

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

April 30, 2015

State Street Congregational Church
159 State St
Portland, ME 04101

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROSECUTE

Dear Owner/Manager/Occupant,

An inspection of the property located at 159 State St on 04/21/2015 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

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,

**FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION
CODE VIOLATION**

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

v.

State Street Congregational Church
Defendant

SUMMONS NUMBER: 353784

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 June 8, 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 June 8, 2015.

Dated:

4/30/15

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Associate Corporation Council
City of Portland
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**CITY OF PORTLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101

Inspection Violations

Owner/Manager STATE STREET CONGREGATIONAL CHURC		Inspector Craig Messinger	Inspection Date 4/21/2015
Location 159 STATE ST	CBL 045 A026001	Status Failed	Inspection Type Building-Fire - Change of Use Ins

Code	Int/Ext	Floor	Unit No.	Area	Compliance Date
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1) 1.110

Violation: NFPA 101-40.2.4 MEANS OF EGRESS; THE NUMBER OF MEANS OF EGRESS SHALL COMPLY WITH EITHER 40.2.4.1.1 OR 40.2.3.2.

Notes: Second Means of egress required.

2) 78.110

Violation: NFPA 101 CH. 10.3.1 FURNISHINGS DECORATIONS FLAM RESISTANCE

Notes:

Comments: