

Jeanie Bourke - Re: fire safety discussions - 39 Cumberland

From: Jeanie Bourke
To: Gil Helmick; John Martell
Date: 3/14/2014 1:16 PM
Subject: Re: fire safety discussions - 39 Cumberland
Attachments: 39 Cumberland inspection results.pdf; cumberland 39 inspections.pdf

Hi Gil,

As a first point of order, I spoke with Brian about the electrical panels in relation to the proposed wall location. The existing panels, while not compliant, are allowed to remain. No new work shall make this situation less compliant, this wall will do that. If you need clarification on this have your electrician contact Brian. Is there another window that can be utilized for emergency escape and rescue?

Secondly, John and I discussed your proposal to extend the "sound studio" space to include a vocal room. Per our previous meeting this week, the agreement was for a compliance alternative in the multifamily residential basement area, therefore, the proposed expansion of habitable space cannot be allowed. The use of this basement has exceeded the intent that you presented in the original permit application. Of primary concern is the addition of an emergency escape and rescue window.

See my comments below in *red*.

Also, see the attached files for information and results from previous inspections, some of these notes may be redundant.

Let me know,
Thanks,
Jeanie

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>>> "Gil Helmick" <gilhelmick@gmail.com> 3/13/2014 12:53 PM >>>
Good Afternoon Jeanie,

First, I want to thank you and John for your time, attention and discussion earlier today. To follow is a summary of the goals necessary to complete the work as we discussed.

1. separate boiler room with fire wall and door. [60 - 90 minute rated door] **60 minute minimum**
2. close the open ends of the existing fire rated ceiling **yes, with drywall**
3. convert mechanical room window to emergency exit **not approved**
4. create passage from sound studio to emergency exit **yes, to approved location**
5. add fire / carbon monoxide alarm outside br 1 / hall **yes**
6. add fire / carbon monoxide alarm fl 2 hall apt c, **yes**
7. add fire / carbon monoxide alarm to sound studio **just smoke ok**
8. add fire / carbon monoxide alarm to cellar entry area **yes**

Completion of these projects will bring the building into compliance with your office's objectives and I can consider the renovations complete.

Please advise additional goals if I have missed any. Otherwise, please confirm that this list is complete and I can consider it a "punch list" for completion.

Best Regards,
Gil Helmick