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RE: Fire Prevention Inspection

Dear Ms. Schmidt,

I represent the City of Portland Fire Prevention Bureau. The FPB has forwarded me your letter taking the position that your property is not subject to inspection because it is occupied entirely by family members and you do not rent out the apartments. I understand your confusion, however, the requirement to register is separate from the requirement to allow inspections and to bring your property into compliance with fire and life safety codes.

The FPB's inspection is based on the fact that you maintain three separate dwelling units, each with its own cooking facilities. Pursuant to Chapter 10 of the City Code, as well as state law, the FPB is entitled to inspect the building, and also to require that it be brought into compliance with the fire and life safety standards for an existing apartment building. If you wish to convert the property to a single-family dwelling, you may contact the Zoning Administrator for a change of use. In order to do so, you will have to remove two of the kitchen facilities.

Please either contact the FPB to schedule an inspection, or file an application with the Zoning Administrator for a change of use no later than **March 29, 2017**. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Anne M. Torregrossa

cc: Capt. Petruccelli, FPB