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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the letter sent to me dated August 15, 2016. When inspector Hall came through my building on August 10, 2016 we discussed the washer & dryer unit that is in the hallway on the third floor. I was informed that I could speak to someone at the fire department and find a solution to keeping the unit for my tenants. There has been a washer and dryer unit in this space for longer than I have owned the building. My tenants are greatly appreciative on having it in their living space and I would like to discuss a way to keep it there. I have removed the closet door across the hallway from the unit which creates a greater distance around the unit.

I have contacted a contractor to put a fire rated door on the third floor exit. They are able to do this the first week in October.

I have also contacted the fire department several times and left a message to speak to someone in regards to these concerns. As of this writing my calls have not been returned. I have every intention in cooperating and I take great care of my old building to make sure it is in the best condition. I am a present and aware landlord and trend toward long term tenants. Part of this is due to providing washer & dryer units for my tenants. I hope that there is a way we can work together to keep these provisions for my tenants.

Thank you.

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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION
 AND ORDER TO CORRECT**

August 15, 2016

Responsible Party 1: Nathan & Eva Eldridge 257 State Street, Apt. 1 Portland, Maine 04101		
Location: 257 State Street	CBL: 036 F002001	Inspection Date: 8/10/2016
Inspector: Steven Hall	Inspection Type: Fire Company – FP Routine	Status: Failed

The City of Portland Fire Department inspected this property, and found the fire and life safety code violations listed below, which you are hereby ordered to correct. You must complete the proposed date of completion column by proposing a reasonable timeframe to remedy each violation. This form must be received by the Fire Prevention Bureau no later than **September 15, 2016**. The Bureau reserves the right to reject or modify any proposed plan of action, and may require evidence of sufficient financial and technical capacity to complete the proposed plan. Please contact the Bureau with any questions.

**YOUR FAILURE TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF ACTION BY THE DATE PROVIDED,
 OR TO CORRECT ANY VIOLATION WITHIN THE APPLICABLE TIME FRAME,
 MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST YOU, THE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL
 PENALTIES, AND THE PURSUIT OF OTHER LEGAL REMEDIES.**

Violation	Date of Completion
1. NFPA 101 - 31.3.1.1.1 VERTICAL OPENINGS NOT FIRE RATED. Vertical openings shall be enclosed or protected in accordance with section 8.6. <i>Repair holes in ceiling in rear stairs.</i>	<u>10/15/16</u>
2. NFPA 101- 7.5.1.1 EXIT OBSTRUCTED; Where exits are not immediately accessible from an open floor area, continuous passageways, aisles, or corridors leading directly to every exit shall be maintained and shall be arranged to provide access for each occupant to not less than two exits by separate ways of travel, unless otherwise provided in 7.5.1.1.3 and 7.5.1.1.4. <i>Remove washer and dryer in hallway by third floor rear apartment.</i>	IMMEDIATELY remove all obstructions from the exits. Your signature below indicates that all obstructions have been removed and will not be replaced. <i># please see attached letter</i>

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3. NFPA 1 EXCESSIVE/DISORDERLY STORAGE. Reference NFPA 1 for excessive fuel load. <i>Remove excess storage in the front and rear stairs.</i>	1/1 done
4. NFPA 101- 8.3.4.2 60 MINUTE FIRE DOOR REQUIRED. Refer to NFPA 101- table 8.3.4.2 that states fire door assemblies for vertical shafts (including stairways, exits, and refuse chutes) are rated and required for 1 hour. <i>Install fire rated doors where required.</i>	10/15/16 Please see attached letter.

VIOLATOR CERTIFICATION

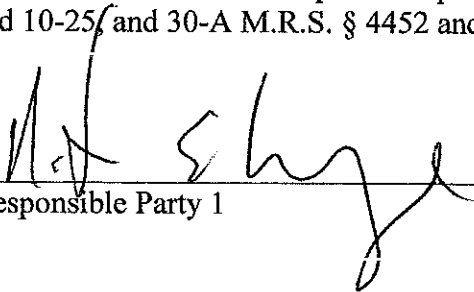
I agree to remedy the violations listed within the timeframes provided. If I require additional time to comply, I understand that I must contact the Fire Prevention Bureau prior to the deadline to request an extension, which is entirely within the Bureau's discretion to grant or deny.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to schedule a reinspection of my property once the violations have been remedied to do so. My failure to schedule a reinspection shall be deemed an admission that the violations have not been remedied.

If I fail to comply with this agreement, I understand that I am liable for penalties pursuant to the City of Portland Code of Ordinances §§ 1-15 and 10-25f and 30-A M.R.S. § 4452 and may be subject to further legal action.

9.15.16

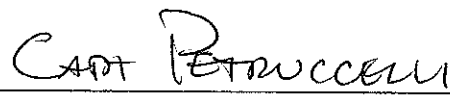
Date


Responsible Party 1

SEEN AND AGREED

9/15/16

Date


Fire Prevention Bureau