



# Muskegon Fire Department

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Dr. Robert Lewis Alexander  
Women's Medical Services Building  
863 Apple Avenue  
Muskegon, MI 49442

Dear Dr. Alexander:

Re: Fire Safety and Building Hazards – 863 Apple Avenue

I was contacted on Wednesday, December 26, 2012, at 11am by the City of Muskegon Police Department and requested to respond to 863 Apple Avenue, where you hold a medical office practice and are the occupant and tenant. The police were contacted and responded to a possible break-in at the facility. Upon my arrival I was advised of a broken rear entry door to the facility.

The reason I was called to the scene was to review and assess the fire safety and building hazards and notable bio-hazards that currently exist upon the premises. After conducting an inspection, I noticed a considerable amount of fire safety and health issues. The following actions have been taken: I have posted the building for "No Occupancy" and I am issuing a "Cease and Desist Order," meaning you must cease and desist all operations within this space at 863 Apple Avenue that currently exists. I am ordering you to comply with this order under 2009 International Fire Code Section 110.1.1 unsafe conditions: Structures or existing equipment that are or hereafter become unsafe or deficient because of inadequate means of egress or which constitute a fire hazard, or are otherwise dangerous to human life or the public welfare, or which involve illegal or improper occupancy or inadequate maintenance, shall be deemed an unsafe condition. A vacant structure which is not secured against unauthorized entry as required by Section 311 shall be deemed unsafe.

No one will be allowed to conduct any business until a complete inspection has been conducted by the Fire Marshal's office, SAFEbuilt Building Dept. Services and the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs and officials have given full approval.

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Violations noted during my assessment were:

1. Leaking roof
2. Poor housekeeping resulting in a large fire load
3. Several containers of hazardous materials not stored in cabinets
4. Improper disposal of syringes and needles
5. Combustible materials stored near ignition sources
6. No fire extinguishers
7. Unsterilized medial equipment
8. No key box for Fire Department emergency access
9. Storage in mechanical and electrical room blocking panels and furnace
10. Exit signage and emergency lighting shall be installed and in operable condition at all times throughout the facility
11. Dumping of chemicals and other liquids down drains without proper authorization and approvals

At your earliest convenience please contact me at [REDACTED] to discuss an action plan of compliance.

By Order of:

*Major Metcalf*

Major Metcalf  
Fire Marshal  
City of Muskegon

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cc: SAFEbuilt Building Department Services  
MI Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs  
Muskegon Police Department  
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