# **Deficiency Summary**



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## I. Structural Systems

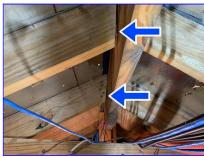
## D. Roof Structures and Attics

### **Deficient**

(1) One or more of the roof rafters were observed to be pulling away from the ridge board. A framing or roofing contractor should assess and determine repair options.







D. Separation

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## E. Walls (Interior and Exterior)

## **Deficient**

(2) There is no visible "through wall" flashing at the transition between the cement fiber siding and the stucco. The current installation will not allow water to drain to the exterior of the stucco wall. A qualified stucco contractor should assess further and determine repair options.



E. Right Side (from the street)



E. Thermal Image



E. Missing Flashing



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(4) Cracking was noted on the exterior stucco/synthetic stucco wall at the right side of the home (from the street). I am unable to determine if this is cosmetic or an indication of water intrusion into the stucco type wall system. A qualified stucco contractor should assess further and determine if repairs are required.



E. Right Side (from the street)

(5) Damage/deterioration was noted on the exterior stucco/synthetic stucco wall at the left side of the home (from the street). A qualified stucco contractor should assess further and determine if repairs are required.



E. Left Side (from the street)

(7) Interior wall stress cracks were noted. Stress cracks indicate that structural movement or settling occurred in the past. Based on the limited number of cracks and the fact that they were not located in any structural locations indicate that this was normal settlement. These cracks should be monitored over time and if they continue to lengthen or grow in width, you should contact a framing contractor or foundation repair company to further assess.







E. Dining Room

E. Cracking

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#### G. **Doors (Interior and Exterior)**

### **Deficient**

(2) At least one interior door rubbed at the jamb or did not close correctly. This is an indication that the door frames were not installed correctly or movement occurred in the structure and they are no longer square. I recommend the door and frame be re-installed correctly and it be monitored for any future movement.





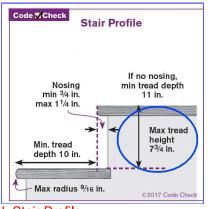
G. Master Bedroom

G. Balcony Closet Door

#### I. Stairways (Interior and Exterior)

## **Deficient**

The stair steps are not uniform in "riser height" and are a potential tripping hazard. Generally accepted construction standards do not allow a variance greater than 3/8" between the risers and a maximum riser height of 7 3/4". Any repair would be extensive and would most likely involve a complete removal and replacement of the stair structure. Recognizing that such a repair is unlikely, I would urge caution until you become accustomed to the stair heights.







I. 7 1/2"

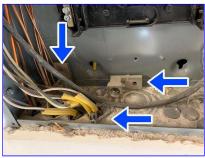
I. Stair Profile

## **II. Electrical Systems**

#### Α. Service Entrance and Panels

## **Deficient**

(4) Debris was noted in the electrical panel. Panel enclosures are designed to enclose connections for electrical safety and should not have any items or debris located inside the panelbox that is not part of the enclosure. The debris should be removed in a safe manner as the interior of the panelbox has dangerous levels of electricity.



A. Debris

#### В. **Branch Circuits, Connected Devices and Fixtures**

(2) One or more of the switches were noted to be damaged. I recommend they be replaced.





B. Bathroom

B. Master Bedroom

(4) I was unable to determine if the hallway detectors were dual smoke/carbon monoxide (CO) capable. As CO detectors are generally marked as such, I have to assume they are not CO capable. CO detectors are required outside all sleeping areas and every level in dwellings with fuel fired appliances or with attached garages. I recommend the current smoke only detectors be replaced with dual smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

It should be noted that there were removable CO detectors installed but not on all floors.





B. Not Marked as CO

B. CO Detector

(6) Electrical flexible extension cords should not be used for permanent wiring and should not pass through walls or ceilings. Permanent wiring should be installed or the unit/appliance should be relocated.





B. Garage

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## IV. Plumbing System

## A. Plumbing Supply, Distribution System and Fixtures

### Deficient

(4) The sink backsplash is not caulked where it meets countertop directly behind the sink faucet. Water should be prevented from entering into the wall cavity or it could cause damage. I recommend the countertop-backsplash area be caulked with an appropriate silicone based sealant.



A. Kitchen

(5) The upstairs guest bath toilet shutoff valve was turned off and closed at the time of the inspection. This renders the toilet inoperable and I was unable to test the fixture. I do not turn on closed shutoff valves as I do not know the reason it was off and I could cause damage to the property. Additionally, turning the shut off valve could cause a leak if it is old and the rubber gasket has deteriorated. I recommend obtaining further information from the current homeowner as to why the toilet was shut off and the re-inspect it once turned back on.



A. Shut Off Valve

## V. Appliances

## G. Garage Door Operator(s)

## **Deficient**

(2) The garage door has an installed and operational lock. The locksets need to be disabled or removed when a garage door opener is installed to prevent accidental damage to the opener mechanism and door. I recommend the locks be removed or mechanically disabled.



G. Lockset

## VI. Optional Systems

## A. Landscape Irrigation (Sprinkler) Systems

## **Deficient**

(1) The sprinkler system did not respond to the controls when tested in the manual mode. I attempted to operate the system from the controller which appeared to be operating correctly. I verified that the water shut-off was open and water should be entering the system. I recommend an irrigation specialist assess and determine cause and repair.





A. Controller

A. Two Zones

(2) An installed rain sensor was located but appeared to have been bypassed. Rain sensors are required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) on every lawn sprinkler system. They also conserve water by preventing automatic irrigation systems from operating when the lawn has received sufficient rain. While the system will operate without a sensor, TREC standards of practice requires the lack of a sensor to be reported as deficient.



A. Bypassed Sensor

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