

# Beaches Inspection Services

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## SUMMARY REPORT

**Client:** Donna Gruen  
**Inspection Address:** 1221 1st. St , Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250  
**Inspection Date:** 1/31/2007 Start: 10:00 am End: 11:30 am  
**Inspected by:** Brian Greene

This summary report will provide you with a preview of the components or conditions that need service or a second opinion, but it is not definitive. Therefore, it is essential that you read the full report. Regardless, in recommending service we have fulfilled our contractual obligation as generalists, and therefore disclaim any further responsibility. However, service is essential, because a specialist could identify further defects or recommend some upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property.

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*Components and Conditions Needing Service*

### Living Areas

#### Dining Room

##### Bar Sink

- The bar sink faucet screen and cap needs to be cleaned from corrosion

### Common Areas

#### Kitchen

##### Outlets

- The two updated outlets over the counter have a hot-ground reverse and should be serviced

### Bathrooms

#### Master Bathroom

##### Stall Shower

- There are open grout-joints in the tiles of the stall shower that should be sealed

#### Main Hallway Bathroom

##### Sink Faucet Valves & Connectors Trap & Drain

- The sink faucet screen and cap are corroded and need to be serviced

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## CONFIDENTIAL INSPECTION REPORT

PREPARED FOR:

**Donna Gruen**

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### INSPECTION ADDRESS

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Inspection Address:** 1221 1st. St , Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250  
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**Weather:** Clear and Dry - Temperature at time of inspection: 55 Degrees  
Humidity at time of inspection: 15%

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**Client Information:** Donna Gruen  
**Structure Type:** Masonry  
**Furnished:** Yes  
**Number of Stories:** One

**Structure Style:** Condominium

**Structure Orientation:** West

**Estimated Year Built:** 1985  
**Unofficial Sq.Ft.:** 1500

**People on Site At Time of Inspection:** Appraiser  
Seller's Agent

### PLEASE NOTE:

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**The observations and opinions expressed within this report are those of Beaches Inspection Services and supercede any alleged verbal comments. We inspect all of the systems, components, and conditions described in accordance with the standards of ASHI, and those that we do not inspect are clearly disclaimed in the contract and/or in the aforementioned standards. However, some components that are inspected and found to be functional may not necessarily appear in the report, simply because we do not wish to waste our client's time by having them read an unnecessarily lengthy report about components that do not need to be serviced.**

**In accordance with the terms of the contract, the service recommendations that we make in this report should be completed well before the close of escrow by licensed specialists, who may well identify additional defects or recommend some upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property.**

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## SCOPE OF WORK

You have contracted with Beaches Inspection Services to perform a generalist inspection in accordance with the standards of practice established by ASHI, a copy of which is available upon request. Generalist inspections are essentially visual, and distinct from those of specialists, inasmuch as they do not include the use of specialized instruments, the dismantling of equipment, or the sampling of air and inert materials. Consequently, a generalist inspection and the subsequent report will not be as comprehensive, nor as technically exhaustive, as that generated by specialists, and it is not intended to be. The purpose of a generalist inspection is to identify significant defects or adverse conditions that would warrant a specialist evaluation. Therefore, you should be aware of the limitations of this type of inspection, which are clearly indicated in the standards. However, the inspection is not intended to document the type of cosmetic deficiencies that would be apparent to the average person, and certainly not intended to identify insignificant deficiencies.

Most homes built after 1978, are generally assumed to be free of asbestos and many other common environmental contaminants. However, as a courtesy to our clients, we are including some well documented, and therefore public, information about several environmental contaminants that could be of concern to you and your family, all of which we do not have the expertise or the authority to evaluate, such as asbestos, radon, methane, formaldehyde, termites and other wood-destroying organisms, pests and rodents, molds, microbes, bacterial organisms, and electromagnetic radiation, to name some of the more commonplace ones. Nevertheless, we will attempt to alert you to any suspicious substances that would warrant evaluation by a specialist. However, health and safety, and environmental hygiene are deeply personal responsibilities, and you should make sure that you are familiar with any contaminant that could affect your home environment. You can learn more about contaminants that can affect your home from a booklet published by The Environmental Protection Agency, which you can read online at [www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs/insidest.htm](http://www.epa.gov/iaq/pubs/insidest.htm).

Mold is one such contaminant. It is a microorganism that has tiny seeds, or spores, that are spread on the air, land, and feed on organic matter. It has been in existence throughout human history, and actually contributes to the life process. It takes many different forms, many of them benign, like mildew. Some characterized as allergens are relatively benign but can provoke allergic reactions among sensitive people, and others characterized as pathogens can have adverse health effects on large segments of the population, such as the very young, the elderly, and people with suppressed immune systems. However, there are less common molds that are called toxigens that represent a serious health threat. All molds flourish in the presence of moisture, and we make a concerted effort to look for any evidence of it wherever there could be a water source, including that from condensation. Interestingly, the molds that commonly appear on ceramic tiles in bathrooms do not usually constitute a health threat, but they should be removed. However, some visibly similar molds that form on cellulose materials, such as on drywall, plaster, and wood, are potentially toxigenic. If mold is to be found anywhere within a home, it will likely be in the area of tubs, showers, toilets, sinks, water heaters, evaporator coils, inside attics with unvented bathroom exhaust fans, and return-air compartments that draw outside air, all of which are areas that we inspect very conscientiously. Nevertheless, mold can appear as though spontaneously at any time, so you should be prepared to monitor your home, and particularly those areas that we identified. Naturally, it is equally important to maintain clean air-supply ducts and to change filters as soon as they become soiled, because contaminated ducts are a common breeding ground for dust mites, rust, and other contaminants. Regardless, although some mold-like substances may be visually identified, the specific identification of molds can only be determined by specialists and laboratory analysis, and is absolutely beyond the scope of our inspection. Nonetheless, as a prudent investment in environmental hygiene, we categorically recommend that you have your home tested for the presence of any such contaminants, and particularly if you or any member of your family suffers from allergies or asthma. Also, you can learn more about mold from an Environmental Protection Agency document entitled "A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture and Your Home," by visiting their web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/molds/moldguide.html>, from which it can be downloaded.

Asbestos is a notorious contaminant that could be present in any home built before 1978. It is a naturally occurring mineral fiber that was first used by the Greek and Romans in the first century, and it has been widely used throughout the modern world in a variety of thermal insulators, including those in the form of paper wraps, bats, blocks, and blankets. However, it can also be found in a wide variety of other products too numerous to mention, including duct insulation and acoustical materials, plasters, siding, floor tiles, heat vents, and roofing products. Although perhaps recognized as being present in some documented forms, asbestos can only be specifically identified by laboratory analysis. The most common asbestos fiber that exists in residential products

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is chrysotile, which belongs to the serpentine or white-asbestos group, and was used in the clutches and brake shoes of automobiles for many years. However, a single asbestos fiber is said to be able to cause cancer, and is therefore a potential health threat and a litigious issue. Significantly, asbestos fibers are only dangerous when they are released into the air and inhaled, and for this reason authorities such as the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA] and the Consumer Product Safety Commission [CPSC] distinguish between asbestos that is in good condition, or non-friable, and that which is in poor condition, or friable, which means that its fibers could be easily crumbled and become airborne. However, we are not specialists and, regardless of the condition of any real or suspected asbestos-containing material [ACM], we would not endorse it and recommend having it evaluated by a specialist.

Radon is a gas that results from the natural decay of radioactive materials within the soil, and is purported to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. The gas is able to enter homes through the voids around pipes in concrete floors or through the floorboards of poorly ventilated crawlspaces, and particularly when the ground is wet and the gas cannot easily escape through the soil and dispersed into the atmosphere. However, it cannot be detected by the senses, and its existence can only be determined by sophisticated instruments and laboratory analysis, which is completely beyond the scope of our service. However, you can learn more about radon and other environmental contaminants and their affects on health, by contacting the EPA or a similar state agency, and it would be prudent for you to enquire about any high radon readings that might be prevalent in the general area surrounding your home.

Lead poses an equally serious health threat. In the 1920's, it was commonly found in many plumbing systems. In fact, the word "plumbing" is derived from the Latin word "plumbum," which means lead. When in use as a component of a waste system, it does not constitute a viable health threat, but as a component of potable water pipes it would certainly be a health-hazard. Although rarely found in use, lead could be present in any home build as recently as the nineteen forties. For instance, lead was an active ingredient in many household paints, which can be released in the process of sanding, and even be ingested by small children and animals chewing on painted surfaces. Fortunately, the lead in painted surfaces can be detected by industrial hygienists using sophisticated instruments, but testing for it is not cheap. There are other environmental contaminants, some of which we have already mentioned, and others that may be relatively benign. However, we are not environmental hygienists, and as we stated earlier we disclaim any responsibility for testing or establishing the presence of any environmental contaminant, and recommend that you schedule whatever specialist inspections that may deem prudent before the close of escrow.

## Exterior

With the exception of townhomes, condominiums, and residences that are part of a planned urban development, or PUD, we evaluate the following exterior features: driveways, walkways, fences, gates, handrails, guardrails, yard walls, carports, patio covers, decks, building walls, fascia and trim, balconies, doors, windows, lights, and outlets. However, we do not evaluate any detached structures, such as storage sheds and stables, and we do not water test or evaluate subterranean drainage systems or any mechanical or remotely controlled components, such as driveway gates. Also, we do not evaluate landscape components, such as trees, shrubs, fountains, ponds, statuary, pottery, fire pits, patio fans, heat lamps, and decorative or low-voltage lighting. In addition, we do not comment on coatings or cosmetic deficiencies and the wear and tear associated with the passage of time, which would be apparent to the average person. However, cracks in hard surfaces can imply the presence of expansive soils that can result in continuous movement, but this could only be confirmed by a geological evaluation of the soil.

### Site & Other Observations

#### Condominium Disclaimer

##### *Informational Conditions*

Because this is a report on a condominium inspection, we do not inspect or report on the condition of the roof, the foundation, grading and drainage, or components beyond the unit, which we believe to be the responsibility of the home owners' association.

#### Notice to Absent Clients

##### *Informational Conditions*

We prefer to have our clients present, during, or immediately following the inspection so that we can elaborate on what may well be complicated or technical issues that could be somewhat difficult for the average person to understand. Inasmuch as you were not present, we encourage you to read the whole report and not just the summary report, and to consult with us directly. Also, please verify anything that we may have been purported to have said.

### Exterior Components

#### Sliding Glass Doors

##### *Informational Conditions*

The sliding glass door is tempered and in acceptable condition.



#### Patio Covers or Gazebos

##### *Informational Conditions*

The patio cover or arbor is in acceptable condition.

#### Wood & Masonry Decks

##### *Informational Conditions*

The masonry decks appear to be in acceptable condition.



### **Balconies Guardrails etc**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The balcony and balcony guardrail is in acceptable condition.



### **Windows**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The windows are in acceptable condition. However, in accordance with industry standards, we do not test every window in the house, and particularly if the house is furnished. We do test every unobstructed window in every bedroom to ensure that at least one facilitates an emergency exit.

### **Outlets**

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The outlets that were tested are functional and include ground-fault protection.

### **Lights**

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The lights outside the doors of the residence are functional. However, we do not inspect or evaluate decorative lights.

## **Structural**

All structures are dependent on the soil beneath them for support, but soils are not uniform. Some that might appear to be firm and solid can liquefy and become unstable during seismic activity. Also, there are soils that can expand to twice their volume with the influx of water and move structures with relative ease, raising and lowering them and fracturing slabs and other hard surfaces. In fact, expansive soils have accounted for more structural damage than most natural disasters. Regardless, foundations are not uniform, and conform to the structural standard of the year in which they were built. In accordance with our standards of practice, we identify foundation types and look for any evidence of structural deficiencies. However, cracks or deteriorated surfaces in foundations are quite common. In fact, it would be rare to find a raised foundation wall that was not cracked or deteriorated in some way, or a slab foundation that did not include some cracks concealed beneath the carpeting and padding. Fortunately, most of these cracks are related to the curing process or to common settling, including some wide ones called cold-joint separations that typically contour the footings, but others can be more structurally significant and reveal the presence of expansive soils that can predicate more or less continual movement. We will certainly alert you to any suspicious cracks if they are clearly visible. However, we are not specialists, and in the absence of any major defects we may not recommend that you consult with a foundation contractor, a structural engineer, or a geologist, but this should not deter you from seeking the

opinion of any such expert.

## **Structural Elements**

### **Identification of Wall Structure**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The walls are comprised of cinderblocks or masonry components.

### **Identification of Floor Structure**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The floor structure consists of a poured slab that could include reinforcing steel.

## **Plumbing**

Plumbing systems have common components, but they are not uniform. In addition to fixtures, these components include gas pipes, water pipes, pressure regulators, pressure relief valves, shut-off valves, drain and vent pipes, and water-heating devices, some of which we do not test if they are not in daily use. The best and most dependable water pipes are copper, because they are not subject to the build-up of minerals that bond within galvanized pipes, and gradually restrict their inner diameter and reduce water volume. Water softeners can remove most of these minerals, but not once they are bonded within the pipes, for which there would be no remedy other than a re-pipe. The water pressure within pipes is commonly confused with water volume, but whereas high water volume is good high water pressure is not. In fact, whenever the street pressure exceeds eighty pounds per square inch a regulator is recommended, which typically comes factory preset between forty-five and sixty-five pounds per square inch. However, regardless of the pressure, leaks will occur in any system, and particularly in one with older galvanized pipes, or one in which the regulator fails and high pressure begins to stress the washers and diaphragms within the various components.

Waste and drainpipes pipes are equally varied, and range from modern ABS ones [acrylonitrile butadiene styrene] to older ones made of cast-iron, galvanized steel, clay, and even a cardboard-like material that is coated with tar. The condition of these pipes is usually directly related to their age. Older ones are subject to damage through decay and root movement, whereas the more modern ABS ones are virtually impervious to damage, although some rare batches have been alleged to be defective. However, inasmuch as significant portions of drainpipes are concealed, we can only infer their condition by observing the draw at drains. Nonetheless, blockages will occur in the life of any system, but blockages in drainpipes, and particularly in main drainpipes, can be expensive to repair, and for this reason we recommend having them video-scanned. This could also confirm that the house is connected to the public sewer system, which is important because all private systems must be evaluated by specialists.

## **Potable Water Supply Pipes**

### **Water Main Shut-off Location**

#### *Informational Conditions*

Plumbing is central to the complex, not including the production of hot water, and is under the jurisdiction of the Home Owners' Association. However, we only evaluate plumbing components that are located within the unit itself and note any deficiencies within the report.

### **Copper Water Pipes**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The potable water pipes are in acceptable condition.

## Electric Water Heaters

### General Comments

#### *Informational Conditions*

There are a wide variety of residential electric water heaters that range in capacity from fifteen to one hundred gallons. They can be expected to last at least as long as their warranty, or from five to eight years, but they will generally last longer. However, few of them last longer than fifteen or twenty years and many eventually leak. So it is always wise to have them installed over a drain pan plumbed to the exterior. Also, it is prudent to flush them annually to remove minerals that include the calcium chloride bi-product of many water softening systems. The water temperature should be set at a minimum of 110 degrees fahrenheit to kill microbes and a maximum of 140 degrees to prevent scalding. Also, water heaters can be dangerous if they are not seismically secured and equipped with a pressure/temperature relief valve and discharge pipe plumbed to the exterior.

### Age Capacity & Location

#### *Informational Conditions*

Hot water is provided by a 1 year old, 48 gallon heater that is located in a hall closet.



### Electrical Connections

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The electrical connection to the water heater is functional.

### Water Shut-Off Valve & Connectors

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The shut-off valve and water connectors are functional.

### Relief Valve & Discharge Pipe

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The water heater is equipped with a mandated pressure-temperature relief valve.

### Drain Valve

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The drain valve is in place and presumed to be functional.

### Drip Pan & Overflow Pipe

#### *Informational Conditions*

The water heater is equipped with a drip pan and a drain pipe, which is designed to prevent water damage from a leak. Nevertheless, the water heater should be periodically monitored for any signs of a leak.

## Waste & Drainage Systems

### General Comments

#### *Informational Conditions*

We attempt to evaluate drain pipes by flushing every drain that has an active fixture while observing its draw and watching for blockages or slow drains, but this is not a conclusive test and only a video-scan of the main line would confirm its actual condition. However, you can be sure that blockages will occur, usually relative in severity to the age of the system, and will range from minor ones in the branch lines, or at the traps beneath sinks, tubs, and showers, to major blockages in the main line. The minor ones are easily cleared, either by chemical means or by removing and cleaning the traps. However, if tree roots grow into the main drain that connects the house to the public sewer, repairs could become expensive and might include replacing the entire main line. For these reasons, we recommend that you ask the sellers if they have ever experienced any

drainage problems, or you may wish to have the main waste line video-scanned before the close of escrow. Failing this, you should obtain an insurance policy that covers blockages and damage to the main line. However, most policies only cover plumbing repairs within the house, or the cost of roofer service, most of which are relatively inexpensive.

### **Type of Material**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The visible portions of the drainpipes are an older cast-iron type, which are not as dependable as modern ABS drainpipes.

### **Drain Waste & Vent Pipes**

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

Based on industry recommended water tests, the drainpipes are functional at this time. However, only a video-scan of the main drainpipe could confirm its actual condition.

## **Electrical**

There are a wide variety of electrical systems with an even greater variety of components, and any one particular system may not conform to current standards or provide the same degree of service and safety. What is most significant about electrical systems however is that the national electrical code [NEC] is not retroactive, and therefore many residential systems do not comply with the latest safety standards. Regardless, we are not electricians and in compliance with our standards of practice we only test a representative number of switches and outlets and do not perform load-calculations to determine if the supply meets the demand. However, in the interests of safety, we regard every electrical deficiency and recommended upgrade as a latent hazard that should be serviced as soon as possible, and that the entire system be evaluated and certified as safe by an electrician. Therefore, it is essential that any recommendations that we may make for service or upgrades should be completed before the close of escrow, because an electrician could reveal additional deficiencies or recommend some upgrades for which we would disclaim any further responsibility. However, we typically recommend upgrading outlets to have ground fault protection, which is a relatively inexpensive but essential safety feature. These outlets are often referred to as GFCI's, or ground fault circuit interrupters and, generally speaking, have been required in specific locations for more than thirty years, beginning with swimming pools and exterior outlets in 1971, and the list has been added to ever since: bathrooms in 1975, garages in 1978, spas and hot tubs in 1981, hydro tubs, massage equipment, boat houses, kitchens, and unfinished basements in 1987, crawlspaces in 1990, wet bars in 1993, and all kitchen countertop outlets with the exception of refrigerator and freezer outlets since 1996. Similarly, AFCI's or arc fault circuit interrupters, represent the very latest in circuit breaker technology, and have been required in all bedroom circuits since 2002. However, inasmuch as arc faults cause thousands of electrical fires and hundreds of deaths each year, we categorically recommend installing them at every circuit as a prudent safety feature.

## **Main Panel**

### **General Comments**

#### *Informational Conditions*

National safety standards require electrical panels to be weatherproof, readily accessible, and have a minimum of thirty-six inches of clear space in front of them for service. Also, they should have a main disconnect, and each circuit within the panel should be clearly labeled. Industry standards only require us to test a representative number of accessible switches, receptacles, and light fixtures. However, we attempt to test every one that is unobstructed, but if a residence is furnished we will obviously not be able to test each one.

### **Service Entrance**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The main conductor lines are underground, or part of a lateral service entrance. This is characteristic of modern electrical services but, inasmuch as the service lines are underground and cannot be seen, they are not evaluated as part of our service.

## Sub Panels

### General Comments

#### *Informational Conditions*

Sub-panels are often located inside residences, but they should not be located inside clothe closets, where they might be concealed and could impede an emergency disconnect. However, when they are located outside they are required to be weatherproof, unobstructed, and easily accessible, and their circuits should be clearly labeled.

### Sub Panel Location

#### *Informational Conditions*

The sub panel is located in the kitchen.

### Sub Panel Observations

#### *Informational Conditions*

The electrical sub panel has no visible deficiencies.



### Panel Cover Observations

#### *Informational Conditions*

The exterior panel cover is in acceptable condition.

### Wiring Observations

#### *Informational Conditions*

There are no visible deficiencies with the wiring in the sub panel.

### Circuit Breakers

#### *Informational Conditions*

The circuit breakers have no visible deficiencies.

## Heat and Air Conditioning

The components of most heating and air-conditioning systems have a design-life ranging from ten to twenty years, but can fail prematurely with poor maintenance, which is why we apprise you of their age whenever possible. We test and evaluate them in accordance with the standards of practice, which means that we do not dismantle and inspect the concealed portions of evaporator and condensing coils, the heat exchanger, which is also known as the firebox, electronic air-cleaners, humidifiers, ducts and in-line duct-motors or dampers. We perform a conscientious evaluation of both systems, but we are not specialists. However, even the most modern heating systems can produce carbon monoxide, which in a sealed or poorly ventilated room can result in sickness, debilitating injury, and even death. Therefore, in accordance with the terms of our contract, it is essential that any recommendations that we make for service or a second opinion be scheduled before the close of escrow, because a specialist could reveal additional defects or recommend further upgrades that could affect your evaluation of the property, and our service does not include any form of warranty or guarantee.

## **HVAC Split Systems**

### **Age & Location**

#### *Informational Conditions*

Central heat and air-conditioning are provided by a single split-system, consisting of at least a 10 year-old air handler with an evaporator coil that is located in the hall closet, and a condensing coil that is located on the roof (age unknown).



### **Common Observations**

#### *Other Conditions*

The split-system is in the mid-range of its design life and will need to be more closely monitored, serviced bi-annually, and should have its filter changed every two to three months.

### **Design Observations**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The layout of this system is undoubtedly as designed, and should provide adequate service. No system is 100% efficient. Inasmuch as the design of any system is dependant on multiple interrelated factors, many of which are commonly related to the state of technology at the time of the installation, we will elaborate and allow you to decide whether or not to seek the counsel of a specialist.

### **Furnace**

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The furnace is functional.

### **Circulating Fan**

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The circulating fan is clean and functional.



### **Return-Air Compartment**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The return-air compartment is in acceptable condition.

### **Evaporator Coil**

#### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The evaporator coil is functional.

### **Condensate Drainpipe**

#### *Informational Conditions*

The condensate drainpipe discharges correctly outside the residence.

### **Drip Pan**

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The drip pan is functional.

### **Condensing Coil**

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The condensing coil responded to the thermostat and is functional.

### **Condensing Coil Disconnect**

*Functional Components and Conditions*

We were unable to inspect the disconnect and refrigerant lines.

### **Thermostats**

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The thermostat is functional.

### **Registers**

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The registers are reasonably clean and functional.



## **Living Areas**

Our inspection of living space includes the visually accessible areas of walls, floors, cabinets and closets, and includes the testing of a representative number of windows and doors, switches and outlets. However, we do not evaluate window treatments, or move furniture, lift carpets or rugs, empty closets or cabinets, and we do not comment on cosmetic deficiencies. We may not comment on the cracks that appear around windows and doors, or which follow the lines of framing members and the seams of drywall and plasterboard. These cracks are a consequence of movement, such as wood shrinkage, common settling, and seismic activity, and will often reappear if they are not correctly repaired. Such cracks can become the subject of disputes, and are therefore best evaluated by a specialist. Similarly, there are a number of environmental pollutants that we have already elaborated upon, the specific identification of which is beyond the scope of our service but which can become equally contentious. In addition, there are a host of lesser contaminants, such as that from moisture penetrating carpet-covered cracks in floor slabs, as well as odors from household pets and cigarette smoke that can permeate walls, carpets, heating and air conditioning ducts, and other porous surfaces, and which can be difficult to eradicate. However, inasmuch as the sense of smell adjusts rapidly, and the sensitivity to such odors is certainly not uniform, we recommend that you make this determination for yourself, and particularly if you or any member of your family suffers from allergies or asthma, and then schedule whatever remedial services may be deemed necessary before the close of escrow.

## **Main Entry**

### **Furnished Residence Comment**

*Informational Conditions*

The residence is furnished, and in accordance with industry standards we only inspect those surfaces that are exposed and readily accessible. We do not move furniture, lift carpets, nor remove or rearrange items within closets and cabinets.

## No Recommended Service

### *Other Conditions*

We have evaluated the entry, and found it to be in acceptable condition. The following items and the featured condition described below is mentioned only once in this report. Therefore, you should assume that all interior rooms have the same items in the same condition unless otherwise noted for that particular room. In other words, If the windows, for example, are functional in the entry, then it is assumed that all the windows are functional throughout the house unless we discover differently in a particular room or area.



## Doors

### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The door is functional.

## Flooring

### *Informational Conditions*

The floor has no significant defects.

## Walls & Ceiling

### *Informational Conditions*

The walls and ceiling are in acceptable condition.

## Dual-Glazed Windows

### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The windows are functional.

## Closets

### *Informational Conditions*

The closet is in acceptable condition.

## Lights

### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The lights are functional.

## Outlets

### *Functional Components and Conditions*

The outlets that were tested are functional.

## Living Room

### No Recommended Service

#### *Informational Conditions*

We have evaluated the living room, and found it to be in acceptable condition.



## Dining Room

### Bar Sink

#### *Components and Conditions Needing Service*

The bar sink faucet screen and cap needs to be cleaned from corrosion. Over time, all faucet caps get a certain amount of corrosion build up and the screen becomes partially blocked. This causes the water to spray and may cause moisture problems around the bar.



## Office or Library

### A Renovation or Addition

#### *Informational Conditions*

The office or library appears to have been remodeled or part of an addition. If so, we recommend that you verify the permit and certificate of occupancy. This is important because our inspection does not tacitly approve, endorse, or guarantee the integrity of any work that was done without a permit, and latent defects could exist.

### No Recommended Service

#### *Informational Conditions*

We have evaluated the office/ library, and found it to be in acceptable condition.



## Common Areas

We test kitchen appliances for their functionality, and cannot evaluate them for their performance nor for the variety of their settings or cycles. However, if they are older than ten years, they may well exhibit decreased efficiency. Also, many older gas and electric ranges are not secured and can be easily tipped, particularly when any weight is applied to an open range door, and all such appliances should be confirmed to be secure. Regardless, we do not inspect the following items: free-standing appliances, refrigerators, trash-compactors, built-in toasters, coffee-makers, can-openers, blenders, instant hot-water dispensers, water-purifiers, barbecues, grills or rotisseries, timers, clocks, thermostats, the self-cleaning capability of ovens, and concealed or countertop lighting, which is convenient but often installed after the initial construction and not wired to national electrical standards.

## Kitchen

### Sink & Countertop

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The sink and countertop are functional.

### Cabinets

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The cabinets are functional, and do not have any significant damage.

### Valves & Connectors

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The valves and connectors below the sink are functional. However, they are not in daily use and will inevitably become stiff or frozen.

### Faucet

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The sink faucet is functional.

### Trap and Drain

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The trap and drain are functional.

### Garbage Disposal

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The garbage disposal is functional.



### Electric Range

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The electric range is functional, but was neither calibrated nor tested for its performance.

### Built-in Electric Oven

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The electrical oven is functional, but was neither calibrated nor tested for its performance.

### Dishwasher

*Functional Components and Conditions*

The dishwasher is functional.

### Outlets

*Components and Conditions Needing Service*

The two updated outlets over the counter have a hot-ground reverse and should be serviced



## Bedrooms

In accordance with the standards of practice, our inspection of bedrooms includes the visually accessible areas of walls, floors, cabinets and closets, and includes the testing of a representative number of windows and doors, switches and outlets. We evaluate windows to ensure that they meet light and ventilation requirements and facilitate an emergency exit or egress, but we do not evaluate window treatments, nor move furniture, lift carpets or rugs, empty closets or cabinets, and we do not comment on common cosmetic deficiencies.

### Master Bedroom

#### Location

#### *Informational Conditions*

The master bedroom is located at the rear of the home.



#### No Recommended Service

#### *Informational Conditions*

We have evaluated the bedroom, and found it to be in acceptable condition.

## Bathrooms

In accordance with industry standards, we do not comment on common cosmetic deficiencies, and do not evaluate window treatments, steam showers, and saunas. More importantly, we do not leak-test shower pans, which is usually the responsibility of a termite inspector. However, because of the possibility of water damage, most termite inspectors will not leak-test second floor shower pans without the written consent of the owners or occupants.

### Master Bathroom

#### Size and Location

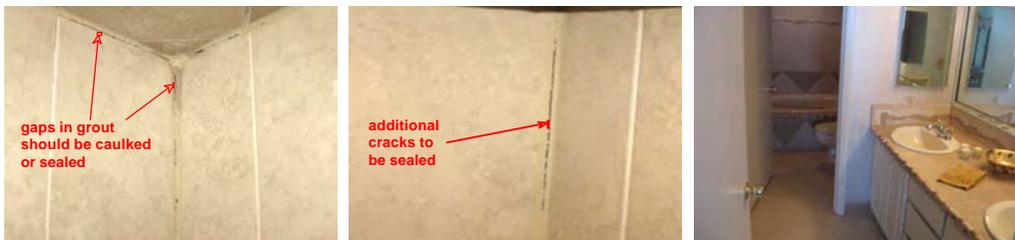
#### *Informational Conditions*

The master bathroom is a full, and is located adjacent to the master bedroom.

#### Stall Shower

#### *Components and Conditions Needing Service*

There are open grout-joints in the stall shower tiles that should be sealed to prevent moisture damage.



## Main Hallway Bathroom

### Size and Location

#### *Informational Conditions*

The main hallway bathroom is a full, and located off the main hallway.

### Sink Faucet Valves & Connectors Trap & Drain

#### *Components and Conditions Needing Service*

The sink faucet screen and cap are corroded and need to be serviced



## Laundry

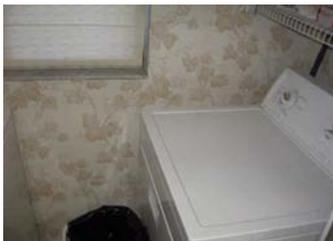
In accordance with industry standards, we do not test clothes dryers, nor washing machines and their water connections and drainpipes. However, there are two things that you should be aware of. The water supply to washing machines is usually left on, and their hoses can leak or burst under pressure and continue to flow. Therefore, we recommend replacing the rubber hose type with newer braided stainless steel ones that are much more dependable. You should also be aware that the newer washing machines discharge a greater volume of water than many of the older drainpipes can handle, which causes the water to back up and overflow, and the only remedy would be to replace the standpipe and trap with one that is a size larger.

## Laundry Area

### No Recommended Service

#### *Informational Conditions*

We have evaluated the laundry area, and found it to be in acceptable condition.



## AFFILIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS



HIF Certified Building Inspector # 9036 A

Inspector: Brian A. Greene

## REPORT CONCLUSION

1221 1st. St , Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250

Congratulations on the purchase of your new home. Inasmuch as we never know who will be occupying or visiting a property, whether it be children or the elderly, we ask you to consider following these general safety recommendations: install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; identify all escape and rescue ports; rehearse an emergency evacuation of the home; upgrade older electrical systems by at least adding ground-fault outlets; never service any electrical equipment without first disconnecting its power source; safety-film all non-tempered glass; ensure that every elevated window and the railings of stairs, landings, balconies, and decks are child-safe, meaning that barriers are in place or that the distance between the rails is not wider than three inches; regulate the temperature of water heaters to prevent scalding; make sure that goods that contain caustic or poisonous compounds, such as bleach, drain cleaners, and nail polish removers be stored where small children cannot reach them; ensure that all garage doors are well balanced and have a safety device, particularly if they are the heavy wooden type; remove any double-cylinder deadbolts from exterior doors; and consider installing child-safe locks and alarms on the exterior doors of all pool and spa properties.

We are proud of our service, and trust that you will be happy with the quality of our report. We have made every effort to provide you with an accurate assessment of the condition of the property and its components and to alert you to any significant defects or adverse conditions. However, we may not have tested every outlet, and opened every window and door, or identified every minor defect. Also because we are not specialists or because our inspection is essentially visual, latent defects could exist. Therefore, you should not regard our inspection as conferring a guarantee or warranty. It does not. It is simply a report on the general condition of a particular property at a given point in time. Furthermore, as a homeowner, you should expect problems to occur. Roofs will leak, drain lines will become blocked, and components and systems will fail without warning. For these reasons, you should take into consideration the age of the house and its components and keep a comprehensive insurance policy current. If you have been provided with a home protection policy, read it carefully. Such policies usually only cover insignificant costs, such as that of roofer service, and the representatives of some insurance companies can be expected to deny coverage on the grounds that a given condition was preexisting or not covered because of what they claim to be a code violation or a manufacture's defect. Therefore, you should read such policies very carefully, and depend upon our company for any consultation that you may need.

Thank you for taking the time to read this report, and call us if you have any questions or observations whatsoever. We are always attempting to improve the quality of our service and our report, and we will continue to adhere to the highest standards of the real estate industry and to treat everyone with kindness, courtesy, and respect.

Inspection Address: 1221 1st. St , Jacksonville Beach FL. 32250  
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