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Dear Property Owner/Manager:

The City of Saint Paul Police Department and the Department of Safety and Inspections realize that the majority of rental property owners/managers are highly responsible individuals who take pride in their buildings and contribute to the greater good of the community by providing quality housing.

However, some individuals habitually rent to tenants who bring crime into Saint Paul neighborhoods and create a deleterious effect on the overall quality of life in Saint Paul.

The Minnesota Legislature recently approved SF 2399/HF2627 which was signed by the Governor on April 24, 2008. The new law makes important changes to Section 617.81, the Public Nuisance laws and affects the number of triggering incidents required for specific offenses.

This change means that one incident of the following triggering offenses under 617.81 may lead to legal action under Section 617.80 et seq. These triggering offenses include prostitution, controlled substance offenses and unlawful possession of a dangerous weapon. The City of Saint Paul fully intends to enforce this standard once this law becomes effective on August 1, 2008.

In order to minimize your exposure, we encourage you to consult the attached list of references as a first step to maintain a positive neighborhood atmosphere and prevent your property from becoming a public nuisance.

Sincerely,

John Harrington, Chief
Saint Paul Police Department

Bob Kessler, Director
Department of Safety and Inspections