

# 354935

Portland, Maine



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August 7, 2015

Casparius Renate A &

1231 Forest Ave

Portland, ME 04103

CBL: 014 G015001

Located at 0063 EMERSON ST

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROSECUTE

Dear Owner/Manager/Occupant,

An inspection of the property located at the address referenced above revealed that the structure and premises fail to comply with NFPA 2009 Fire Code and/or NFPA Life Safety Codes. Attached is a list of those violations.

The above-referenced property is in violation of the Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 1 of the Portland City Code (the "Code") and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 Life Safety Code. Please note that the Code is available online at [www.portlandmaine.gov](http://www.portlandmaine.gov).

This is a notice of intent to prosecute. As such, the matter is being referred to the City of Portland Corporation Council for legal action and possible civil penalties as provided for in Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, 10-25 of the Code and in Title 30- A.M.R.S.A. 4452.

Please be advised that you will need to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 207-874-8400 before the court date on the attached Reference to Court letter to either schedule a re-inspection or to submit a plan of action to correct these violations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A/c Kirk Gauthier".

Portland Fire Department

Fire Prevention Bureau

**CITY OF PORTLAND  
PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

380 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine 04101

**Inspection Violations**

<b>Owner/Manager</b> Casparius Renate A &		<b>Inspector</b> Sean Donaghue	<b>Inspection Date</b> 8/5/2015
<b>Location</b> 0063 EMERSON ST	<b>CBL</b> 014 G015001	<b>Status</b> Failed	<b>Inspection Type</b> Fire Company-FP Routine Inspec

Code	Int/Ext	Floor	Unit No.	Area	Compliance Date
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1) 69.25

**Violation:** PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 10 4.6.1, 4.6.2 UNIT/SUITE NUMBERS NOT MARKED; 4.6.1 RESIDENTIAL UNITS SHALL BE DESIGNATED USING NUMERALS.

4.6.2 THE FIRST NUMERAL OF EACH RESIDENTIAL UNIT SHALL BE THE FLOOR DESIGNATION.

**Notes:** MULTIPLE UNITS BOTH FRONT AND BACK STAIRWELLS

2) 73.10

**Violation:** NFPA 101-7.2.4.3.1 FIRE BARRIER REQUIRES MAINTENANCE; Fire barriers separating buildings or areas between which there are horizontal exits shall have a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating, unless otherwise provided in 7.2.4.4.1, and shall provide a separation that is continuous to the finished grounded level.

**Notes:** BASEMENT DOOR HANDLE IS BROKEN AND OUT OF DOOR, DOESN'T CLOSE APPROPRIATELY AND THE HOLE WHERE THE HANDLE SHOULD BE IS LEFT OPEN

3) 80.56

**Violation:** NFPA 101- 7.2.8.5.1 HANDRAILS REQUIRED ON STAIRS; ALL FIRE ESCAPE STAIRS SHALL HAVE WALLS OR GUARDS AND HANDRAILS ON BOTH SIDES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 7.2.8.4.1 (B).

**Notes:** BASEMENT STAIR HANDRAIL IS NOT SECURED APPROPRIATELY

4) 81.55

**Violation:** NFPA 101- 9.6.2.7 PULL STATION BLOCKED/ NOT VISIBLE; EACH MANUAL FIRE ALARM BOX ON A SYSTEM SHALL BE ACCESSIBLE, UNOBSTRUCTED, AND VISIBLE.

**Notes:** MULTIPLE LEVELS FRONT AND REAR STAIRWELLS

5) 55.20

**Violation:** NFPA 101- 31.3.3.2 INTERIOR FINISH; INTERIOR WALL AND CEILING FINISH MATERIALS COMPLYING WITH 10.2 SHALL BE PERMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) EXIT ENCLOSURES- CLASS A OR B
- (2) LOBBIES AND CORRIDORS- CLASS A OR B
- (3) OTHER SPACES- CLASS A, B, OR C.

**Notes:** FRONT STAIRWELL VARNISHED WOOD PANELING FOR TWO STORIES, UNFINISHED WOOD PANELING TOP TWO FLOORS

6) 89.05

**Violation:** NFPA 1- EXCESSIVE/DISORDERLY STORAGE; REFERENCE NFPA 1 FOR EXCESSIVE FUEL-LOAD.

**Notes:** BASEMENT, FRONT AND REAR STAIRWELLS, SIGNIFICANT DEBRIS

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7) 91.05

**Violation:** NFPA 70- 4.10.8 BROKEN LIGHT FIXTURE; Luminaries shall be installed such that the connections between the luminaire conductors and circuit conductors can be inspected without requiring the disconnection of any part of the wiring unless the luminaries are connected by attachment plugs and receptacles.

**Notes:** REAR STAIRWELL, MULTIPLE

8) 91.20

**Violation:** NFPA 70- 590.6 EXTENSION CORDS; Ground-fault protection for personnel for all temporary wiring installations shall be provided to comply with 590.6(A) and (B). This section shall apply only to temporary wiring installations used to supply temporary power to equipment used by personnel during construction, remodeling, maintenance, repair, or demolition of buildings, structures, equipment, or similar activities.

**Notes:** BASEMENT, PERMANENTLY INSTALLED EXTENSION CORDS PROVIDE LIGHTING INTO LOCKED STORAGE AREAS

9) 3.011

**Violation:** NFPA 101- 31.3.2.1.1 BOILER PROTECTION REQUIRED; THE AREAS DESCRIBED IN TABLE 31.3.2.1.1 SHALL BE PROTECTED AS INDICATED:  
BOILER AND FUEL-FIRED HEATER ROOMS SERVING MORE THAN A SINGLE DWELLING UNIT (MINIMUM SEPARATION/PROTECTION IS 1 HOUR OR SPRINKLERS)

**Notes:** BASEMENT, NO SPRINKLER PROTECTION OVER GAS FIRED HOT WATER HEATERS

10) 55.511

**Violation:** NVPA 1, CHAPTER 10 - 10.11.6 HIBACHI OR GRILL ON BALCONY; NO HIBACHI, GAS-FIRED GRILL, CHARCOAL GRILL, OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES USED FOR COOKING, HEATING, OR OTHER PURPOSE, SHALL BE USED OR KINDLED ON ANY BALCONY OR UNDER ANY OVERHANG PORTION OR WITHIN 10 FT OF ANY STRUCTURE

**Notes:** REAR OF BUILDING 4 STORIES OF WOOD DECKS, MULTIPLE GRILLS ON MULTIPLE LEVELS

11) 69.20

**Violation:** PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 10 SECTION 12 KNOX BOX REQUIRED; KNOX BOXES ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL BUILDINGS WITH FIRE ALARM OR SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS.

**Notes:** 4 STORY, ALARM PANEL PRESENT

**Comments:** Inspections from Naviline Fire Inspections. 2 were listed.

STATE OF MAINE

DISTRICT COURT  
Location: Portland  
Docket No.

CITY OF PORTLAND and body politic and  
Corporate, located in the County of  
Cumberland and State of Maine,

Plaintiff,

**FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION  
CODE VIOLATION**

**(M.R. CIV. P. 80H AND 80k)**

v.

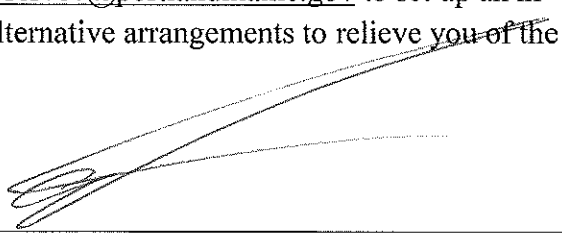
Renate Casparius & Rudolf P K Casparius  
Defendant

SUMMONS NUMBER: 354935

This matter has been referred to the Corporation Counsel's Office for immediate legal action with respect to the code violations detailed in the attached letter. It has been assigned the above summons number and will be filed with the Portland District Court and will be assigned for an initial appearance at the Portland District Court 205 Newbury Street Portland, Maine 04101 at 8:30 A.M. on 09/14/2015. I strongly urge you to contact Victoria Meserve at Fire Prevention at (207)-874-8400 or via e-mail at [meservev@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:meservev@portlandmaine.gov) to set up an in-person meeting to resolve these issues or make alternative arrangements to relieve you of the requirement to appear in Court on 09/14/2015.

Dated:

8/13/15



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Portland, ME 04101  
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