



# BUILDING DEPARTMENT

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# CITY OF MILES CITY

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March 29, 2022

City of Miles City  
Fire department

RE: Miles City Fire department Located at 2800 Main Street

Chief Brandon Stevens,

As of my inspection of the fire house on 3/28/22, I have found that I completely agree with both inspectors Dennis Hirsch, and Russel Murphy's reports on the building. I have also found the structure to be structurally degraded from the continuous effects of the weather on it.

There are multiple entry points in the roof allowing moisture to enter the building and to get into the walls causing decay of the structural components.

Respectfully,

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Eric Gilmore  
Building Inspector



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August 13, 2018

City of Miles City  
Fire Department

RE: Miles City Fire Department Building located at 2800 Main Street

Fire Chief Branden Stevens,

In May 2018, I was asked to inspect the structure that houses the Fire Departments equipment and sleeping quarters. As per my inspection, it appears that wind and water damaged the roof and interior insulation wall board; all the insulation is wet and needs to be replaced; long term water and wind exposure from prior events has caused structural damage to the rafters. It is my opinion that another weather event could render the structure unsafe.

At this time, due to the hardship placed upon the City, I will allow the structure to be used on an emergency basis only to house the fire and ambulance equipment. However, the sleeping quarters will need to be moved into a different location.

Please let me know if further information or concerns need to be addressed.

Respectfully,

Dennis Hirsch  
Building Official

Cc: Mayor Hollowell  
City Attorney Dan Rice

**Inspection Report**  
**Miles City Fire Department**  
2800 Main Street  
May 23, 2018

May 3, 2018, Fire Chief Stevens contacted me regarding an inspection on the Fire Department's building.

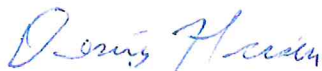
May 17, 2018 – I inspected the location and took photos.

May 21, 2018 – MMIA and myself inspected the Fire Hall. The following observations were made:

- Wind and water damage to the roof and interior insulation wall board. The wall board needs to be replaced.
- All the insulation is wet and needs to be replaced. This was due to water and wind damage.
- Long term water and wind exposure from prior events has caused structural damage to the rafters.
- The capacity of vertical gravity load-carrying components that support more than 30% of the total area of the structured roof, has been reduced more than 20% from its pre-damage condition.
- The remaining capacity of affected elements, with respect to all dead and live load, is less than 75% of the required for new buildings of similar structure.

As building inspector for the City of Miles City, it is my opinion that another weather event could render the structure unsafe.

Respectfully,



Dennis Hirsch  
City of Miles City  
Building Official