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FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION					
Facility Name: Veterans Housing Facility					
Facility Address: 10 Kirk Ave San Jose					
Date: 1/4/2024, 1/11/2024, 1/16/2024					
Occupancy Class: R2.1					
		CFC 2022	NFPA	Date	Findings
Sprinkler System					
	Maintenance	901.6	25	1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: The main fire water supply has an underground leak and the street valve is closed. None of the buildings fire sprinkler systems, with the exception of the residence/ pool house, have a connected water supply.
Space Heaters					
	Use	603.9		1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: Use of space heaters is not an acceptable alternative to building supplied heat. The underground gas line failed at some point in history, resulting in the gas line being shut down. Site use of space heaters is not in compliance with regulations found in the Fire Code and best practices from NFPA. Space heaters being left on while unattended and while residents are sleeping.
	Power supply	603.9.2; 603.9.3		1/11/2024	DEFICIENT: Multiple space heaters plugged into extension cords and power taps.
	Prohibited areas	603.9.4		1/11/2024	DEFICIENT: Multiple space heaters located too close to combustibles such as blankets, papers, furniture.
Electrical					
	Electrical equipment/ wiring	603.1		1/16/2024	DEFICIENT: Multiple electric water heaters installed without permits.
	Electrical hazard shall be abated	603.2		1/16/2024	DEFICIENT: The entire electrical system appears compromised with multiple outlets not working. Electrical control panels have open wiring. Tenants report frequent tripping of breakers. Examination of breaker panels confirms multiple tripped breakers.
	Extension cords			1/11/2024	DEFICIENT: Unworking electrical outlets are resulting in systemic misuse of extension cords. Extension cords are being used in place of permanent power, in prohibited locations, and to supply appliances that are not approved to be powered by extension cords.
Fire Watch					
	Staff of Veterans housing facility instructed to follow detailed fire watch guidelines. Provided in accordance with SCCFD Standard SI-3.	901.7		1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: Staff did not follow or adhere to provided instructions.
	SCC Staff directed to take over fire watch duties.	901.7		1/11/2024	SATISFACTORY: 24/7 fire watch staff on site following provided instructions.
Emergency preparedness					
	Fire Safety and evacuation plan. Staff training. Resident training. Drills.	403.7.1		1/11/2024	DEFICIENT: The only emergency planning materials on site are from a previous tenant and dated 1997.
Fire Alarm System					
	Annual test from a certified company	907.8.2	72	1/4/2024	SATISFACTORY: New fire alarm system installed and passed final inspection Jan 2, 2024.
Private Hydrants					
	Annual testing	901.6	25 sec.7.1- 7.5	1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: Fire Water supply shut down due to underground failure.
Ansul System					
	Bi-annual maintenance	904.13.5 .2		1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: Ansul system last serviced more than 6 months ago.

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Generator/ EPSS					
	Maintenance	1203.1		1/16/2024	DEFICIENT: Generator panel on site has multiple trouble readings. Unknown what the generator supplies power to; more investigation is needed.
Egress					
	Door operations	1010.2		1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: Multiple doors have chains and locks as well as double keyed deadbolts.
				1/16/2024	DEFICIENT: Improvements made to the residential building. The residential/pool house building is still in violation.
Assembly Spaces					
	Places of assembly shall have accurate occupancy load posted and compliant egress.	Ch. 10		1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: Dining hall had a wall added at some point in history. Current space does not meet the size or egress requirements for the posted occupant load. ACTION: Remove occupant load sign and post "max occupancy 49".
				1/16/2024	SATISFACTORY: Occupant load sign adjusted as directed.
Storage					
	Removal of combustibles in vacant structures or portions thereof	311.3		1/4/2024	DEFICIENT: There are multiple rooms and spaces that are filled floor to ceiling with furniture, electronics and other combustible material.
Hazardous Materials					
	Shall be stored in compliance with CFC and SCC HMCD regulations.	50, 311.4		1/16/2024	DEFICIENT: Hazardous materials, such as flammable liquids and a box of a flammable solid (that is crystalizing), are present in the basement of the main building. Multiple gas cans are improperly stored in the garages attached to the residential buildings. Further investigation will be necessary to include all the locked carport/ garages as well as all cabinets and storage closets/ rooms.
Access					
	Access is required for all parts of all buildings	104.3		1/16/2024	DEFICIENT: Despite multiple directions to provide full access to all areas, there are rooms and spaces that remain locked with no available key.
Advisory					
	non-fire code related life safety/ health concerns			1/16/2024	Black mildew present in multiple rooms, unknown if mold testing has ever been completed.
				1/16/2024	Resident reported finding bed bugs.
				1/16/2024	Resident reported lack of warm water for bathing and hand washing.

Photo attachments below.

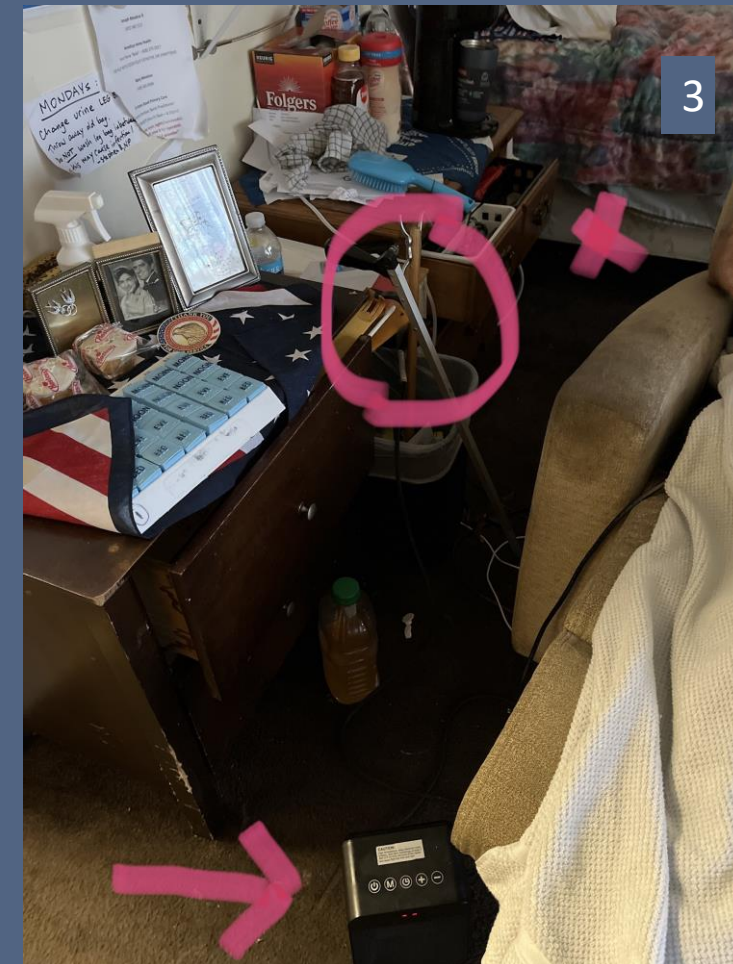
10 Kirk Avenue Photos.

Attachment to Fire Inspection report for
inspection dates of January 4, 11, and 16 2024.

Fire water supply break



Space heaters



Plugged into daisy chained power cords, too close to combustibles. Pictures taken 1/11/24.

On 1/16/24 picture 1 heater was moved and plugged into the bathroom.

Picture 2 and 3 are showing the daisy chained power supply and unapproved location; no change found on 1/16/24.

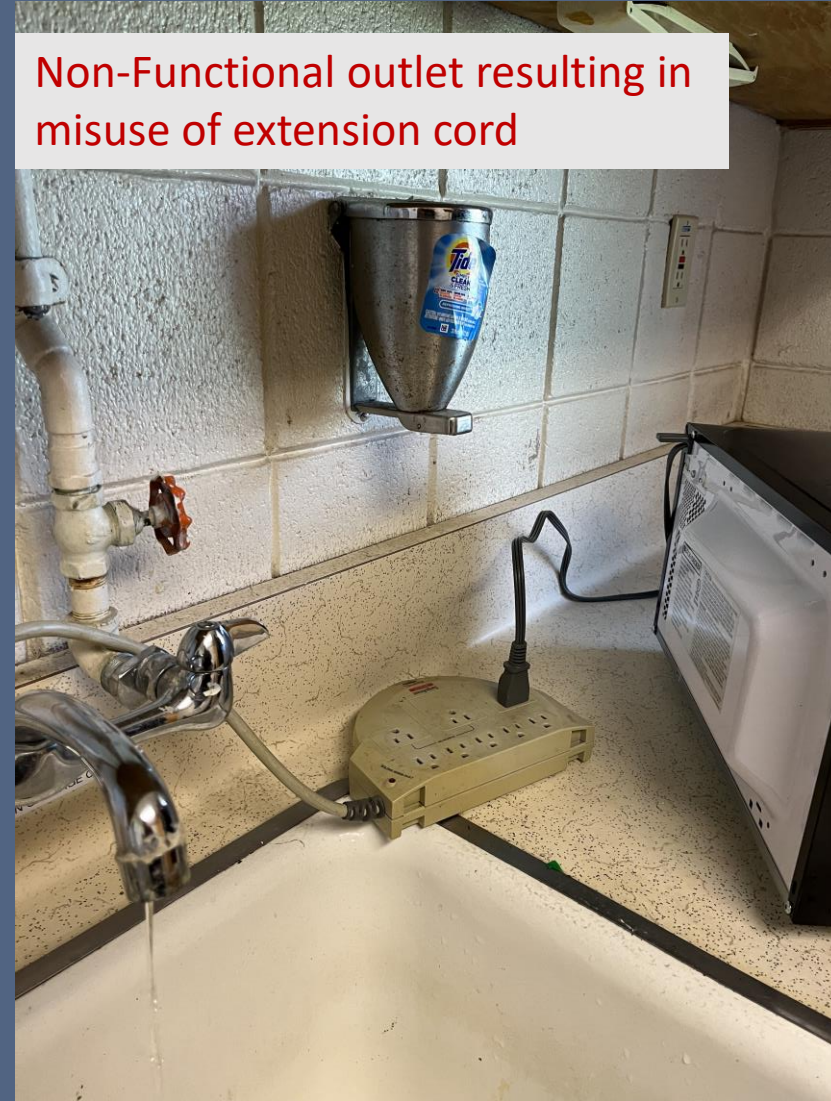
This resident is in a unit with an enclosed patio rather than an exterior sliding door. Resident appears to have limited mobility.

Electrical

Overloaded circuits



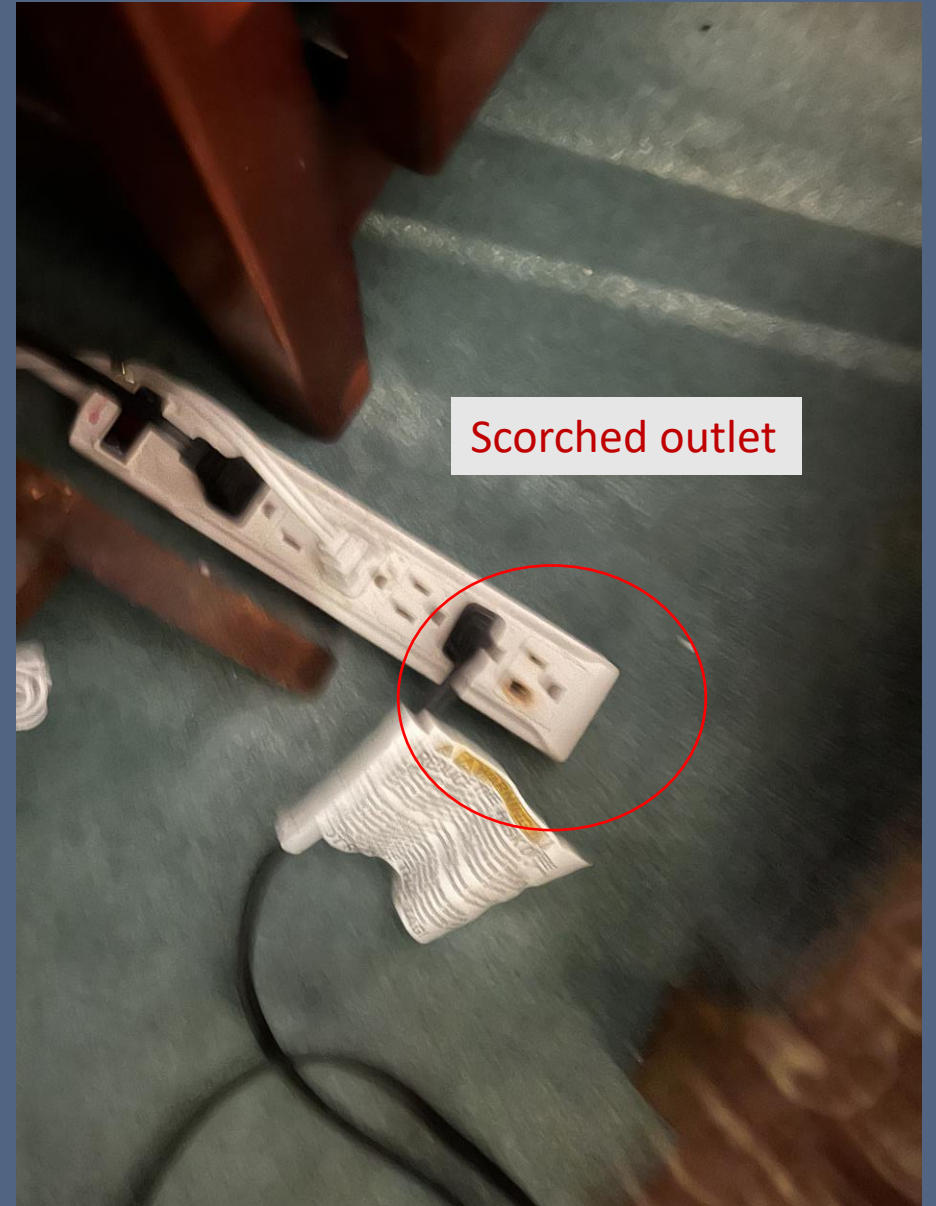
Non-Functional outlet resulting in misuse of extension cord



Freezers in corridor and powered by extension cords.

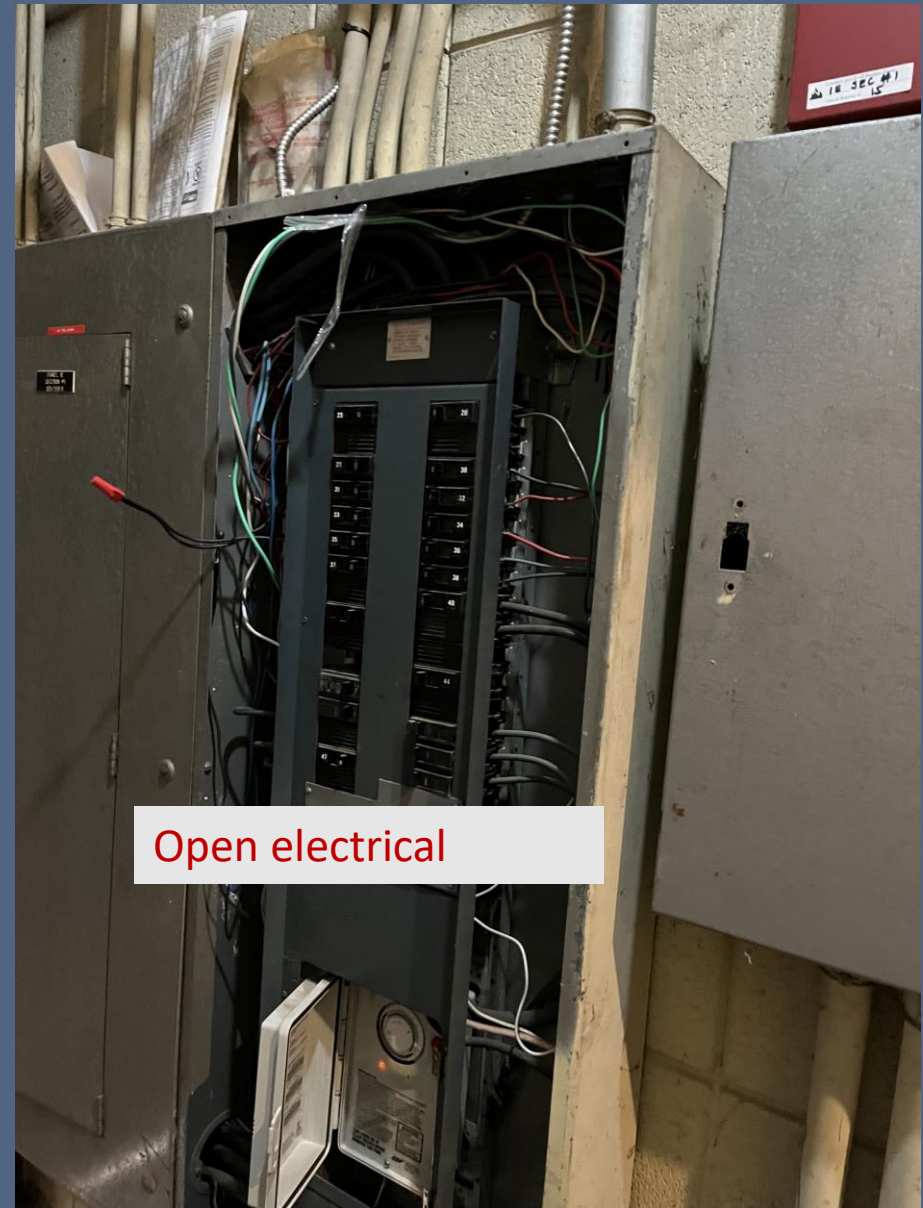


Scorched outlet





Open electrical, altered cover plate, multiple tripped breakers



Open electrical

Chains and locks need to be removed, even in abandoned structures.



Storage









Hazardous Materials



Unknown flammable solid that is breaking down. Also stored below the assembly dining hall.



Class 3 flammable liquid stored below the assembly dining hall

These garages are attached to a residential building.
Non-compliant storage of Class 3 flammable liquids. Excess combustibles.



Mold/Mildew in occupied residential building



