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Dear Mr. O'Dea ,

An evaluation of the above-referenced property on 05/13/2006 revealed that the bell support mechanism failed causing the bell to fall, collapsing the bell tower third floor system with all of the debris and the bell coming to rest on the bell tower second floor system. This condition renders the building unsafe and cannot be used for any purpose other than the below outlined repairs, and pursuant to Section 115 of the City of Portland Building Code (the 2003 International Building Code), the following actions must take place:

- 1) A structural engineer must provide a written assessment, to the City Inspections Division, of the condition of the bell tower, with recommendations of corrective measures that will restore the bell tower to its original performance capacity, including but not limited to dead loads, wind loads, snow loads and seismic design as prescribed by chapter 16 of the 2003 IBC. This must occur by (date to be assigned).
- 2) The Design profession must submit a Plan of correction, to the City Inspections Division, that will outline the necessary steps to temporarily reinforce floor system holding the debris, to safely remove the debris from the bell tower. This must occur by (date to be assigned).
- 3) The Design profession must submit a complete set of construction documents that will restore the bell tower to its original performance capacity as outlined above, for permitting purposes.
- 4) The restoration work must commence by (date to be assigned) and completed

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5) A final report certifying the corrective measure will be filed with City Inspections Division prior to the closure of the permit.

This office looks forward to working with you on this endeavor please contact me at 874-8730 to arrange a mutually convenient date and time to meet to discuss the process and how our office can be of assistance.

Yours Truly,

Michael J. Nugent
Inspections Division Director
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