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HOME INSPECTION REPORT



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WHAT IS A HOME INSPECTION?

The purpose of a home inspection is to visually examine the readily accessible systems and components of the home. The inspectors are not required to move personal property, materials or any other objects that may impede access or limit visibility. Items that are unsafe or not functioning, in the opinion of the inspector, will be described in accordance with the standards of practice by which inspectors abide.

WHAT DOES THIS REPORT MEAN TO YOU?

This inspection report is not intended as a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy. Because your home is one of the largest investments you will ever make, use the information provided in this report and discuss the findings with your real estate agent and family to understand the current condition of the home.

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Buying your new home is a major decision. Much hinges on the current condition of the home you have chosen. That is why we have developed the HomeTeam Inspection Report. Backed by HomeTeam's experience with hundreds of thousands of home inspections over the years, the report in your hand has been uniquely designed to meet and exceed the expectations of today's homebuyers. We are proud to deliver this high-quality document for your peace of mind. If you have any questions while reviewing this report, please contact us immediately.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to serve you.



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PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT

Prepared For:	Joshua Post	
	(Name of Client)	
Concerning:	5004 Hardy St, Houston, TX, 77009	
	(Address or Other Identification of Inspected Property)	
By:	Bob Wiesner (# 22223) Steven Walters (# 22910)	1-23-2018
	(Name and License Number of Inspector)	(Date)
	(Name, License Number of Sponsoring Inspector)	

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.

This inspection is subject to the rules (Rules) of the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC), which can be found at www.trec.texas.gov.

The TREC Standards of Practice (Sections 535.227-535.233 of the Rules) are the minimum standards for inspections by TREC licensed inspectors. An inspection addresses only those components and conditions that are present, visible, and accessible at the time of the inspection. While there may be other parts, components or systems present, only those items specifically noted as being inspected were inspected. The inspector is NOT required to turn on decommissioned equipment, systems, utility services or apply an open flame or light a pilot to operate any appliance. The inspector is NOT required to climb over obstacles, move furnishings or stored items. The inspection report may address issues that are code-based or may refer to a particular code; however, this is NOT a code compliance inspection and does NOT verify compliance with manufacturers installation instructions. The inspection does NOT imply insurability or warrantability of the structure or its components. Although some safety issues may be addressed in this report, this inspection is NOT a safety/code inspection, and the inspector is NOT required to identify all potential hazards.

In this report, the inspector shall indicate, by checking the appropriate boxes on the form, whether each item was inspected, not inspected, not present or deficient and explain the findings in the corresponding section in the body of the report form. The inspector must check the Deficient (D) box if a condition exists that adversely and materially affects the performance of a system or component or constitutes a hazard to life, limb or property as specified by the TREC Standards of Practice. General deficiencies include inoperability, material distress, water penetration, damage, deterioration, missing components, and unsuitable installation. Comments may be provided by the inspector whether or not an item is deemed deficient. The inspector is not required to prioritize or emphasize the importance of one deficiency over another.

Some items reported may be considered life-safety upgrades to the property. For more information, refer to Texas Real Estate Consumer Notice Concerning Recognized Hazards or Deficiencies below.

THIS PROPERTY INSPECTION IS NOT A TECHNICALLY EXHAUSTIVE INSPECTION OF THE STRUCTURE, SYSTEMS OR COMPONENTS. The inspection may not reveal all deficiencies. A real estate inspection helps to reduce some of the risk involved in purchasing a home, but it cannot eliminate these risks, nor can the inspection anticipate future events or changes in performance due to changes in use or occupancy. It is recommended that you obtain as much information as is available about this property, including any sellers disclosures, previous inspection reports, engineering reports, building/remodeling permits, and reports performed for or by relocation companies, municipal inspection departments, lenders, insurers, and appraisers. You should also attempt to determine whether repairs, renovation, remodeling, additions, or other such activities have taken place at this property. It is not the inspectors responsibility to confirm that information obtained from these sources is complete or accurate or that this inspection is consistent with the opinions expressed in previous or future reports.

ITEMS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT DO NOT OBLIGATE ANY PARTY TO MAKE REPAIRS OR TAKE OTHER ACTIONS, NOR IS THE PURCHASER REQUIRED TO REQUEST THAT THE SELLER TAKE ANY ACTION. When a deficiency is reported, it is the clients responsibility to obtain further evaluations and/or cost estimates from qualified service professionals. Any such follow-up should take place prior to the expiration of any time limitations such as option periods.

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Evaluations by qualified tradesmen may lead to the discovery of additional deficiencies which may involve additional repair costs. Failure to address deficiencies or comments noted in this report may lead to further damage of the structure or systems and add to the original repair costs. The inspector is not required to provide follow-up services to verify that proper repairs have been made.

Property conditions change with time and use. For example, mechanical devices can fail at any time, plumbing gaskets and seals may crack if the appliance or plumbing fixture is not used often, roof leaks can occur at any time regardless of the apparent condition of the roof, and the performance of the structure and the systems may change due to changes in use or occupancy, effects of weather, etc. These changes or repairs made to the structure after the inspection may render information contained herein obsolete or invalid. This report is provided for the specific benefit of the client named above and is based on observations at the time of the inspection. If you did not hire the inspector yourself, reliance on this report may provide incomplete or outdated information. Repairs, professional opinions or additional inspection reports may affect the meaning of the information in this report. It is recommended that you hire a licensed inspector to perform an inspection to meet your specific needs and to provide you with current information concerning this property.

TEXAS REAL ESTATE CONSUMER NOTICE CONCERNING HAZARDS OR DEFICIENCIES

Each year, Texans sustain property damage and are injured by accidents in the home. While some accidents may not be avoidable, many other accidents, injuries, and deaths may be avoided through the identification and repair of certain hazardous conditions. Examples of such hazards include:

- malfunctioning, improperly installed, or missing ground fault circuit protection (GFCI) devices for electrical receptacles in garages, bathrooms, kitchens, and exterior areas;
- 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).

To ensure that consumers are informed of hazards such as these, the Texas Real Estate Commission (TREC) has adopted Standards of Practice requiring licensed inspectors to report these conditions as Deficient when performing an inspection for a buyer or seller, if they can be reasonably determined.

These conditions may not have violated building codes or common practices at the time of the construction of the home, or they may have been grandfathered because they were present prior to the adoption of codes prohibiting such conditions. While the TREC Standards of Practice do not require inspectors to perform a code compliance inspection, TREC considers the potential for injury or property loss from the hazards addressed in the Standards of Practice to be significant enough to warrant this notice.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR

We would like to THANK YOU for giving us the opportunity to perform this inspection for you!

Through this report the terms "right" and "left" are used to describe the home as viewed facing the home from the street. The cosmetic condition of the paint, wall covering, carpeting, window coverings, etc., are not addressed. All conditions are reported as they existed at the time of the inspection.

Routine maintenance and safety items are not within the scope of this inspection unless they otherwise constitute visually observable deficiencies as defined in the Real Estate Commission Standards Of Practice agreed upon in the Home Inspection Agreement.

All pictures that may be included are to be considered as examples of the visible deficiencies that may be present. If any item has a picture, it is not to be construed as more or less significant than items with no picture included.

Although some maintenance and/or safety items may be disclosed, this report does not include all maintenance or safety items, and should not be relied upon for such items. Identifying items included in manufacturer recalls are not within the scope of the inspection.

The statements and information contained in the report represent the opinion of the inspector regarding the condition of the property's structural and mechanical systems.

Acceptance and/or use of this report implies acceptance of the Home Inspection Agreement and the terms stated therein. The above named client has acknowledged that the inspection report is intended for the CLIENT's sole, confidential, and exclusive use and is not transferable in any form. The HomeTeam Inspection Service assumes no responsibility for the use or misinterpretation by third parties.



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I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

A. Foundations

Type of Foundation(s): slab on grade

Comments:

Method of Inspection: The foundation was viewed at the perimeter where visible. Wall veneers, door and window operations, and the condition of framing were also viewed for indications of adverse foundation performance.

No indications were found. In our opinion, the foundation was functioning as intended at the time of the inspection.

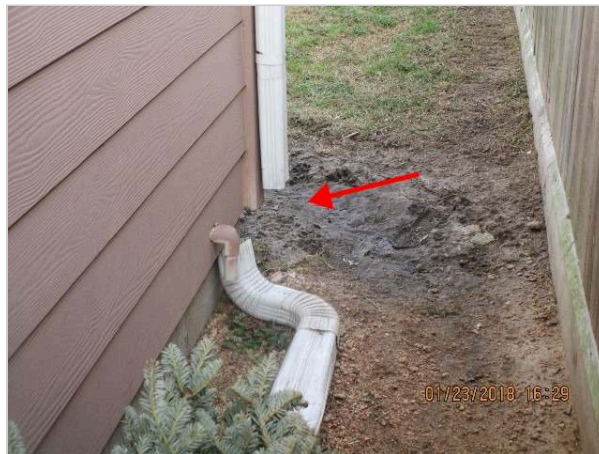
B. Grading and Drainage

Comments:

Method of Inspection: By visual inspection of the ground around the foundation in order to get an idea of how water might flow during a rain from the roof and away from the foundation; by inspection of the height of the soil and vegetation and proximity to the exterior walls.

Some of the gutter downspouts were missing the bottom piece.

Some of the ground around the house did not appear to adequately slope away from the house. Recommended grade away from the foundation walls should fall a minimum of 6 inches within the first 10 feet.



Gutter downspout missing bottom piece on right exterior wall

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C. Roof Covering Materials

Types of Roof Covering: asphalt-fiberglass shingles

Viewed From: roof surface (walked)

Comments:

Method of Inspection: From location as mentioned above. All planes of the roof were viewed for wear, their relationship to walls, ridges, eaves, and how they are flashed.

The shingles had light wear.

There were some damaged / bruised shingles on the front roof above the garage area.

There was a lack of adhesion in some of the shingles at the valley.

There were exposed nails in several areas. We recommend that exposed nails be sealed.

As the nails rusts, its diameter shrinks and the original hole stays the same size leaving a direct path for water to enter the attic.

There was some drip-edge flashing that was damaged on the front portion of the roof.

A downspout terminated on the roof above the front porch. Common industry practice recommends to avoid allowing a downspout to drain water directly onto a lower level roof. This may cause water damage and premature wear to the shingles.

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The flashing was raised at the wall / roof boundary over the bay window on the rear wall.

Note: The visual inspection is not intended as a warranty or an estimate on the remaining life of the roof. The only way to be sure a roof does not leak is to inspect the underside of the roof during a heavy rain. It is recommended that an insurance company be contacted to confirm the roof insurability.



Roof view



Damage / Bruised shingles



Lack of adhesion at the front valley



Exposed nails

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Downspout terminating onto a lower roof



Damaged drip edge flashing



Raised flashing

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D. Roof Structures and Attics

Viewed From: inside attic (some areas inaccessible -- framework)

Approximate Average Depth of Insulation: 8" - 10"

Comments:

Type of attic ventilation: ridge vents, soffit vents

Ceiling insulation: blown fiberglass / cellulose

There were no visible deficiencies at the time of the inspection.

As a note, there was a small "dead-valley" above the front porch (no visible signs of leaks at the time of the inspection). A dead valley is an area on the roof that may hold water against the exterior wall.

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Insulation depth gage



attic view



"Dead valley"

E. Walls (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

INTERIOR:

Due to stored items some wall areas in the interior and in the garage could not be inspected. There was a small vertical crack above the closet in the left rear bedroom. There was a small crack in the top right corner of the master bathroom window.

EXTERIOR:

Materials: Brick Veneer, Wood Siding

There are some holes in the right wall that need sealing. Also, there were several gaps that needed sealing in the wall where there were penetrations (exterior faucets and receptacles). There were several damaged areas on the exterior wood siding around the house. Corner areas where brick walls came together needed sealing in several areas.

Note: Wood destroying insect damage may be present in any structure, though not readily visible, in areas that are inaccessible such as inside walls, ceilings or attics or in areas that are obstructed from view by objects such as appliances, furniture or stored items.

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Sheetrock crack in left rear bedroom



Sheetrock crack in master bathroom window



Hole in right exterior wall



Gap in wall / Needed sealed



Needed sealed



Damage

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Damage



Corner area along front wall not sealed



Area between the garage trim board and brick wall not sealed

F. Ceilings and Floors

Comments:

FLOORS:

There were no visible deficiencies to the ceiling or floor at the time of the inspection.

CEILINGS:

There was a stain and tape seam crack on the ceiling in the dining area adjacent to the a/c register.

There were cracks in multiple locations at the support beam between the kitchen and living room.



Stain / crack in dining area
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G. Doors (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

The weather stripping at the back exterior door was damaged.
The door to the left rear bedroom did not properly latch.
The deadbolt to the door going into the garage did not properly latch.



Damaged weather stripping

H. Windows

Comments:

None of the windows had screens.
Several windows on the second floor with window sills less than 24 inches above the floor did not have stops to restrict them from opening to a maximum of 4 inches.

I. Stairways (Interior and Exterior)

Comments:

There were no visible deficiencies to the stairway(s) at the time of the inspection.

J. Fireplaces and Chimneys

Comments:

K. Porches, Balconies, Decks, and Carports

Comments:

There were no visible deficiencies at the time of the inspection.

L. Other

Comments:

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II. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

A. Service Entrance and Panels

Comments:

The overhead electrical service entered a Cutler-Hammer panel box located on the right exterior wall.

Main Breaker: 200 amps

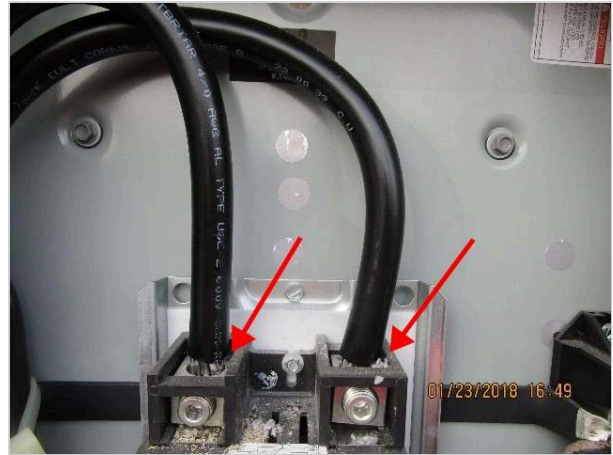
Service Wires: 4/0 Aluminum Wires

The aluminum service entrance wires ends did not have an anti-oxidant where they connect to the main breaker and the neutral bus.

The breaker to the A/C unit was 60 amps. According to the label on the outside AC unit, the max breaker should be 50 amps.



Cover removed for inspection



No antioxidant

B. Branch Circuits, Connected Devices, and Fixtures

Type of Wiring: copper

Comments:

The GFCI receptacle on the rear exterior wall would not reset after testing.

Several lights were out. Among those were lights in the closets in both left bedrooms, the laundry room light, 4 of the 5 lights in the light fixture over the stairway landing. None were tested.

Note: We are unable to verify the effectiveness or inter-connectivity of smoke alarms when present.

III. HEATING, VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS

A. Heating Equipment

Type of Systems: central

Energy Sources: electric

Comments:

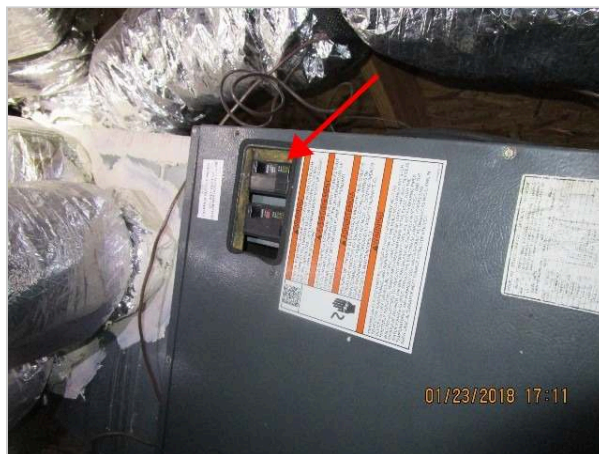
Unit Brand: Goodman

Location of Thermostat: Second floor hallway

The faceplate for the disconnect panel on the heater was missing.

Note: The sizing, efficiency or adequacy of a system is not within the scope of the inspection. When gas furnaces are present, a full evaluation of the integrity of a heat exchanger requires dismantling of the furnace and is beyond the scope of a visual inspection.

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Faceplate missing

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B. Cooling Equipment

Type of Systems: central

Comments:

Unit Brand: Goodman

The cooling unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection with a 18.5 degree temperature differential.

We were unable to view the evaporator coil.

The refrigerant line at the outside unit needed insulation.

Note: The sizing, efficiency or adequacy of a system is not within the scope of the inspection.



No insulation

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C. Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents

Comments:

The filter was dirty.

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IV. PLUMBING SYSTEM

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A. Plumbing Supply, Distribution Systems and Fixtures

Location of water meter: front yard

Location of water meter supply valve: Front wall

Static water pressure reading: 50 - 60 psi

Comments:

Water was run into the sink(s) and tub(s) for approximately one hour. There were no visible deficiencies at the time of the inspection.

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B. Drains, Wastes, and Vents

Comments:

The right sink in the master bathroom had a slow drain.

Note: The functionality of clothes washing drains or floor drains is not within the scope of the inspection.



Sink slow to drain

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C. Water Heating Equipment

Energy Sources: gas

Capacity: 40 gal.

Comments:

Unit Brand: Rheem

Year: 2015

Location: Master Bedroom Closet

The Unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection.

As a note, the relief valve was not tested (drip-leg into wall).

The water heater was located in a closet area. Industry practice recommends that gas appliances not be located in sleeping rooms or storage closets. We recommend a plumber to review appropriateness of the location.

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Water heater closet



water heater burner viewed

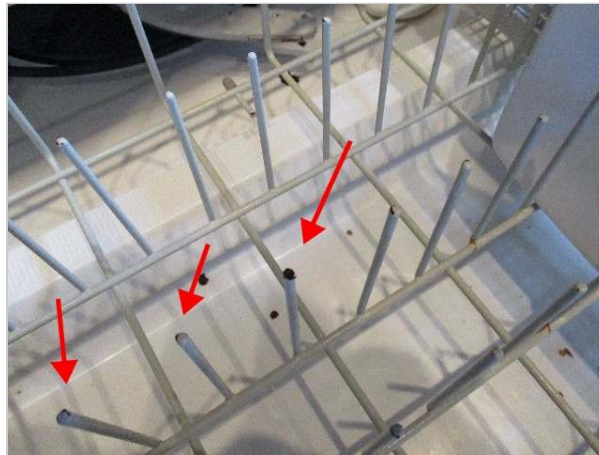
D. Hydro-Massage Therapy Equipment
Comments:

E. Other
Comments:

V. APPLIANCES

A. Dishwashers
Comments:

The dishwasher was run through a complete cycle, determining that the water loads, the soap dish opens, the spray arms rotate, and the water drains.
 BRAND: Kenmore
 The unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection.
 There were several rusted areas on the bottom tray.



Rusted

B. Food Waste Disposers
Comments:

The disposer was checked to determine that the hammers are intact and the motor turns without excessive vibration. The unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection.

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C. Range Hood and Exhaust Systems

Comments:

The Kenmore recirculating unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection.
The right light was out (not tested).



Light not functioning

D. Ranges, Cooktops, and Ovens

Comments:

Cooktops are run to determine that all the burners function as intended. The oven Broiler is run to determine that it is functional, the bake cycle is run and set to 350 degrees. A thermometer is used to determine how close to 350 degrees the actual temperature achieves.

The Kenmore unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection.
The oven needed an anti-tip device.



Burners functioning on cooktop

E. Microwave Ovens

Comments:

BRAND: Kenmore

The unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection.

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D=Deficient

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F. Mechanical Exhaust Vents and Bathroom Heaters

Comments:
 The units were functioning properly at the time of the inspection.
 At least one of the vents terminated under the eaves.

G. Garage Door Operators

Comments:
 The unit was functioning properly at the time of the inspection.
 The manual door lock had not been disabled.

H. Dryer Exhaust Systems

Comments:
 There were no visible deficiencies at the time of the inspection.

I. Other

Comments:

VI. OPTIONAL SYSTEMS

A. Landscape Irrigation (Sprinkler) Systems

Comments:

B. Swimming Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, and Equipment

Type of Construction:
Comments:

C. Outbuildings

Comments:

D. Private Water Wells (A coliform analysis is recommended.)

Type of Pump:
Type of Storage Equipment:
Comments:

E. Private Sewage Disposal (Septic) Systems

Type of System:
Location of Drain Field:
Comments:

F. Other

Comments:

SUMMARY:

This summary provides a simplified overview of the results of the Tuesday, January 23, 2018 inspection at 5004 Hardy St, Houston, TX 77009. Be sure to read the full body of the inspection report; it contains much more detail about the property. It is the client's responsibility to decide which items referenced in the report constitute relevant "defects". Any additional evaluations we've recommended must be performed prior to the conclusion of the inspection contingency period.

Summary

- GRADING AND DRAINAGE: Some of the gutter downspouts were missing the bottom piece.
- ROOF COVERING MATERIALS: There was a lack of adhesion in some of the shingles at the valley.
- There were exposed nails in several areas. We recommend that exposed nails be sealed. As the nails rusts, its diameter shrinks and the original hole stays the same size leaving a direct path for water to enter the attic.
- There was some drip-edge flashing that was damaged on the front portion of the roof.
- The flashing was raised at the wall / roof boundary over the bay window on the rear wall.
- A downspout terminated on the roof above the front porch. Common industry practice recommends to avoid allowing a downspout to drain water directly onto a lower level roof. This may cause water damage and premature wear to the shingles.
- WALLS: There are some holes in the right wall that need sealing. Also, there were several gaps that needed sealing in the wall where there were penetrations (exterior faucets and receptacles).
- There were several damaged areas on the exterior wood siding around the house.
- Corner areas where brick walls came together needed sealing in several areas.
- CEILINGS: There was a stain and tape seam crack on the ceiling in the dining area adjacent to the a/c register.
- There were cracks in multiple locations at the support beam between the kitchen and living room.
- WINDOWS: None of the windows had screens.
- ELECTRICAL PANEL: The breaker to the A/C unit was 60 amps. According to the label on the outside AC unit, the max breaker should be 50 amps.
- ELECTRICAL BRANCH CIRCUITS: The GFCI receptacle on the rear exterior wall would not reset after testing.
- Several lights were out. Among those were lights in the closets in both left bedrooms, the laundry room light, 4 of the 5 lights in the light fixture over the stairway landing. None were tested.
- HVAC: The refrigerant line at the outside A/C unit needed insulation.
- The faceplate for the disconnect panel on the heater unit was missing.
- The filter was dirty.
- PLUMBING: The right sink in the master bathroom had a slow drain.
- The water heater was located in a closet area. Industry practice recommends that gas appliances not be located in sleeping rooms or storage closets. We recommend a plumber to review appropriateness of the location.
- DISHWASHER: There were several rusted areas on the bottom tray.
- OVEN: The oven needed an anti-tip device.
- GARAGE DOOR OPENER: The manual door lock had not been disabled.