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Re: 198 Spring Street Proposal

Dear Mr. Lourie:

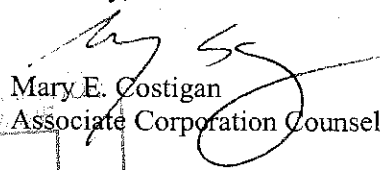
This letter is written in reply to your March 21st proposal regarding your client Clark Stephen's property at 198 Spring Street. The City is not willing to withdraw its order to vacate the building at 198 Spring Street. The resolution you proposed in your email simply sets forth a schedule of items that your client has neglected to do on the property for years, and that he is already obligated to do. Our safety concerns for anyone residing in the building remain, and your client has not offered anything that would alleviate those concerns.

With regard to the outstanding issues at your client's property, I suggest the following schedule:

1. No later than Friday, March 30, 2007, the entire building shall be vacated and secured from vandalism.
2. Mr. Stephens will complete the siding on the right side of the building no later than April 6, 2007, in accordance with the December 8, 2004 Certificate of Appropriateness.
3. Mr. Stephens will begin work on the repairs to Unit 1 as soon as the permit is issued, and shall complete the work no later than May 1, 2007.
4. Mr. Stephens will apply for the legalization of illegal units, as may be appropriate, no later than May 1, 2007.
5. As soon as Mr. Stephens has final determination on the number and location of legal units in the building, he will meet with Jeanie Bourke to discuss a process for completing the remaining work on the building.
6. Mr. Stephens will not perform any other work on the building until permits are issued for such work.

If Mr. Stephens fails to comply with the above schedule or performs any work without the appropriate permit, we will file a complaint and seek penalties for his numerous violations.

Sincerely,


Mary E. Costigan
Associate Corporation Counsel

cc: Clark Stephens
Jeanie Bourke
Jon Rioux

