL FECIES LOCATED INSIDE OF THE BUILDING. UPON ARRIVAL IT WAS APPARENT FROM THE OUTSIDE OF THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE OCCUPANT. THE FLOOR IN THE HOUSE WAS COMPLETELY COVERED WITH ANIMAL FECIES, WHICH HAS OBVIOUSLY BEEN ACCUMULATING FOR SOME TIME CREATING AN UNBEARABLE ODOR. AFTER SPEAKING WITH THE OCCUPANT IT WAS APPARENT THAT SHE IS NOT OF SOUND MIND. IT WAS NOTED THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL CATS AND DOGS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE HOUSE. THE HOUSE IS ALSO INFESTED WITH A LARGE AMOUNT OF FLIES .

AS AN OFFICER I HAVE SEVERAL CONCERNS WITH THIS SITUATION. TO START WITH THE OCCUPANT APPEARS TO NEED SOME EVERYDAY ASSISTANCE. HER APPEARANCE ALSO SHOWED HER STATE OF MIND FOR SHE HAD ANIMAL FECIES ON HER PERSON.

IN ADDITION, DUE TO THE CONDITION OF THE INSIDE OF THE BUILDING I AM CONCERNED FOR ANY PERSONEL THAT MAY HAVE TO ENTER FOR ANY REASON.

I AM REQUESTING THAT ALL MEASURES BE TAKEN TO HELP [REDACTED]. THE CONDITIONS FOR THE ANIMALS SHOULD ALSO BE LOOKED INTO AS IT WILL BE AGREED THAT ONCE THIS SITUATION IS ASSESSED THAT THE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR THE OCCUPANT AND THE ANIMALS ARE EXTREMELY POOR. (IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ACURATELY DESCRIBE HOW POOR THESE CONDITIONS ACTUALLY ARE)

PLEASE KEEP ME UPDATED ON THIS SITUATION AND PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ABOVE MATTER.

THANK YOU.

LT. KEVIN KERRIGAN
GROUP 3 ENGINE 2

Ortega, Nelson

From: Cahill, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2006 10:34 PM
To: Ortega, Nelson; Hammond, Craig (Police); Brouillette, Charlene
Cc: Scire, Robert
Subject: [REDACTED] Fordham Drive

Hello everyone

The ambulance crew from Rockingham contacted me regarding the above address after responding there for back pain. Apparently the occupant is an animal "hoarder" and has a significant number of cats. The entire living area is covered in cat feces and urine. They described a very strong odor of cat feces and urine. The odor was strong enough to be smelled outside the building. The neighbor who was present (named [REDACTED]) stated she was called over by the occupant to clean a path so that EMS could bring their stretcher in. The EMS crew had to decon the entire patient compartment after they removed the patient due to the overwhelming smell of cat feces. The EMS crew did state that they were going to speak with Social services at [REDACTED] (where the patient was transported) but was concerned that due to the circumstances the situation should be reported to more agencies than just the hospital.

I don't know exactly who to contact regarding this issue...but for the animals and the occupants' sake, I felt this information should be forwarded.

[REDACTED]
Dispatcher
Fire Alarm

10/23/2006