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Dear Homeowners:

I was recently asked to inspect your home at 1417 Corbett St. for a musky odor that you said was present in the kitchen. On Wednesday June 13 @ 7:00am, I visited your home to look into this concern.

During my inspection, I personally did not notice any unusual odors. However this is not an accurate measure to judge this matter. After talking with you, I was informed that this section of kitchen is an addition over a crawlspace. This crawlspace is inaccessible from the interior or exterior. The crawlspace had an exterior window facing the east, which according to you was rarely if ever opened. This window was specified to be removed and blocked over during renovation because it was deemed a lead based paint hazard by the Risk Assessor and this work was completed.

The original work specifications also called for opening accesses into the master bedroom and kitchen crawlspaces, installing new 6 mil visqueen floor vapor barrier, removal of master bedroom floor insulation, air sealing, installation of new fiberglass insulation at the crawlspace bonds and closing off crawlspace vents. This work was specified to open up these areas and turn them into conditioned spaces which would allow better air flow. However, due to the overall original cost of specified renovations, these line items were removed by you to bring costs more in line with your budget.

Had this work been allowed to be completed,, it is very likely that the area in question would have adequate air flow to dissipate any odors, and any odors originating from the ground would have been negated by the new visqueen vapor barrier.

It is our suggestion that when finances allow that you have the original specified work done. It is also recommended that you install a dehumidifier in the basement to reduce moisture levels especially now as the heat and humidity increase with the season

Thank you,



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