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WELLAND FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES ENACTS SECTION 15 OF THE FIRE PROTECTION PREVENTION ACT, 1997

Welland, ON – The Welland Fire and Emergency Services has had numerous dealings with the property located at 260 King Street, City of Welland. Once a well-known tavern, the main floor area has been vacated and the second floor area and rear suite are now being used as a rooming house.

Recent fire safety inspections have identified numerous Fire Code infractions which have been directed to the property owner(s) by way of inspection order. A recent arson also has occurred at the property.

On June 3, 2021, while conducting a re-inspection at the property, the Fire Prevention Division discovered that the fire alarm system that existed in the building was inoperable and without power. Open and exposed electrical wiring was also discovered in the main floor area, in addition to the entire ceiling of the main floor area being removed. No fire detection devices were identified within the building except within the rear suite.

Due to the circumstances discovered during the re-inspection, the Fire Prevention Division took immediate action to address this egregious safety concern. Due to the risk of ignition and fire, and the potential injury or death of building occupants, the Fire Prevention Division executed an “immediate threat to life” notice on the building, pursuant to section 15 of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act (FPPA) and took immediate action by removing all building occupants from the building and disconnecting the hydro service to the building.

This extraordinary action was conducted to ensure the safety of the building occupants. The occupants have been provided temporary accommodations and the Fire Department is working with the property owner to rectify these safety issues prior to the tenants re-occupying the building. Fire Code violations in occupied residential buildings pose serious safety risks to occupants, and the Fire Prevention Division will continue to enforce the Fire Code and the FPPA in the City.

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