## THE BOROUGH OF BRENTWOOD



MUNICIPAL BUILDING - 3624 BROWNSVILLE ROAD PITTSBURGH, PA 15227-3199

Office 412 - 884-1500 FAX 412 - 884-1911

June 29, 2010

# VIA FIRST CLASS AND CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED.

Neal R. Cramer, Esquire 219 Fort Pitt Boulevard Pittsburgh, PA 15222

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Sincerely,

Building Inspector

Code Enforcement Officer

CC: Edward A. Pielin (Via first class and certified mail, return receipt requested)

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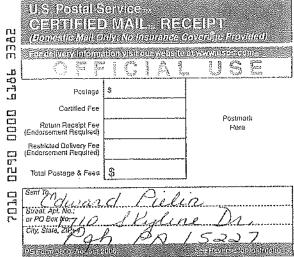
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SENDER: COMPRETENTIS SECTION:  Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete litem 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.  Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.  Attach this card to the back of the mallplece, or on the front if space permits.  1. Article Addressed to:  Ceal P. Charrier, Cag.  2/9 Ft. Pett Blud.	A. Signature  A. Signature  Addressee  B. Received by (Printed Name)  C. Date of Defivery  C.	1290 0000 6186 3399	SS   PotS   SET/Ords	cover <u>gae (Movieled)</u> El Xevyveenscom
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June 22, 2010

### VIA HAND DELIVERY

George Zboyovsky, Borough Manager Borough of Brentwood 3624 Brownsville Road Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Re: Notice Requirement for 210 Marylea Avenue

Our File No. 1849-6-3

Dear Mr. Zboyovsky:

I have reviewed the Violation Notice sent out by the Borough to the Owner of 210 Marylea Avenue (further referred to as the "Property"). The Violation Notice was insufficient in form because it did not adhere to the requirements of the appropriate ordinances. A proper notice must be sent out prior to any further enforcement proceedings. In addition to sending the Violation Notice to the property, the Borough should notify the administrator of the deceased owner's estate, and the estate's attorney at the following addresses:

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Ordinance 1133 of the Borough of Brentwood Code adopts the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC). Under IPMC, a notice to the person responsible for the violation shall comply with certain requirements in order to be enforceable.

### Notice Requirements Checklist:

The notice must

- 1. Be in writing;
- 2. Include a description of the real estate;
- 3. Include a statement of violation;
- 4. Include a correction order allowing reasonable time to make repairs and improvements;

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- 5. Inform the property owner of the right to appeal; and,
- 6. Include a statement of the right to file a lien by the municipality against the real estate.

The January 25, 2006, "Violation Notice" did not specifically cite the code which was violated, did not inform the owner of the right to appeal, did not include a statement of the right to file a lien, and was not sent as required under IPMC. For your convenience, enclosed is a Violation Notice that this office drafted that should be sent on the Borough of Brentwood's letterhead. The IPMC provides that the Violation Notice should be sent to the above-stated addresses by the following methods:

- 1. Delivered personally; or
- 2. Sent by certified or first class mail to the last known address; or
- 3. If returned showing that the letter was not delivered, must be posted in a conspicuous place in or on the real estate.

I advise you to send the Violation Notice by both first class mail and certified mail with return receipt requested.

The paperwork, which you provided to me, stated that Property is "vacant, unsafe for human occupancy and beyond repair." However, none of the notices sent to the owner contained citations for such violations. The Borough of Brentwood should notify the property owner about each violation and require the owner to cease it prior to initiating enforcement proceedings.

If the property owner fails to close and secure the premises, the code official is authorized to close and secure the premises. In that case, the placard with the word "Condemned" should be posted on the property with a statement of penalties for removing the placard, such penalties as authorized under the International Property Maintenance Code of 2009. Additionally, notice of condemnation shall be served on the owner of the property (in this case all the above addresses). The proper notice of condemnation is included in the form Violation Notice I have enclosed. The cost of closing and securing the property shall be assessed as a lien upon the Property.

The IPMC authorizes the Borough to demolish the dilapidated or deteriorated structure after the owner fails to comply with the notice requiring him to do so within the prescribed time. The Violation Notice contains appropriate provisions addressing demolition in the case of non-compliance with the Violation Notice.

Additionally, the Borough should assert a violation of the Borough of Brentwood Nuisance Ordinance No. 1029 (as modified by Ord. No. 1078). See Borough of Brentwood Code §148-1. Section 148-2 requires a person to remedy the nuisance within twelve hours of notice from the Borough of Brentwood. Section 148-6 provides for penalties in the form of a fine less or equal to \$600.00 and imprisonment up to 30 days, and states that each additional day of violation is prosecuted as a separate offense. The Code of the Borough of Brentwood lacks

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provisions addressing the nuisance enforcement notice requirements, but does not cancel the notice requirement. The form Violation Notice I have enclosed addresses the violation of the Nuisance Ordinance along with the violations of IPMC.

The Borough can also cite the Property owner with violating of the Bush, Grass and Weeds ordinance if the grass on the property exceeds eight inches in height. This violation is considered a "nuisance" under the Borough of Brentwood Code. Under Section 82-3, the property owner should be notified about the violation and given a proper time to correct it. In view of the fact that the Borough of Brentwood plans to tear down the hazardous structures, the violation of the Grass and Weeds Ordinance is insignificant and would detract from the main enforcement process to demolish the structure. Therefore, the Violation Notice does not contain this violation. If you decide to pursue the violation of this section of the Borough of Brentwood Code, please notify me so that I can inform you about the appropriate notice requirements and enforcement procedures.

Please contact me if you have further questions regarding this issue. The notices must be sent out in the precise manner as indicated above. All copies of the notices must be kept on file. Please inform me when the compliance time for notices expires, so that the Borough can timely proceed against the property.

Very/truly yours,

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