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PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT

Prepared For: Rob & Ellen Blasio
(Name of Client)

Concerning: 2816 Newman Street, Houston, TX 77098

(Address of Inspected Property)

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(Name and License Number of Inspector)

(Date)

PURPOSE, LIMITATIONS AND INSPECTOR / CLIENT RESPONSIBILITIES

This property inspection report may include an inspection agreement (contract), addenda, and other information related to property conditions. If any item or comment is unclear, you should ask the inspector to clarify the findings. It is important that you carefully read ALL of this information.

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- malfunctioning arc fault protection (AFCI) devices;
- ordinary glass in locations where modern construction techniques call for safety glass;
- malfunctioning or lack of fire safety features such as, smoke alarms, fire-rated doors in certain locations, and functional emergency escape and rescue openings in bedrooms;
- malfunctioning carbon monoxide alarms;
- excessive spacing between balusters on stairways and porches;
- improperly installed appliances;
- improperly installed or defective safety devices;
- lack of electrical bonding and grounding; and
- lack of bonding on gas piping, including corrugated stainless steel tubing (CSST).

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Highest Priority Items are printed in bold print and/or are in boxes

Items that are underlined should be addressed to prevent more extensive damage and should be a priority item or indicate noncompliance with current building standards.

Comments in italics are generally FYI (for your information) and don't require any action.

For reference: The front of the unit faces south

Description: 3 story, wood framed single family residence; stucco/stone/cement board exterior; Metal; attached garage,

Weather Conditions: Clear,

Approximate Outside Temperature: 50's

Note: When reviewing the report, the reader should consider photos and citations of specific issues to be representative examples of what was observed rather than a detailed catalog of all instances of that item on the property.

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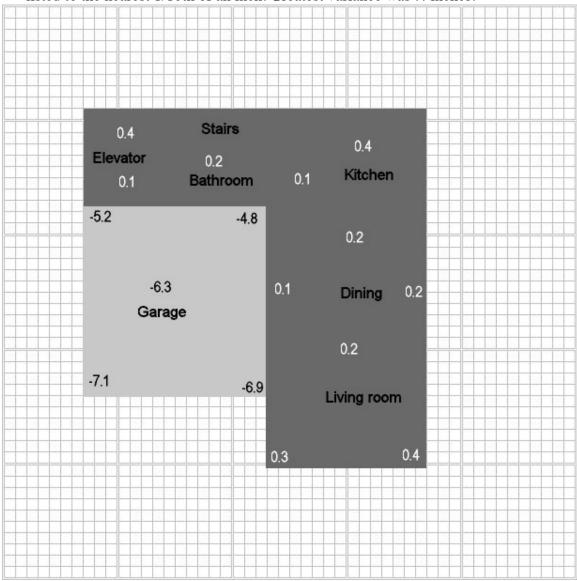
 \square \square \square A. Foundations

Type of Foundation(s): Slab on Grade

Comments:

Performing intended function. No evidence suggesting significant foundation movement at time of inspection.

A foundation elevation survey was conducted during the inspection. The floorplan below represents data gathered using a Zip Level and adjusting for floor covering height differences. i.e. differences between tile, carpet and wood flooring. Measurements are listed to the nearest 1/10th of an inch. Greatest variance was .4 inches.



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Slab dressing observed at one or more areas of foundation.



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B. Grading and Drainage

Comments:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

☑ □ □ ☑ C. Roof Covering Materials

Type(s) of Roof Covering: Metal

Viewed From: Roof level

Comments:

ROOF SURFACE:

<u>Rusting/pitting observed on metal roofing. Recommend further evaluation/ painting to prevent further corrosion.</u>

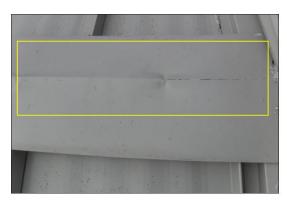




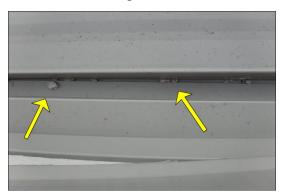
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Ridge cap is damaged/deformed at one or more areas on roof surface; possibly from foot traffic.



Recommend clearing debris from roof surface to allow for proper water drainage.



VISIBLE FLASHING:

Observed railing bolted down to the top of the cap flashing on the balcony and roof surface. These penetrations are potential areas for water entry, recommend monitoring and maintaining sealant.





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Observed areas of cap flashing on the terrace that are not properly sloped to shed water. It appears that the water is pooling around areas where the railing has been bolted down on top of the cap flashing. Observed rust and corrosion at these areas (running dow wall), which may be potential areas of water penetration.









Head flashing missing over some windows / doors. Head flashing helps prevent water penetration. Without head flashing windows/ sealing must be maintained as the only defense against water penetration.





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Rubber gasket of drain waste vent is inverted, may prevent proper drainage of water.



Daylight observed in attic around water heater exhaust vent penetration. This could be a potential point of water penetration.



EVIDENCE OF ROOF WATER PENETRATION:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

RAIN GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS:

Need general maintenance, Clean out debris / resecure to facia board / tilt toward drains, seal leaks, etc.



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 \square \square \square \square D. Roof Structures and Attics

Viewed From: Safely accessible areas as deemed by the inspector Approximate Average Depth of Insulation: not observable Approximate Average Thickness of Vertical Insulation: Enclosed envelope (Spray Foam) Comments:

ROOF STRUCTURE AND FRAMING:

Limited visual inspection of the roof decking due to radiant barrier, which may obscure signs of water penetration and/or wood rot.

Water staining observed on attic floor decking near unit. No active leaks observed at time of inspection.



ATTIC INSULATION:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

ATTIC ACCESS, LADDERS AND SERVICE WALKS:

Not all areas of attic were accessible for inspection.

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

ATTIC VENTILATION AND SCREENING:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

☑ □ □ ☑ E. Walls (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

INTERIOR:

Client Advisory: No moisture, mold and /or indoor air quality (IAQ) tests were performed. The inspector is not qualified / certified for such evaluations / studies. The client should be aware that various fungi, molds and mildew flourish in such an environment provided by water intrusion events, excessively moist conditions and / or water damaged conditions. A growing concern to date includes the adverse effect on

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indoor air quality and the potential for inherent health hazards. If concerned the client is advised to contact a qualified IAQ Professional for further evaluations of this property.

Buyer's note: due to large amount of stored items, limited viewing, and full/proper inspection was impaired, particularly in the garage and furnished rooms/closets.

Scratches observed on top of counter at third floor bar.

Some of the cabinets in the bedrooms do not stay closed completely. Magnets do not appear strong enough to hold door shut.



Cosmetic cracks and/or repaired cracks in sheetrock observed over some / many doors, windows, and/or corners.





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Sag in double header over garage door. Indication of improper/inadequate framing.

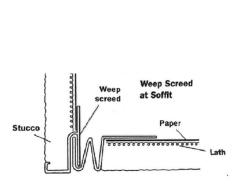




EXTERIOR:

A limited visual inspection of what appears to be traditional hard coat / cement-based stucco exterior siding did not indicate any specific areas of concern for this inspector; However, no representation is made regarding the lack of or possibility of unseen / undetected / hidden / latent water damage behind the stucco exterior. If client has any concerns about the possibility of damage behind the stucco, which is specifically excluded from this limited visual inspection, client is encouraged to arrange for a separate stucco intrusive inspection prior to the expiration of any option period.

The weep screed at the bottom of the stucco wall appears to be sealed up which may prevent water from being able to drain out behind wall.





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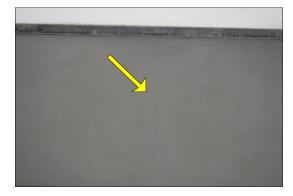
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Crack observed at bottom side of stucco overhang over garage.





Rust/corrosion observed below flashing at top of stucco wall at front of house. This could indicate water penetration behind flashing. Recommend further evaluation.



Possible water entry from joints and/or penetrations in stucco siding, Recommend sealing / caulking around all cracks and exterior siding penetrations including but not limited to light fixtures, electrical outlets/service panels, dryer, bath vents, etc.

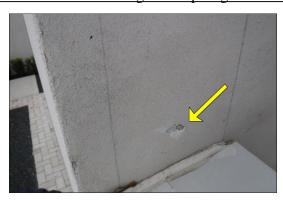




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Stucco finish is damaged at top of guard wall at southeast corner of house.



<u>Caulking deficient around one or more windows, will allow water penetration during heavy / wind driven rains.</u>



Staining observed on side of guard east side of front guard wall, possibly due to lack of sunlight.



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Recommend painting flashing at base of guard wall at front of house to prevent possible corrosion. Lower edge of flashing is not sealed down well.





The guard wall at front of house at southeast corner is pulling away from structure. Large gap observed between wall and house that may allow water accumulation.

Recommend repair.









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Cracks in brick veneer and/or repairs, one or more locations, Recommend buyer take photographs of cracks, their location, and width [ruler across the crack] with a high

resolution camera that has a date stamp for future reference.

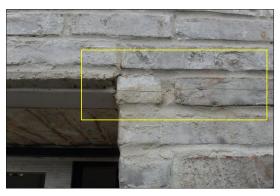
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Metal lintel(s) over window/door openings are not flashed as required by current building standards. Ref: IRC 2003 Section R703.7.5 Stone and Masonry Veneer | Flashing.





Cracks at upper corners of windows is typical due to not enough space left at ends of steel lintel at time of construction to allow for expansion of metal.





Rust staining observed on walls below penetrations (front iron lanterns and doorbell)

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EVIDENCE OF WATER PENETRATION:

Water stains / damage on interior of one or more window jambs. (second floor middle guest bedroom)

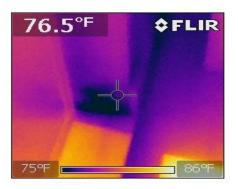


Water penetration observed at the following location(s): at third floor fixed window. Recommend further evaluation/repair.









THERMAL IMAGING:

This inspection consisted of using a FLIR or similar infrared camera and walking the interior of the property looking for anomalies that would warrant further investigation using a pin type moisture meter and areas of deficient insulation. Be

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advised that a thermal scan is not a substitute for indoor air quality testing (IAQ), testing for pollutants and other bio-hazards. If client is concerned about the quality of indoor air or presence of bio-hazards or pollutants, a qualified IAQ specialist should be consulted.

☑ □ □ ☑ F. Ceilings and Floors

Comments:

CEILINGS:

Cosmetic cracks and/or repaired cracks in sheetrock observed in ceiling; third floor around stairwell.



FLOORS:

Not level upstairs, possibly/probably due to improper/inadequate framing. Observed a '.8' inch drop from the middle of the third floor to the exterior wall near the balcony door.

Some distress/separation observed in the flooring and sheetrock and gaps observed at base of floor below baseboards at third floor staircase landing.





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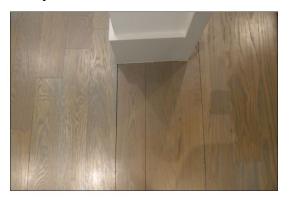
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Some separation observed between wood planks at multiple locations; third floor near balcony door and first floor near kitchen.



Water damaged wood flooring; near first floor sliding glass door. Flooring is cupped.



G. Doors (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

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Door sticks some when closed; second floor west guest bedroom.

Ghost door observed at one or more locations. Door is self opening/ closing. The door/ jamb is not setting level/ plumb. (middle guest bedroom)

Missing or non-functioning door stop behind one or more doors to prevent damage to sheetrock. (middle guest bedroom)

EXTERIOR:

Prudent buyers replace/rekey exterior locks upon taking possession of property.

Security consideration, exterior door(s) with glass window.

Security consideration, sliding glass doors are targets for unauthorized entry.

Observed water penetration though bottom corner of sliding glass door at first floor. Recommend sealing exterior joints.





Did not observe door pan flashing at exterior door location(s). Properly installed door pan flashing helps prevent wind driven rain / water penetration from damaging interior building components. High risk areas include exterior doors with little to no roof or balcony overhang protection from the elements. It is not uncommon for Fox Inspection Group inspectors to observe evidence of water penetration (water damaged wood flooring or water stained carpet tack strip) at second floor balcony doors. For additional information you may watch a 5 minute video on flashing where the first few minutes shows door pan flashing by copying and pasting this link YouTube - Class Exterior Door Pan Flashing

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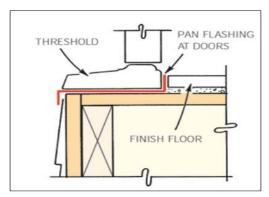
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GARAGE:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

H. Windows Comments:
WINDOWS: No window screens on house.
SAFETY GLASS IN HAZARDOUS LOCATIONS: No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.
I. Stairways (Interior and Exterior) Comments: INTERIOR:

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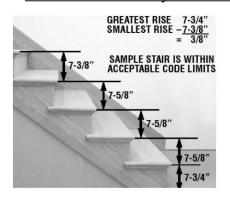
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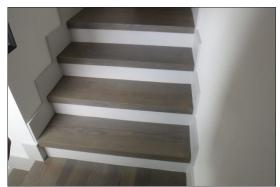
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Stairway has tripping hazard, Risers are not same height along the entire height of steps.

Stairway does not comply with current industry standard, (code). CABO 314.2 &

UBC 1006.3 requires "The greatest riser height within any flight of stairs shall not exceed the smallest by more than 3/8 inch."









\square \square \square \square J. Fireplaces and Chimneys

Comments:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

☑ □ □ ☑ K. Porches, Balconies, Decks, and Carports

Comments:

High soil and patio obscures view of foundation and prevents visual inspection for termite and/or water penetration.

Cracks in walkways, driveway and/or garage concrete observed, typical.

Exterior patio decking installed over living areas are, in this inspector's opinion, prone to water leaks / water penetration. Did not observe evidence of water penetration. Recommend careful observation after heavy rains.

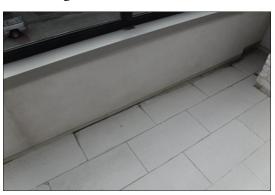
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Some staining observed on balcony floor along wall, which may indicate pooling water. Recommend monitoring drainage after a heavy storm to ensure no water is left standing.





Rust/corrosion observed on iron railing at multiple locations (roof top and balcony).





Tripping Hazard(s), walks and/or driveways are uneven.



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Comments:

Not checked/inspected.

II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

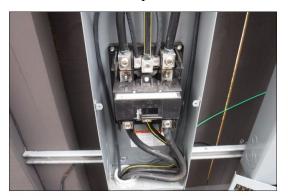
☑ □ □ □ A. Service Entrance and Panels

Comments:

200 AMP ELECTRICAL SERVICE PANEL LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE HOUSE

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.





200 AMP ELECTRICAL SUB PANEL LOCATED IN THE GARAGE

Did not test / operate the AFCI (Arc Fault Circuit Interrupt) devices due to the home being occupied. Operating these devices causes a sudden loss of power which can detrimentally affect electronic and computing equipment that has not first been powered down safely. We recommend that our clients have these devices tested in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions once the home is vacant or electronic equipment has been powered down.

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SERVICE WIRING:

Observed service type of wiring is aluminum.

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

FEEDER WIRING:

Observed type of feeder wiring is aluminum.

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.





B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

Type of Wiring: Observed type of branch wiring is copper.

Comments:

BRANCH WIRING:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

FIXTURES:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

OUTLETS:

Not all outlets were checked / inspected / accessible in furnished residence.

Outlets located in inaccessible areas (e.g., garage ceilings, exterior soffits, etc.) are not individually tested.

GFCI reset locations; 1- utility room, several in panel.

All exterior outlets wether in use or not are required to have in use weather proof cover per September 1st 2014 NEC Code Change.

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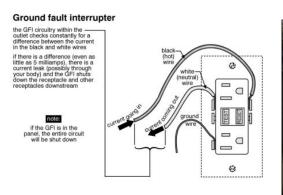
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Did not observe GFCI protection of all outlets in required locations, including but not limited to the location marked below. This condition is a recognized safety hazard and is in need of repair.

✓ All bathrooms





SWITCHES:

Switch/outlet can be operated while standing in tub/shower, shock hazard. Install switch on back side of wall or just ensure it is not operated while standing in tub.



EQUIPMENT DISCONNECTS:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

SMOKE DETECTORS AND ALARMS:

Smoke detectors are not tested. This inspection does not include testing units with actual smoke.

The installation of smoke alarm(s) is required inside of all bedrooms and in any rooms designated for the purpose of sleeping, and outside within the proximity of the doors to those rooms. Test all alarms and detectors weekly or monthly per manufacture instructions. The installation of carbon monoxide (CO) detector(s) is required in homes with fuel-fired appliances at every floor elevation and any areas where fuel-fired

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equipment is located. The installation of Type ABC fire extinguisher(s) at the kitchen, laundry, and garage, if applicable, is also advised. Test all of these devices monthly. Install new batteries semi-annually. Initiate and practice plans of escape and protection for all occupants in case any emergencies arise. Failure to repair defective or install absent alarms, detectors, and other safety equipment immediately can result in serious injury or death. For further information about fire safety and CO poisoning, consult your local fire department and your equipment manufacture(s), and read these links: www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/464.pdf, www.carbonmonoxidekills.com, www.nfpa.org/index.asp, and www.usfa.dhs.gov/downloads/pyfff/inhome.html.

DOORBELL & CHIMES

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

III. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

☑ □ □ ☑ A. Heating Equipment

Type of System: Forced air Energy Source: Natural Gas

Comments:

HEATING UNIT: 2017 LENNOX

Age: 2 YEARS OLD

Typical life expectancy: between 15 - 25 years as reported by Nachi Click here for more information





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Some rust/corrosion observed inside of heater cabinet, possibly from previous leak or excess condensation on evaporator coil above.



HOUSE HEATER EXHAUST VENT(S):

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

BLOWER(S):

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

THERMOSTAT(S):

Recommend adjusting thermostat wiring away from heater exhaust vent.





B. Cooling Equipment

Type of System: Forced air-split system

Comments:

Cool outside ambient temperature prevented operation of A/C under typical Houston summer conditions. Client is advised unit was operated under light heat load conditions. IE: A unit that cools well on a cool day may not perform adequately during a hot Houston summer.

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CONDENSING UNIT: 2017 LENNOX 5 TON

Age: 2 YEARS OLD

Typical life expectancy: between 8 - 20 years as reported by Nachi Click here for more information





Recommend sealing exterior where AC lines enter house.



EVAPORATOR COIL: 2017 LENNOX 5 TON

Temperature Differential:

Return Temp: 73.4

Age: 2 YEARS OLD

Supply Temp: 56.4 Difference: 17.00 Typical life expectancy: between 15 - 25 years as reported by Nachi Click here for more information





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CONDENSATION DRAIN PAN/DRAIN LINES:

Secondary drain pan is rusted; indication coil (or previous coil) has history of leaking/dripping condensation into pan.



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C. Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents

Comments:

Client Advisory: This company does not inspect the interior of the HVAC Duct System. We do not inspect for, and are not qualified to render opinions on, any type of environmental or other bio-hazards. If this is a concern or potential concern, Fox Inspection Group recommends contacting a qualified professional of your choice for further information / investigation.

Media air filter(s) located in attic that requires changing/cleaning every 6 months, recommend checking guide for proper maintenance information.





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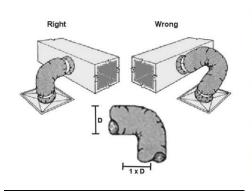
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Observed areas in attic where flex duct mechanical connection zip ties are not snug fit / are loose as required by current industry standards. Appears proper use of zip tie synching tool was sporadic. Loose mechanical connections increases chance of duct separation in future, recommend repair.



Some flex duct observed to be improperly routed with sharp bends and / or excess material in bends. Improper routing increases frictional loss in the duct and reduces heating and cooling efficiency. Radius at centerline of the bend should be no less than the diameter of the duct.





IV. PLUMBING SYSTEMS

 \square \square \square A. Plumbing Supply, Distribution Systems and Fixtures

Location of water meter: Front of property Location of main water supply valve: in garage

Static water pressure reading: 52 psi

Comments:

WATER SUPPLY PLUMBING:

Water supply piping observed to be predominantly PEX (cross-linked polyethylene) plastic.

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Observed 2 water lines amateurishly tied together at master bathroom commode in order to clear the distance. The water supply line is normally located directly behind the commode.





COMMODES:

Does not flush properly, must hold down handle for proper flush; third floor bathroom.



SINKS:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

FAUCETS:

The faucet handle at the first floor bathroom hits the mirror.



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TUBS:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

SHOWER(S):

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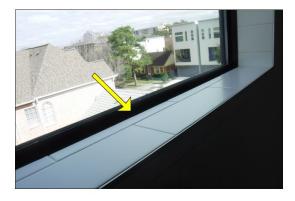
24 hour shower pan test has been specifically excluded.

Grout / caulking needed at vertical tile corners, cracks in tile and/or mortar between tiles, to prevent water entry behind wall.





Observed level or improper sloping of shower window sill tile, sill should slope towards interior of shower not back towards window frame.





LAUNDRY CONNECTIONS:

Recommend use of stainless steel braided "no burst" clothes washer water supply lines to reduce chance of water damage.

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

EXTERIOR HOSE BIBS:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

GAS SUPPLY SYSTEMS

Pressure test of gas lines has been specifically excluded.

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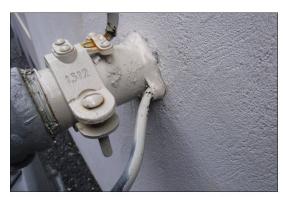
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Gas meter located at the west exterior side of house

Gas piping not sleeved as it passes through masonry wall as required by Code [CABO 2608.3] IRC 2603.3.





OBSERVED BRANCH LINES:

Galvanized and/or black iron

APPLIANCE CONNECTIONS:

Buyers note: Gas Appliance Connectors (GAC's) are not electrically bonded. Gas Appliance Connectors (GAC's) are the short run of yellow corrugated gas line similar in composition to Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing (CSST) that connects gas appliances such as kitchen appliances, clothes dryers, water heaters, and house heaters to the natural gas piping in the home. Corrugated Stainless Steel Tubing(CSST) which is a similar material as Gas Appliance Connectors (GAC's), has been linked to fires caused from direct and indirect / close proximity lightning strikes. The lightning strikes have been linked to punctures / holes in the thin stainless steel tubing and igniting fires. CSST is now required to be properly bonded in an attempt to make it a safer product.

☑ □ □ ☑ B. Drains,

B. Drains, Wastes, and Vents

Comments:

Hydrostatic pressure test of sewer lines was specifically excluded.

DRAIN, WASTE, VENT PLUMBING:

Type of drain waste vent material observed to be primarily plastic

One or more wall penetrations are missing covers below sinks.

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Open drain observed in attic, below water heater, which may allow sewer gases to enter into attic if P-Trap dries out.



C. Water Heating Equipment

Energy Source: Natural Gas

Capacity: unknown; unit(s) are tankless type of water heater(s)

Comments:

Typical life expectancy of a water heater is 6 - 12 years as reported by Nachi Click here for more information

WATER HEATING UNIT(S): 2018 RINNAI (1 YEAR OLD)





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<u>Drain pan is located far below unit and may not catch all water from potential leaks.</u>
<u>Drain pan is not secured properly in place.</u>





The condensate drain line and components do not appear to have been installed properly to allow for proper drainage. Hose is missing required drip loop and the line is crimped at one or more locations and not properly secured in drain. Recommend further evaluation by a qualified professional.









WATER HEATER EXHAUST VENT(S):

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

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E. Microwave Ovens Comments:

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☑ □ □ F. Mechanical Exhaust Vents and Bathroom Heaters

Comments:

Flappers stuck open on one or more vents (observed at third floor on west side of house).



☑ □ □ ☑ G. Garage Door Operators

Comments:

Remote control hand held units were not checked/inspected.

Missing required safety sticker / decal next to operator button.



☑ □ □ ☑ H. Dryer Exhaust Systems

Comments:

Recommend periodic cleaning of the dryer vent ductwork to reduce the risk of fire.

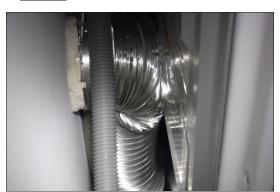
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<u>Dryer venting damaged/restricted behind dryer.</u> Correct existing condition to reduce fire hazard.



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Comments:

REFRIGERATOR:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

WINE CHILLERS:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

WASHER & DRYER:

No significant deficiencies or anomalies observed at the time of inspection.

VI. OPTIONAL SYSTEMS

☑ □ □ ☑ A. Landscape Irrigation (Sprinkler) Systems

Comments:

Rain sensor was not checked/inspected.

Testing, certifying and / or verifying the proper operation of back-flow device is specifically excluded.

Zones/stations were not listed/labeled.

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Observed mixed head types (i.e., rotating and spray heads) on the same stations. The two head types have different coverage rates and should not be mixed on the same zone.





B. Other

Comments:

OUTDOOR COOKING EQUIPMENT

Energy Source: Natural Gas

Some staining observed at brick around cook top.

The rotisserie motor is not operational.



ELEVATOR: *Not checked/inspected*.

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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION: The inspector will perform a general, non-Invasive limited visual ("eyeball") inspection of the property structure at the address listed below to provide Client(s) with a written opinion as to the apparent general condition of the structure(s) components and systems at the time of the inspection. The inspection will be performed in a manner consistent with the "Standard of Practice" and "Code of Ethics" of "TREC" Texas Real Estate Commission and prepare a written report of the apparent condition of the readily accessible systems and components of the Property unless otherwise indicated existing at the time of the inspection. A copy of these Standards are readily available to the Client(s) at http://www.trec.state.tx.us/inspector/rules governing inspectors.asp Only systems and components that can be reached, entered, or viewed without difficulty, moving obstructions, or requiring any action which may result in damage to the property or personal injury to the Inspector will be inspected. Latent and concealed defects and deficiencies are excluded from the inspection, and Inspector is not liable for latent and concealed defects and deficiencies. Any area which is not exposed to view, concealed, is inaccessible because of soil, walls, floors, carpets, ceilings, furnishings or other things, or areas/items which have been excluded by "TREC" Texas Real Estate Commission standards and/or by the agreement of the parties is not included in this inspection. The inspection does not include any destructive testing or dismantling. In the event that the property is a part of a condominium unit, such inspection will not include any other connected or external portions of a multi unit building or any common areas covered by a joint use agreement or considered common areas.
- 2. STANDARDS OF PRACTICE: The parties agree that the Standards of Practice "TREC" Texas Real Estate Commission shall define the standard of duty and the conditions, limitations, scope, and exclusions of the inspection and are incorporated by reference herein.
- 3. CLIENT'S DUTY: Client agrees to read the entire report when it is received and promptly call the Inspector with any question or concern regarding the inspection or written report. The written report shall be the final exclusive findings of the Inspector. In the event client becomes aware of a reportable condition which was not reported by the Inspector, Client agrees to promptly notify Inspector and allow Inspector and/or Inspector's designated representative'(s) to inspect said condition'(s) before making any repair, alteration, or replacement.
- 4. FURTHER EVALUATION: Client acknowledges and agrees that the Inspector is a generalist and that further investigation of a reported condition by an appropriate certified licensed specialist may provide additional information that may affect a Client(s) decision to purchase the home. Client should seek further evaluation from licensed professionals regarding the deficiencies identified in the written report. Inspector is not liable for Client(s) failure to further investigate reported deficiencies.
- 5. CHANGE IN CONDITION(S): The parties agree and understand that conditions of systems and components may change between the inspection date and the time of closing. It is the Client's responsibility to further investigate before closing and the Inspector is not liable for any changes of conditions.
- 6. NOT A WARRANTY: The parties agree and understand the Inspector is not an insurer or guarantor against defects in the structure, items, components, or systems inspected. Client(s) understand that the inspection and inspection report does not constitute a guarantee or warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, expressed or implied, or insurance policy, nor is it a substitute for real estate transfer disclosures which may be required by law. INSPECTOR MAKES NO WARRANTY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AS TO THE PRESENT OR FUTURE FITNESS FOR USE, CONDITION, PERFORMANCE OR ADEQUACY OF ANY INSPECTED STRUCTURE, ITEM, COMPONENT, OR SYSTEM, THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF LATENT OR HIDDEN DEFECTS THAT ARE NOT REASONABLY ASCERTAIN IN A COMPETENTLY PERFORMED HOME INSPECTION, OR THE REMAINING USEFUL LIFE OF ANY SYSTEM OR COMPONENT OF THE PROPERTY.

- 7. NOT AN APPRAISAL: The Inspection will not include an appraisal of the value or a survey of building and/or property lines. This inspection or the inspection report may not be construed as an appraisal or survey and may not be used as such for any purpose.
- 8. NOT A COMPLIANCE INSPECTION: This inspection or inspection report is NOT a code compliance inspection or certification for past or present governmental codes or regulations.
- 9. INSURABILITY: The inspection or inspection report does not determine whether the property is insurable.
- 10. THIRD PARTIES AND SUBROGATION: The inspection and written report are performed and prepared for the sole and exclusive use and possession of the Client. No other person or entity may rely on the report issued pursuant to this Agreement. In the event that any person, not a party to this Agreement, makes any claim against the Inspector, its employees or agents, arising out of the services performed by the Inspector under this Agreement, or claims alleging in whole or part any negligent act or omission of the Inspector, the Client agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Inspector from any and all damages, expenses, costs, and attorney fees, arising from such a claim.
- 11. LIMITATION OF LEGAL ACTION: The parties agree that any legal action must be brought within one (1) year from the date of the inspection(s), or will be deemed waived and forever banned.
- 12. LIABILITY: The parties agree that the Fox Inspection Group and its employees and its agents assume no liability or responsibility for cost of repairing or replacing any defects specified in the written report, as well as no liability for the costs of further evaluation or investigation of the defects specified in the written report. Further, the parties agree and understand that the Inspector and its employees and its agents assume no liability for the costs of repairing or replacing any of the unreported defects or deficiencies either current or arising in the future or any property damage, consequential damage or bodily injury of any nature. In the event of a claim by the Client that an installed system, or component of the premises which was inspected by the inspector was not in the condition reported by the Inspector, the Client agrees to notify the Inspector at least 72 hours prior to repairing or replacing such system or component. If repairs or replacement are done without giving the Inspector the required notice, the Inspector will have no liability to the client. Client agrees that prior to taking any action, legal or otherwise, Client shall: submit a written claim to Inspection Company within 10 days of the deficiency discovery to 11227 Endicott Lane, Houston TX 77035. The written claim shall describe the suspected deficiency. Allow the Inspection Company, their agent or legal representative to perform a re-inspection of the deficiencies stated in the claim. Agree to not to disturb or repair the disputed item prior to a re-inspection except in cases where injury or subsequent property damage may occur.
- 13. DISPUTES AND ARBITRATION In the event a dispute arises regarding an inspection that has been performed under this service agreement, Client(s) agree to notify Fox Inspection Group within ten (10) days of the time of discovery to give Fox Inspection Group a reasonable opportunity to re-inspect the property and resolved the dispute amicably. Upon the request of either party, all unresolved disputes relating to this agreement shall be submitted for arbitration in accordance with (AAA) American Association of Arbitrators and pursuant to the Federal Arbitration Act then in effect with costs shared equally. This provision shall be specifically enforceable and damages for breach of this provision shall include but not limited to court costs and attorney's fees. Client agrees that Fox Inspection Group and it's agents liability, if any, shall be limited to the amount of the inspection fee paid for inspection. This limitation shall apply regardless of the cause of action or the legal theory pled or asserted specifically including, but not limited to, negligence.
- 14. SEVERABILITY: If any court of competent jurisdiction determines that any section, provision or part of this Agreement is void, unenforceable, or contrary to Texas law, the remaining sections of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15. DAMAGES: If the inspection company or any of its employees, agents, providers, officers, members, or shareholders, are found to be liable for any claim or damage due to the alleged negligence or willful misconduct of the Inspection company performing the home inspection or in the reporting on the condition of the property in the inspection report, THE MAXIMUM DAMAGE THAT THE CLIENT CAN RECOVER SHALL NOT EXCEED THE COST OF THE INSPECTION FEE PAID BY THE CLIENT. The Inspection Company shall not be liable to the Client for any loss of use of the property, repair or replacement cost, consequential or punitive damages or for attorneys' fees or court costs. The Inspection Company shall not be liable to the Client for any claims, loss or damage if the Client alters, tampers with or repairs or replaces the condition which is the subject matter of the Client's claim before the Inspection Company has had

an opportunity to inspect the alleged defective condition.

- 16. CLIENT UNDERSTANDS: The integrity and moisture content of framing and sheathing behind finished wall coverings(exterior siding, stucco, cement stone coverings, fiber cement siding, drywall, interior bath and shower tile walls, etc) is not visible to inspect and beyond the scope of our services and is excluded within our services and is excluded within our inspection and inspection report. The lack of proper detailing and flashing may result in water penetration behind siding resulting in water penetration and structural damage which Fox Inspection Group makes no guarantee, warranty, or implied in the inspection or inspection report.
- 17. EXPERT TESTIMONY / LITIGATION FINANCIAL COMPENSATION CLAUSE: In the event our services are needed at any time in the future as expert testimony or in a litigation case, client agrees at this time / in advance to financially compensate this firm for it's time and services. Terms: Non-refundable retainer of \$2,500.00 upfront, Hourly rate of \$175.00 for any activities on our part for your case, including but not limited to; deposition, phone time, research, court time, travel time portal to portal, review of case prior to court appearance, etc. Balance due invoiced weekly, submitted Friday, payable the next Friday
- 18. RE-INSPECTIONS: Fox Inspection Group does not normally conduct re-inspection services. We are not in the business of certifying the workmanship and/or warranting another company's repair work. Receipts and/or warranty for work performed should be obtained from the company or companies who have provided repairs. In the event a re-inspection is performed it is agreed to in advance that Fox Inspection Group does not assume responsibility of any kind for another company's work.
- 19. LIMITATION AND EXCLUSION CLAUSE: The Client expressly acknowledges and agrees that the following are not included in the scope of the inspection and the inspection report and further acknowledges that the Inspector makes no representations or warranties as to them. THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS, ITEMS, AND CONDITIONS WHICH ARE NOT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE BUILDING INSPECTION INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: recreational, leisure, playground or decorative equipment or appliances including but not limited to pools, hot tubs, saunas, steam baths, landscape lighting, fountains, shrubs, trees, and tennis courts. Cosmetic conditions wallpapering, painting, carpeting, scratches, scrapes, dents, cracks, stains, soiled or faded surfaces on the structure ,equipment or component, soiled, faded, torn, or dirty floor, wall or window coverings, etc. Noise pollution or air quality. Earthquake hazard, flood plain certification, liquefaction, soil, retaining walls, slide potential, wave action and hydrological stability, soil and earth measurements and stability, seismic safety, code and zoning, engineer level analysis, under ground utilities, sink hole potential, formaldehyde, lead paint, asbestos, toxic or flammable materials, molds, mildew, fungi, other environmental hazards, pest infestation, security systems, fire protection systems, sump pumps, household appliances, humidifiers, paint, other treatment windows, interior walls, ceilings and floors, water purification systems, (ozone generator/saltwater, etc), under ground storage tanks, energy efficiency measurements, motion or photo electric sensor lighting, concealed or private security systems, water wells, all over flow drains, heating system's accessories, solar heating systems, heat exchangers, wood burning stoves, sprinkler systems, water softener or purification systems, central vacuum systems, telephone intercom or cable TV systems, internet connections and cable connections, antennae, lightning arrestors, load controllers, governing codes, permits, ordinances, statues, and covenants, and manufacturer specifications, recalls, EIFS, Chinese drywall and tainted materials, plasterboard, sheet rock, gypsum board, latent and concealed defects, and manufactured stone veneer, culture stone siding, fiber cement siding, flues or chimneys, coal stoves, water leaks, water intrusion, design and architect problems, circuit breaker operation, fireplace drafting, boundaries egress and ingress, quality of materials, private sewage, wattage and wiring, electromagnetic field, non built in appliances, rodents, ants, birds, or other wood boring organisms, security locks and devices, thermostat and gauges. Client understands that these systems, items, and conditions, are excepted and excluded from this inspection and Inspection report. Any general comments about these systems, items, and conditions of the written report are informal only and DO NOT REPRESENT AN INSPECTION.
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