Recommended Test Resources and Materials
Saint Paul Truth-In-Sale of Housing Evaluator Exam

ALL APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BE VERY FAMILIAR WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE BUILDING TRADES. TRUTH-IN-HOUSING IS A SPECIALTY AREA AND REQUIRES KNOWLEDGE NOT ONLY OF CURRENT CODES BUT ALSO OF PRIOR CODES. A LACK OF ADEQUATE PREPARATION WILL RESULT IN A NON-PASSING SCORE ON THE WRITTEN TEST. A SCORE OF 75% OR BETTER ON THE WRITTEN TEST IS REQUIRED TO BE ADMITTED TO PART 2, THE TEST HOUSE, PORTION OF THE TEST.

Many current evaluators are willing to "mentor" applicants. Contact one or more for help, from the document, "List of Currently Licensed Evaluators" on this TISH web site. You can also contact a professional Housing Inspectors organization such as ASHI, or MSHI.

The resources listed here may or may not be used for specific test questions; test questions may be inferred from the source material, and not exactly derived from the source material. In addition to these books a general knowledge of building techniques, architectural and engineering theory, and basic mathematics are of value.

The following is a list of references. THIS LIST MAY NOT BE ALL-INCLUSIVE; other similar sources may be used for testing. The editions listed are the ones utilized in the Truth-in-Sale of Housing Evaluator Guidelines, however prior code editions, and new standards adopted by the City of Saint Paul may govern certain conditions and circumstances found during a Truth-in-Sale of Housing evaluation. Most public libraries have copies of these books. Contact your local public library to find out if they have a copy of the applicable code book for the specified year.

1. **2007 Minnesota State Building Code, Chapter 1305 and 2007 Minnesota State Residential Code, Chapter 1309** go to web site http://www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/Codes.asp
2. **2009 Minnesota State Mechanical, Fuel Gas Chapter 1346. The 2012 Minnesota State Plumbing Code, Chapter 4715** Go to web site, www.dli.mn.gov/CCLD/PDF/sbc_1346.pdf. The plumbing code is a "Minnesota only" code and is therefore in the public domain and is available on the Department of Labor and Industry website at: www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/rules/?id=4715&view=chapter.
3. **2011 National Electrical Code**

   If you wish to purchase one or more of the above listed books, go to Minnesota's Bookstore, 660 Olive St, St. Paul, MN, 55155. Phone 651.297.3000, or 1.800.657.3757 (web address: www.minnesotasbookstore.com)

From the Truth-in-Sale of Housing website, www.stpaul.gov, *Government* > *Safety & Inspections* > *Truth-in-Sale of Housing* you can access and print the following resources:

4. **St. Paul Minimum Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 34**
5. **Evaluator Uniform Guidelines**
6. From this web site you can also print **Ch 189**, and **Ch 58** of the Saint Paul Legislative Code.

Contact the Truth-in-Sale of Housing program, Department of Safety and Inspections, 375 Jackson St, Ste 220, St Paul, MN 55101, 651-266-8989 for additional information, or email to TruthInHousing@ci.stpaul.mn.us.