



**CITY OF CALISTOGA
PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Attachment 11

MEMO

To: Ben Winig, City Assistant Attorney

CC: Charlene Gallina, Planning and Building Director
Erik Lundquist, Assistant Planner
Jonathan Mills, Police Chief
Steve Campbell, Fire Chief

From: Brad Cannon, CBO - Building Inspector

Date: October 9, 2007

Re: **CODE ENFORCEMENT – KARPUK/1820 GRANT STREET**

Ben:

Mr. Karpuk authorized an inspection today at his home and property located at 1820 Grant Street. Mr. Karpuk escorted myself, fire and police department personnel throughout the property. Officers Gary Enyart and Mike Perreault video taped and took digital pictures of the site. (Please see digital photos attached.) Some of the following code enforcement issues are listed below.

1. Immense accumulation of rubbish and garbage at the exterior and interior of the property and structure.
2. Egress and ingress of the residence and property is extremely poor with limited access widths because of the massive amounts of debris.
3. Fire danger is high because of the increased fuel source from the rubbish and debris.
4. The porch area has sagging structural members of the ceiling, splitting due to watering of a vegetative garden installed over the roofing area of the porch. I would recommend that the porch be torn down and rebuilt.

Mr. Karpuk has expressed his willingness to resolve this matter. As I explained to Mr. Karpuk, the Police Dept. will be sending him a follow up letter confirming the next steps and requesting that he develop a schedule for cleanup of his property. We will advise Mr. Karpuk of our right to proceed with formal abatement action if he is non responsive and uncooperative in dealing with this matter. The Planning and Building department will work closely with the Police department. Thank you for your assistance.

**CITY OF CALISTOGA
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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October 15, 2007

Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Karla Karpuk,
1820 Grant Street
Calistoga, CA 94515

Mr. and Mrs. Karpuk:

Thank you for cooperating with our request for an inspection on your property located at 1820 Grant Street. As a result of that inspection on October 9, 2007 several code violations were identified, primarily:

- Accumulation of rubbish and garbage at the exterior and interior of the property and structure.
- Egress and ingress of the residence and property is blocked by debris
- Fire danger is high because of the increased fuel source from the rubbish and debris
- The porch has sagging structural members of the ceiling.

You have expressed willingness to address these matters without further abatement procedures by the City. Therefore, within 10 days of this letter please contact Building Inspector Brad Cannon with a proposed plan for clean up of the property. If the plan is acceptable and the work is carried out as promised I am hopeful that the matter can be promptly resolved.

If you fail to respond or are uncooperative in this matter, the abatement procedures will continue. The matter will be presented to City Council to determine if a public nuisance exists on your property. If such is found, the City will then have the authority to abate the nuisance.

I look forward to working with you cooperatively to resolve this matter.

Thank you,


Jonathan Mills
Chief of Police