

Portland, Maine



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Jerome F. LaMoria
Fire Chief, Fire Department

Portland Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau
380 Congress St
Portland, ME 04101

May 14, 2015

George F. Towle
52 Continental Dr
Portland, ME 04103

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROSECUTE

Dear Owner/Manager/Occupant,

An inspection of the property located at 26 State St on May 11, 2015 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.

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 summons to either schedule a re-inspection or to submit a plan of action to correct these violations.

Sincerely,

Portland Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau

#353792

**CITY OF PORTLAND
PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

380 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Inspection Violations

Owner/Manager TOWLE GEORGE F		Inspector Scott True	Inspection Date 5/11/2015
Location 26 STATE ST	CBL 044 C007001	Status Failed	Inspection Type Fire Company-FP Routine Inspec

Code	Int/Ext	Floor	Unit No.	Area	Compliance Date
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1) 80.28

Violation: 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.

Notes: THIRD FLOOR REAR STAIRS HAS A WORKING DRIER ON THE LANDING

2) 80.40

Violation: NFPA 101- 31.2.2.1.2 EXIT STAIR REQ 60-MIN FIRE DOORS - NON-HIGH-RISE; IN BUILDINGS USING OPTION 4, EXIT ENCLOSURES SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM 1-HOUR FIRE RESISTANCE RATING, AND DOORS SHALL HAVE A MINIMUM 1-HOUR FIRE PROTECTION RATING.

Notes: ALL UNITS FRONT AND REAR NEED FIRE DOORS, ALSO BASEMENT DOOR

3) 89.15

Violation: NFPA 30- TABLE 9.6.2.1 FLAMMABLE/COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS STORAGE EXCEED LIMIT; SEE NFPA 30 TABLE 9.6.2.1 FOR SPECIAL OCCUPANCY LIMITS FOR FLAMMABLE AND COMBUSTIBLE LIQUID STORAGE.

Notes: SNOW BLOWER WITH GAS UNDER REAR STAIRWELL

4) 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: FOR ALL SOLID FUEL BURNERS AND HOT WATER HEATERS

Comments:

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,

v.

George F. Towle
Defendant

**FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
CODE VIOLATION**

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

SUMMONS NUMBER: 353792

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 July 13, 2015. I strongly urge you to contact Victoria Meserve at Fire Prevention at (207)-874-8400 or via e-mail at 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 July 13, 2015.

Dated: 5/14/15

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