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# PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT

Prepared For:					
	(Name of Client)				
Concerning:	311 Robinson				
	(Address or Other Identification of Inspected Property)				
Ву:	Bob Petersen 105	9.18.12			
	(Name and License Number of Inspector)	(Date)			
	n/a				
	(Name, License Number and Signature of Sponsoring	Inspector, if required)			

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In this report, the inspector will note which systems and components were Inspected (I), Not Inspected (NI), Not Present (NP), and/or Deficient (D). General deficiencies include inoperability, material distress, water penetration, damage, deterioration, missing parts, and unsuitable installation. Comments may be provided by the inspector whether or not an item is deemed deficient. The inspector is not required to prioritize or emphasize the importance of one deficiency over another

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Client: <b>X</b>
(REPORT NOT VALID WITHOUT SIGNATURE)
Paid? yes
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I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS  A. Foundations  Type of Foundation(s): Raised Pier Beam  Comments:

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piers (stacked bricks and block)

needs repair and leveling. Some piers have fallen over, beam splice

unsupported (under DR), some beams not touching the piers under them, some wood to earth contact (attracts termites). Some amateur

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Repair dmgd. air vents on both sides of foundation, seal up gap at foundation access door under deck to keep animals out, piers spaced too far apart.



1 need pier under beam splice under DR



2 earth to wood contact WILL attract termites. note wires hanging down loose and original cedar piers in use



3 original furnace still under home

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4 pier has fallen over leaving beam unsupported



5 pier not supporting beam



dmgd. air vent

B. Grading & Drainage -Comments:

yard slopes from front to back and surface water gets under home

C. Roof Covering Materials

Type(s) of Roof Covering: Composition shingle

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Viewed From: Rooftop Is roof a layover? no Comments:

1st layer of shingles around edge of roof aren't glued down, clean out gutters (screens recommended), roof has hail damage (have seller make claim)

Lower the flashing on the water heater flue; trim trees 5' away from roof to keep animals off, gutters loose and downspouts clogged

notes: previous repair to roof over foyer, roof about 15 yrs. old



7 hail hits



8 edge shingles not glued down, note full gutters



9 trees touch roof



10 previous roof repair over foyer



11 lower flashing 6"

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### D. Roof Structure & Attic

Viewed From: Attic

Approximate Average Depth of Insulation: 3-5 inches

Approximate Average Thickness of Vertical Insulation: n/a

Comments

wood rot under shingles at back edge of roof, minor wood rot to rafters along front edge of roof; no air vents under the eaves, needed for proper attic ventilation; remove trash and debris from attic

Wood framing over deck is wobbly and has nails coming loose (some of this lumber could come down at any time!). Some areas of the attic have missing or loose insulation. Posts holding up front porch roof have rot along the bottom and should be sitting on metal brackets, not the cement.

-newer homes have 12" of insulation-



12 arbor getting ready to come apart



13 wood under shingles rotted, next photo too

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14 note missing air vents as well, arrows



15 insulation missing over back BR



16 loose insulation, must lay FLAT on the ceiling to have any effect

I NI NP D



17 lots of stuff in attic, some may be from previous tenants note: rafter supports don't comply with current stds. but ARE adequately supporting the roof



18 wood rot to front porch posts + brackets under them are missing



19 minor rot to front rafter "tails"

E. Walls (interior & exterior) - Comments

house needs paint inside and out, repair rotted siding on back of home, caulk siding outside the kitchen (gap in corner)

NI NP D







20 caulk siding gap on left

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F. Ceilings & Floors - Comments:

tiles missing under toilet and wood rot present, floors slope due to foundation type

-newer homes have insulation on the underside of the floor-



21 old termite dmg. to floor under DR



missing tiles

G. Doors (Interior & Exterior) – Comments:

glass in front and back doors not tempered safety type, front BR door sticks, back BR door won't latch, wood threshold broken off at door leading to deck

H. Windows – (dirt, solar screens or climatic conditions may obscure fogged glass).

some screens missing, window won't open in bath and lock is missing, screen torn in laundry, window rope missing in front BR

I. Stairways (Interior & Exterior) - Comments

J. Fireplace/Chimney - Comments:

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K. Porches, Balconies, Decks, and Carports – Comments:

concrete cracked at front porch and metal flashing is needed where is attaches to front of home to keep water from seeping in under building. A few pickets missing at deck railing (also, space between railings wider than current stds. allow, infant fall hazard)



cracked + flashing missing



L. Other - Comments:



22 loose gas line under home, needs to be strapped up

### II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

A. Service Entrance and Breaker Panels – Comments:

overhead powerline too low to the ground, should be up at least 10'; no main breaker, not req'd when this was built; panel has fewer circuits than in a modern home

Breaker panel on left side of home has the ground wires connected in with the "neutrals" (unsafe) and it needs a bond screw so panel is grounded

I NINP D



23 low powerline



B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures
Type of branch wiring: copper
Comments:

No arc fault circuit to living areas or bedrooms (not req'd when this was built).

Any original wiring should be replaced, unsafe. Open elec. boxes and wire splices in attic, Need gfi outlets in kitchen and at deck

Outlets in laundry and next to range wired backwards, faceplate missing at fridge outlet, smoke detector inop.; no smoke detectors in bedrooms, not req'd when house was built. Fewer outlets present than in a newer home,

Wiring under left breaker panel needs to be in conduit for protection. Ungrounded outlets in DR, LR and BR's (either ground them or install gfi's). Loose outlet in back BR.
note: no 220v outlet at dryer, you can only use a GAS dryer (unless you have electrician run a new circuit into laundry)



24 wire splice not in junction box over front BR

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25 some original wiring in use



26 open wiring box at right side of attic



27 wiring under breaker panel not in conduit

## III. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

A. Heating Equipment (recommend CO detectors)

Type of System: Forced Air - Split System

Energy Source: electric

Comments:

ok

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**B.** Cooling Equipment

Type of System: Split System Comments:

ok -system 8 yrs. old-

C. Duct System, Chases, and Vents - Comments:

ok

## **IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM**

A. Water Supply System and Fixtures

Location of water meter: Front yard Location of main water supply valve: Front yard Static water pressure reading: 42 PSI Comments:

Valve is: visible but handle not operated

outside faucet needs check valve and it's loose, needs to be strapped to siding. Hall bath sink handles leaks, any original water lines (including from house to street) need to be replaced (causing low pressure due to excessive internal scale buildup and corrosion + missing dialectric unions)

Replace float valve inside toilet, refills very slowly. Insulate water lines under home

note: pressure is at the low end of the acceptable range (40-80), 55-65 is normal



28 original steel water lines have been patched, next photo too



29 patched pipe + missing dialectric union (arrow)

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30 example of a dialectric union (needed wherever steel pipes connect with copper)



31 more corroded pipes, this is under bath



32 faucet loose, strap to siding

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B. Drains, Wastes, and Vents (sewer line not inspected) - Comments:

bath sink drains slowly, water standing in sewer line indicating inadequate slope, part missing from drainline under kit. sink, washer drain clogged (it's draining into yard now)

Toilet loose on the floor, replace corroded drainpipe under bath sink -sewer line to street appears to have been replaced, (the part I could see is pvc)-



33 missing part from kit. drain pipe



34 washer drains to yard

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C. Water Heating Equipment

Energy Source: Gas
Capacity: 40 Gallons
Expansion tank needed? no
Comments:

turned up to 144 degrees, recommend 120 max -is 3 yrs. old-

D. Hydro-Massage Therapy Equipment (spa tub) - Comments
Access Cover Not Available and/or Accessible

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		] 🔲	V. APPLIANCES A Dishwasher – Comments:
		]	B. Food Waste Disposer – Comments: .
			C. Range Exhaust Vent – Comments:
			blows into attic instead of outside, fire hazard  D. Ranges, Cooktops, and Ovens – Comments:
		] 🔲	anti-tip bracket needed behind range (keeps unit from tilting forward)  E. Microwave Oven – Comments:
		] 🔲	F. Trash Compactor – Comments:
		] 🔲	G. Mechanical Exhaust Vents and Bathroom Heaters – Comments:  Vents terminate outside the structure
			H. Garage Door Openers (disable door lock if opener present) – Comments:
		]	I. Doorbell and Chimes – Comments:
$\boxtimes$ [		] 🔲	J. Dryer Vent – Comments:  ok
		] 🔲	VI. OPTIONAL SYSTEMS  A. Lawn and Garden Sprinkler Systems – Comments:
			B. Swimming Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, and Equipment Type of Construction: Comments:
		] 🔲	C. Outdoor Cooking Equipment Energy Source: Comments:
			Miscellaneous:

**C=Comment Only** 

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this is a fixer upper with a LOT of cosmetic needs...

Inaccessible areas: front 1	/3 of crawlspace due to	low clearance			
The following are at least 1	0 years old: □a/c □furn	ace  water heater	□dishwasher	⊠roof	☐ n/a
GFCI reset? yes	Occupied? yes				