From: Benjamin Wallace To: Bay Properties

Date: Thu, Aug 14, 2008 10:44 AM

Subject: Re: 164 Danforth

Mr. Honan;

My direct supervisor, Captain Greg Cass has not been able to approve the plan of action as proposed. He suggests that even to amend it to include adding two of the required fire doors each year could be acceptable. Please resubmit your plan of action to reflect this. If you have any questions you may talk to either one of us by calling 874-8400. Yours in life safety,

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>>>Gregory Cass 8/14/2008 10:28 AM>>>

The smoke detectors are a good start.

Fire doors are an important part of the protection of these structures.

Early detection and separation & protection of egress are the very basics of fire and life safety and are not waivable. Even two doors per year would be acceptable. Please push for this written plan of correction. Please feel free to have them call me if they feel the need.

Greg

>>> Benjamin Wallace 08/14 9:35 AM >>>

>>> "Bay Properties"

 chayprope@maine.rr.com> 07/31 9:35 AM >>> This is in response to a 7/3/08 letter.

We plan to have 4 hard wire battery backup smoke alarms installed by 10/1/08 outside the sleeping area of each apartment. This is a 4 unit owner occupied building.

We anticipate a \$9000. oil heat bill this coming winter and property taxes are due in Sept. so we do not see any funds that will be available for the removal of our heavy original apt. doors in our circa 1830 home. I walked the neighborhood and I could not find any metal doors in similar historic multi unit buildings.

I might suggest that an initial letter from the city need not carry threats of summons, court, fines, attorneys ...costs etc...

As I told you the city refused to enforce a situation next door to us for three years and they would not respond as to why - we find the timing of the 7/3/08 very strange since we have owned this property for over 20 years.

We will have documentation from an electrician re: smoke alarms prior to 10/1/.2008.

William E. Honan