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Dawn Stiles
Health and Human Services Department
389 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

RE: 36-38 Market Street Alley Conditions

Dear Ms. Stiles,

On behalf of Ocean Associates, ELC Inc., and 36 Market Street Inc., I would like to submit this letter to the City of Portland to be noticed of unhealthy and dangerous conditions that have been found in the shared alley.

We have, for a long time now, continually needed to notify the city to intercede into the conditions that we come across frequently in the back alley. Those conditions include abandonment of property, trash, and debris, improperly disposed of food methods, an array of needles and other personal hygiene products, and residential furniture. This complete disregard for lack of responsibility has caused and/or will cause the following effects: blocked egresses for life safety, rats/mice and other rodents near food service, residential, and office uses, and the potential for the newly installed Unifit gas risers to be stricken, which is an immense fire risk for all properties.

It seems that every time a letter and/or call are given to the city, there is a temporary fix, but that the issue resurfaces. We maintain and ask that our tenants maintain our 'half' of the alley, but the conditions on the other half of the alley is so bad that they are affecting our tenants. We have retailers that are aware of signs of rodents in the alley, debris crosses over to our side, especially during storms, that impacts their means of delivery and egress, and the potential for fire from adjacent property's gas risers puts our tenants/buildings at risk. This is a serious issue that the city has been notified time and time again, and we are now asking that the city be proactive and have recurring inspections on the back alley without notice. I called about this last issue two weeks ago, notifying the inspector of my concerns, and the problems have not been remedied as you can see by the photos taken at noon yesterday.

Please get this letter to the appropriate people at the fire department if you could, and I look forward to hearing the city's response and plan of action for this lingering and imminent issue.

Respectfully,



Ken Cianchette – Manager – Ocean Associates, LLC 36 Market Street Inc., ELC Inc.

cc: 11 Exchange, LLC



