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Forest View Apartment Complex Declared to Contain Dangerous Buildings

CRESTWOOD, MO. - Following ongoing inspections by City officials and St. Louis County building inspectors, the City of Crestwood declared multiple structures at the Forest View Apartment Complex to be dangerous buildings under Chapter 7, Article VIII of the City's Municipal Code on August 21, 2025.

Inspectors identified numerous fire and life safety hazards, including significant structural, electrical, plumbing, and fire code violations. The affected buildings include 8608-8624 Park Crestwood, 8628-8723 Park Crestwood, 8634-8717 Park Crestwood, 8640-8709 Park Crestwood, 8706-8716 Park Crestwood, 9400-9414 Mary Glen Drive, 9421-9431 Mary Glen Drive, 9440-9442 Mary Glen Drive, 9443-9449 Mary Glen Drive, and 9451-9457 Mary Glen Drive.

The City has issued a formal notice requiring all cited items to be repaired in accordance with local ordinances, under proper permits, and with all work completed no later than October 21, 2025. These actions are being taken to protect public health and safety and to ensure compliance with building and property maintenance codes. All interested parties have been notified, and the City will continue to follow all required legal procedures throughout this process.

8500–8506 Park Crestwood Drive

In August 2024, Fire Chief Leo Meyer and Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer John Kintz conducted an inspection of the public and common areas at Forest View Apartments. In October 2024, the City issued a formal inspection report to the property owner citing multiple property maintenance and building code violations throughout the complex. This initiated a formal enforcement process aimed at addressing ongoing health and safety concerns.

Between October 2024 and April 2025, no corrective action was taken. The City issued dangerous building notices for 8500, 8502, 8504, and 8506 Park Crestwood on April 22, 2025. The notices cited numerous fire and life safety code violations, with required corrective action needed by June 21, 2025, including:

- Electric service lines less than 12 feet from residential walkways
- Exposed or deteriorated electric service lines with worn insulation
- Improper electrical wiring, including unsecured NM cables and open junction boxes
- Missing or noncompliant fire blocking and unapproved sealants
- Leaking plumbing stack causing basement water infiltration
- Rotted and open subfloor areas in the basement
- Inadequate basement support structures, including improper temporary supports
- Failing and improperly supported exterior wooden walkway

When work was not completed, the City held a dangerous building hearing on July 28, presided over by Acting Building Commissioner, the Honorable John P. Frisella. Following the hearing, Judge Frisella ordered that 8500-8506 Park Crestwood be vacated within 30 days of the order (by September 10, 2025) and remain vacant until repairs are completed and inspections are passed.

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