

# Steadfast Inspections LLC

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## Summary Report

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Inspector: Eric O'Neill  
Inspection Date: 1/30/2019

<b>Date:</b> 1/30/2019	<b>Time:</b> 3:00 PM	<b>Report ID:</b> 19013015EVO
<b>Property:</b> 26 Brookwood DR E Dawsonville, Ga 30534	<b>Customer:</b> Eric O'neill Peggy O'neill	<b>Real Estate Professional:</b> Eric O'neill

### **Purpose and Scope:**

The inspection is supplemental to the Property Disclosure. It is the responsibility of the Client to obtain any and all disclosure forms relative to this real estate transaction.

This document was prepared as a report of all visual defects noted at the time and date of the inspection. It is not necessarily an all-inclusive summary, as additional testing or inspection information/processes and analysis may be pending. It is subject to all terms and conditions specified in the Inspection Agreement.

It should be noted that a standard pre-purchase inspection is a visual assessment of the condition of the property at the time of inspection. The inspection and inspection report are offered as an opinion only, of items observed on the day of the inspection. Although every reasonable effort is made to discover and correctly interpret indications of previous or ongoing defects that may be present, it must be understood that no guarantee is expressed nor implied nor responsibility assumed by the inspector or inspection company, for the actual condition of the building or property being examined.

This firm endeavors to perform all inspections in substantial compliance with the inspection standards of practice of the National Association of Certified Home Inspectors (NACHI). The scope of the inspection is outlined in the Inspection Agreement, agreed to and signed by the Client. Our inspectors inspect the readily accessible and installed components and systems of a property as follows: This report contains observations of those systems and components that are, in the professional opinion of the inspector authoring this report, significantly deficient or are near the end of their expected service life. If the cause for the deficiency is not readily apparent, the suspected cause or reason why the system or component is at or near end of expected service life is reported, and recommendations for correction or monitoring may be made as appropriate. When systems or components designated for inspection in the NACHI Standards are present but are not inspected, the reason the item was not inspected may be reported as well.

This report summarizes the verbal briefing delivered at the conclusion of our inspection conducted at the above address.

### **RADON TESTING**

The U.S. Surgeon General recommends radon testing in all homes. The inspector advises all clients that the subject property may be subject to contamination by radon, a cancer-causing, colorless, odorless, radioactive gas. Radon is listed by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as being the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, the second leading cause of lung cancer in America, and claims about 20,000 lives annually, or about 58 radon-induced lung cancer deaths per day. For smokers, the risk of lung cancer is significant due to the synergistic effects of radon and smoking. Radon decay products may modify, damage or destroy cells or DNA in human lungs.

For more information, visit [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon).

**Steadfast Inspections LLC offers radon gas testing as an ancillary inspection, and recommends radon testing on all homes.**

If the client chooses not to have radon testing performed, then in doing so the client agrees to hold the inspector, its agents, and employees harmless and free from all liability and legal action relating to any presence of radon at the subject property, regardless of the legal theory upon which any such claim rests.

**EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

The client should understand that this is the assessment of an inspector, not a professional engineer, and that, despite all efforts, there is no way we can provide any guaranty that the foundation, structure, and structural elements of the unit, are sound. We suggest that if the client is at all uncomfortable with this condition or our assessment, a professional engineer be consulted to independently evaluate the condition, prior to making a final purchase decision.

This inspection is limited to the structure, exterior, landscape, roof, plumbing, electrical, heating, foundation, bathrooms, kitchen, bedrooms, hallway, and attic sections of the house as requested, where sections are clearly accessible, and where components are clearly visible. Inspection of these components is limited, and is also affected by the conditions apparent at the time of the inspection, and which may, in the sole opinion of the inspector, be hazardous to examine for reasons of personal safety.

This inspection will exclude insulation, hazardous materials, retaining walls, hidden defects, buried tanks of any type, areas not accessible or viewable, and all items as described in Section 4 of the Inspection Agreement. As all buildings contain some level of mold, inspecting for the presence of mold on surfaces, hidden locations, and in the air is not the responsibility of the inspector. Should the Client feel the need to perform testing and evaluation for the presence or absence of molds, Inspector recommends contacting a certified industrial hygienist or qualified laboratory testing service for these activities.

The following items are also excluded from the scope of the inspection, and deviations to the NACHI and ASTM standards are hereby noted:

Inspecting for the presence of wood destroying insects (WDI), testing for the presence of radon gas, building code violations of any type, document reviews, survey, ADA or accessibility reviews of any type whatsoever, cost estimates of any type, remaining useful life, estimated useful life, insulation, life/safety equipment and issues.

The NACHI Standards of Practice, are applicable to all residential properties. They are the bare minimum standard for a residential inspection, are not technically exhaustive and do not identify concealed conditions or latent defects. Inspectors are NOT required to determine the condition of any system or component that is not readily accessible; the remaining service life of any system or component; determination of correct sizing of any system or component; the strength, adequacy, effectiveness or efficiency of any system or component; causes of any condition or deficiency; methods materials or cost of corrections; future conditions including but not limited to failure of systems and components; the suitability of the property for any specialized use; compliance with regulatory codes, regulations, laws or ordinances; the market value of the property or its marketability; the advisability of the purchase of the property; the presence of potentially hazardous plants or animals including but not limited to wood destroying organisms or diseases harmful to humans; mold; mildew; the presence of any environmental hazards including, but not limited to toxins, carcinogens, noise, and contaminants in soil, water or air; the effectiveness of any system installed or methods utilized to control or remove suspected hazardous substances; the operating costs of any systems or components and the acoustical properties of any systems or components.

The inspector is NOT required to operate any system or component that is shut down or otherwise

inoperable; any system or component which does not respond to normal operating controls or any shut off valves.

The inspector is NOT required to offer or perform any act or service contrary to law; offer or perform engineering services or work in any trade or professional service.

We DO NOT offer or provide warranties or guarantees of any kind or for any purpose.

The inspector is NOT required to inspect, evaluate, or comment on any and all underground items including, but not limited to, septic or underground storage tanks or other underground indications of their presence, whether abandoned or active; systems or components that are not installed; decorative items; systems or components that are in areas not entered in accordance with the NACHI Standards of Practice; detached structures other than carports or garages; common elements or common areas in multi-unit housing, such as condominium properties or cooperative housing.

The inspector is NOT required to enter into or onto any area or surface, or perform any procedure or operation which will, in the sole opinion of the inspector, likely be dangerous to the inspector or others or damage the property, its systems or components; nor are they required to move suspended ceiling tiles, personal property, furniture, equipment, plants, soil, snow, ice or debris or dismantle any system or component, or venture into confined spaces.

The inspector is NOT required to enter crawlspaces or attics that are not readily accessible nor any area which will, in the sole opinion of the inspector, likely to be dangerous, inaccessible, or partially inaccessible to the inspector or other persons, or where entry could possibly cause damage to the property or its systems or components.

The inspector is not a licensed professional engineer or architect, and does not engage in the unlicensed practice of either discipline. Opinions contained herein are just that.

## **A WORD ABOUT CONTRACTORS AND 20-20 HINDSIGHT**

A common source of dissatisfaction with inspectors sometimes comes as a result of off-the cuff comments made by contractors (made after-the-fact), which often differ from ours. Don't be surprised when someone says that something needed to be replaced when we said it needed to be repaired, replaced, upgraded, or monitored. Having something replaced may make more money for the contractor than just doing a repair. Contractors sometimes say, "I can't believe you had this building inspected and they did not find this problem." There may be several reasons for these apparent over sights:

Conditions during inspection—It is difficult for clients to remember the circumstances in the subject property at the time of the inspection. Clients seldom remember that there was storage everywhere, making things inaccessible, or that the air conditioning could not be turned on because it was less than 65° outside. Contractors do not know what the circumstances were when the inspection was performed.

The wisdom of hindsight—When a problem occurs, it is very easy to have 20/20 hindsight. Anybody can say that the roof is leaking when it is raining outside and the roof is leaking. In the midst of a hot, dry, or windy condition, it is virtually impossible to determine if the roof will leak the next time it rains. Predicting problems is not an exact science and is not part of the inspection process. We are only documenting the condition of the property at the time of the inspection.

A destructive or invasive examination—The inspection process is non-destructive, and is generally non-invasive. It is performed in this manner because, at the time we inspected the subject property, the Client did not own, rent, or lease it. A Client cannot authorize the disassembly or destruction of what does not belong to them. Now, if we spent half an hour under a sink, twisting valves and pulling on piping, or an hour disassembling a furnace, we may indeed find additional

problems. Of course, we could possibly CAUSE some problems in the process. Therein lies the quandary. We want to set your expectations as to what an inspection is, and what it not.

We are generalists—We are not acting as specialists in any specific trade. The heating and cooling contractor may indeed have more heating expertise than we do. This is because heating and cooling is all he's expected to know. Inspectors are expected to know heating and cooling, plumbing, electricity, foundations, carpentry, roofing, appliances, etc. That's why we're generalists. We're looking at the forest, not the individual trees.

### COMMENT KEY OR DEFINITIONS

The following definitions of comment descriptions represent this inspection report. All comments by the inspector should be considered before purchasing this home. Any recommendations by the inspector to repair or replace suggests a second opinion or further inspection by a qualified contractor. All costs associated with further inspection fees and repair or replacement of item, component or unit should be considered before you purchase the property.

**Inspected (IN)** = The item, component or unit was visually observed, and, if no other comments were made, then it appeared to be functioning as intended, allowing for normal wear and tear.

**Not Inspected (NI)** = This item, component or unit was not inspected, and no representations of whether or not it was functioning as intended are made.

**Not Present (NP)** = This item, component or unit is not in this home or building.

**Repair or Replace (RR)** = The item, component or unit is not functioning as intended, or needs further inspection by a qualified contractor. Items, components or units that can be repaired to satisfactory condition may not need replacement.

Acceptance or use of this Inspection Report shall constitute acceptance of and agreement to all of the provisions of the Agreement for Inspection Services and its Terms and Conditions which are attached to and form a part of this Inspection Report.

<b>Standards of Practice</b> NACHI National Association	<b>In Attendance</b> Vacant	<b>Type of Building</b> Single Family (1 Story)
<b>Temperature</b> 30-39	<b>Weather</b> Clear	<b>Ground Soil Surface Condition</b> Dry
<b>Radon Test</b> No	<b>Water Test</b> No	<b>Mold Screen</b> No