

PROPERTY INSPECTION REPORT

repared For:	Carol Emery & Richard Skora (Name of Client)	
Concerning:	1025 South Shepherd Drive #205 , Houston, TX 77019 (Address or Other Identification of Inspecte	d Property)
By:	Terrence Foster Lic.#: TREC #5182 (Name and License Number of Inspector)	02/25/2020 (Date)
	(Name, License Number of Sponsoring Ir	nspector)

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 does NOT verify compliance with manufacturer's 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. This 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. If is recommended that you obtain as much information as is available about this property, including seller's disclosures, previous inspection reports, engineering reports, building/remodeling permits, and reports performed for and 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 inspector's 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 client's 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.

Contract forms developed by TREC for use by its real estate license holders also inform the buyer of the right to have the home inspected and can provide an option clause permitting the buyer to terminate the contract within a specified time. Neither the Standards of Practice nor the TREC contract forms require a seller to remedy conditions revealed by an inspection. The decision to correct a hazard or any deficiency identified in an inspection report is left to the parties to the contract for the

sale or purchase of the home.

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED BY INSPECTOR



Home Inspection Report

Prepared exclusively for Carol Emery & Richard Skora



PROPERTY INSPECTED: 1025 South Shepherd Drive #205 Houston, TX 77019 DATE OF INSPECTION: 02/25/2020 Inspection No. 52288-763

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				REPOF	RT SUMMARY		
				1. 3	STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS		
				 F. Ceilings and Floors Comments: Floor creeks in the upsta recommend further evaluation 	irs bedroom in front of the cl tion.	loset door area,	
				 G. Doors (Interior and External Comments: Door into the upstairs based 	rior) th does not stay open, needs	s adjustment.	
				• •	ow in the upstairs bedroom o ow, need to have window eva		t
				ends should turn and be u	xterior) ds of the stairs should not ha p against the wall to reduce someone causing injury, need	chance of something	
				н.	ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS		
\checkmark	✓			A. Service Entrance and Pa Comments:	anels		
					r in the main panel, needs to	have a main breaker	
\checkmark				B. Branch Circuits, Connec	ted Devices, and Fixtures		
					d have a service disconnect needs to be installed by a qu requirement.		
				•	e for all wall outlets to be chil ired at time when this home oct outlets.		
					on the house should be the t urrent requirement, needs re	••	
				•	I for their to be a wall outlet only one outlet in the upstai		
				 Missing a wall outlet in th halls are 10 feet or longer. 	e upstairs bedroom hall, sho	ould be installed when	

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				III. HEATING, VENTILA	TION, AND AIR CONDITIONIN	NG SYSTEMS	
					low for the downstairs, 20 dec systems need to be evaluated	-	
				damage on them, both systection contractor.	ne inside units shows signs of ems need further evaluation b	y a qualified HVAC	
				 Dirty fins on the coil down 	stairs, needs to be properly cl	eaned.	
				evaluated further and clean possible damage/rust issue	y, both of the A/C system/coils ed by a qualified HVAC contra s, units need to be cleaned ar be evaluated for cleaning also	actor to check for nd filters need to be	
\checkmark				C. Duct Systems, Chases, a Comments:	nd Vents		
				approximately 7-8 degrees	in the bedroom downstairs an different in temperature from e than a normal temperature va as needed.	each other while	6
				IV.	PLUMBING SYSTEMS		
\checkmark				A. Plumbing Supply, Distrib	ution Systems, Fixtures		
				<i>Comments:</i> • Need to install anti-siphon exterior water faucets.	devices (back flow preventer) on all of the	
				reduce chance of water dan walls that are not visible at t	e-grouted and re-caulked on t nage issues, there could be is this time, if you have concerns valls, you may want further eva	sues inside the sabout water	9
					left side water valve in the lated and to reduce chances of wa	-	
					s drain has part of it flex type, th jed to a straight wall drain pipe	-	
				 Slow drain on the bathtub a qualified plumbing contract 	, drains need evaluation and r ctor.	epair as needed by	



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	INSPECTION REPORT						
				I. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS			
				 A. Foundations Type of Foundation(s): Slab on grade Comments: Foundation appears to be slab on grade type foundation and most likely with piers under it, which is not visible. In the opinion of this home inspector, the foundation appears to be performing its intended function at this time. The greater Houston area has expansive type soil conditions, dry and sometimes wet weather conditions. These conditions will cause movement of the foundation which will cause cracks in the walls, ceilings, floors and brick exterior walls. Cracks will occur in these areas of the house sometime during the life of the house because of soil and weather conditions. Cracks that appear will need to be filled in and monitored and foundation evaluation may be required. When supported by active or expansive soils, this type of foundation will frequently deflect enough to result in cosmetic damage (usually sheetrock, brick veneer cracking and floor tile cracking) and possibly some minor functional problems such as sticking doors. Any owner of a building founded on a slab-on-grade foundation built on piers, should be prepared to accept a degree of cosmetic distress and minor functional problems due to foundation movement. 			
√				 B. Grading and Drainage Comments: In the opinion of this home inspector, drainage appears to be away from the slab in all areas. 			
				 C. Roof Covering Materials Comments: The is a second floor unit in a high rise, there is no roof directly above this home. 			
				D. Roof Structures and Attics Approximate Average Depth of Insulation: Not Applicable			
				 E. Walls (Interior and Exterior) Comments: Exterior walls are brick and concrete block. Interior walls appear to have been repainted recently. Homes can sometimes have moisture issues or insect damage issues in the interior walls which cannot be detected or visibly seen, the ability to detect the presence of mold issues is beyond the scope of this inspection. If you have concerns about the possibility of mold in the house, you may want to consult a qualified mold inspector before close of escrow. This inspector is not qualified to detect the presence of Chinese Drywall. Accordingly the issue of Chinese Drywall (and its potential problems) is beyond the scope of the inspection report. 			

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				 F. Ceilings and Floors Comments: Ceilings are sheet rock and Floor creeks in the upsta 	irs bedroom in front of the		
				recommend further evalua	tion.		
				 G. Doors (Interior and Exterior Comments: Open/close/latched doors. 			
				 Door into the upstairs ba 	th does not stay open, nee	eds adjustment.	
				H. Windows<i>Comments:</i>Inspected windows, they a	re not the type that open.		
				 Large picture glass wind to be tempered glass type replacement for safety rea 	window, need to have win		
				 I. Stairways (Interior and Ext Comments: Appear to perform their inter 			
				 The hand rails on the end the ends should turn and b something catching on it a repair. 	be up against the wall to re	educe chance of	
				Open end			
				J. Fireplaces and Chimneys			
				 K. Porches, Balconies, Deck Comments: Appears to be performing i 	•	ime.	
				 L. Other Comments: House faces West, clear and 	nd 59 degrees on the exterio	or.	

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				 Occupied Home – The hor belongings and furniture wh 		-	al
				II. E	ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS		
				 A. Service Entrance and Par Comments: Panel is located in the livin all around it, trying to removinside was not inspected sin further evaluation inside of t 	ng room, the cover for the p re the panel cover will dama nce this requires removing t	age the wall, the wirin	g
				 There is no main breaker breaker installed. 	r in the main panel, needs	s to have a main	
				 The AFCI (arc fault circuit to turn off all lighting and ou appliances and GFCI protect this house was built. AFCI b 	tlet circuits in the house oth cted circuits, this was not re	ner than major quired at the time tha	ıt
				 B. Branch Circuits, Connect Type of Wiring: Copper Comments: Branch circuits are copper garage, kitchen and bathroom 	. Tested for GFCI in require		
				 Circuit Sizing - The Inspect conductors and overcurrent procedures include over-siz (e.g. air conditioning units, or such general trade procedure 	devices. In some instances ing overcurrent devices to g dryers). The Inspector is no	s, general trade guard against nuisanc t required to evaluate	
				 The hot water tank shou servicing it, there is none, contractor, this is a currer 	, needs to be installed by		
				 Current requirements are safety reasons, this was n recommend evaluation to 	not required at time when		
				 The exterior wall outlets weather covers on them, t 			
				 Current requirements ca bath sink for each sink, th the two sinks, needs repair 	ere is only one outlet in t		
				 Missing a wall outlet in t when halls are 10 feet or least 	-	, should be installed	l
				 4 smoke alarms. Smoke a batteries changed. 	larms need to be tested at	least once a year and	
				 The maximum rated brea amps, the actual breakers breakers appear to be ove contractor. 	in the main panel are 20	and 30 amps,	d

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				III. HEATING, VENTILAT	ION, AND AIR CONDITIONING	SYSTEMS
				20 degrees). Normal differen	egrees. Return was 78 degrees tial is 35-55 degrees. ees. Return was 80 degrees. (I	
					low for the downstairs, 20 de oth systems need to be evalu	-
				maintenance and repair costs more. Only qualified technicia units because it is technically inspection. At this time then I	are complex systems that reques sonce they reach the age of five ans can properly inspect all the exhaustive and beyond the sc Heating/Cooling cycle could not ations. Heat pumps are not a p all below 32 F.	e to ten years or cycles of these ope of this visual be checked due
				17 degrees). Normal differen- degrees. Return was 74 degr differential is 15-20 degrees. qualified HVAC contractor. The the attic units and primary dra flow or leaks, this is beyond so refrigerant leaks or refrigerant inspection. If you have conce	electric egrees. Return was 74 degrees tial is 15-20 degrees. Upstairs 9 ees. (Differential was 19 degre Units should be evaluated on a ne drain pipe for the secondary ain line from the attic units were scope of inspection. Systems w t pressure issues, this is beyon rns about issues with refrigerar nt to have further evaluation by	Supply was 55 es). Normal yearly basis by a drip pan under e not tested for ere not tested for d scope of this nt leak or

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• The coil area on both of the inside units shows signs of rust and corrosion damage on them, both systems need further evaluation by a qualified HVAC contractor.



• Dirty fins on the coil downstairs, needs to be properly cleaned.



• The return filters were dirty, both of the A/C system/coils need to be evaluated further and cleaned by a qualified HVAC contractor to check for possible damage/rust issues, units need to be cleaned and filters need to be replaced and ducts should be evaluated for cleaning also.

C. Duct Systems, Chases, and Vents Comments:

• The supply air duct vents in the bedroom downstairs and upstairs, were approximately 7-8 degrees different in temperature from each other while testing the A/C, this is more than a normal temperature variation, ducts, vents need evaluation and repair as needed.

IV. PLUMBING SYSTEMS

A. Plumbing Supply, Distribution Systems, Fixtures Location of water meter: Not Applicable Location of main water supply valve: Not Applicable Static water pressure reading: 60 to 70 psi at time of inspection Comments: NI = Not Inspected NP = Not Present D = Deficient

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• Main supply pipes appear to be copper where visible.

• Need to install anti-siphon devices (back flow preventer) on all of the exterior water faucets.

• The showers need to be re-grouted and re-caulked on the open areas to reduce chance of water damage issues, there could be issues inside the walls that are not visible at this time, if you have concerns about water damage issues inside the walls, you may want further evaluation of the inside of the walls.

• Rust and corrosion on the left side water value in the laundry room, needs evaluation and repair as needed to reduce chances of water leaks.



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B. Drains, Wastes and Vents

Comments:

• Drain pipes are PVC where visible.

No leaks observed at time of inspection.

There are no bath traps in the house to view the drain pipes under the bathtub, recommend to install.

• The downstairs bath sink drain has part of it flex type, this can be easily clogged, needs to be changed to a straight wall drain pipe.



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				 Slow drain on the bathtul needed by a qualified plum 	o, drains need evaluation and Ibing contractor.	repair as
				opinion of this home inspector tested due to possibility that out, recommend evaluation of times a year and sometimes	ning its intended function at this or. The temperature and relief du the valve will stick open causing of valve. Valve should be tested need to be replaced after sever ank was not tested for potential the drain pipe.	rain valve was not g water to leak at least several ral years. The
				D. Hydro-Massage Therapy E	Equipment	
				E. Other		
					V. APPLIANCES	
				 A. Dishwasher Comments: Dishwasher was operated function at this time. 	on normal cycle. Appears to per	form its intended
				 B. Food Waste Disposers Comments: Waste disposer appears to 	perform its intended function at	this time.
\checkmark				 C. Range Hood and Exhaust Comments: 6 speed fan and light, vents 	-	
				 D. Ranges, Cooktops, and Or Comments: Electric cook top and oven oven at 350 degrees, actual 	. Tested elements on low, mediu	m and high. Set
				 E. Microwave Ovens Comments: Tested operation with a corperform its intended function 	ntainer of water on high power. <i>A</i> at this time.	Appears to
V			V	time. • Need to install a exhaust	and Bathroom Heaters opear to perform their intended f fan in the upstairs bath to rec had one in the toilet room.	

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	G. Garage Door Operators		
	 H. Dryer Exhaust Systems Comments: Was not tested, appears clean out dryer vent pipe a 	to have been installed proper	ly. Recommend to
	 I. Other Comments: Wine cooler appears to 	perform its intended function a	t this time.
	,	/I. OPTIONAL SYSTEMS	
	A. Landscape Irrigation (S	prinkler) Systems	
	B. Swimming Pools, Spas,	Hot Tubs and Equipment	
	C. Outbuildings		
	D. Private Water Wells		
	E. Private Sewage (Septic)	Systems	
	F. Other		

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