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Fire Department

Chief Frederick J. LaMontagne, Jr.

12/01/2009

**RICE GEOFFREY TRUSTEE
658 CONGRESS ST, 1ST FLOOR
PORTLAND, ME 04101**

VIA REGULAR AND CERTIFIED MAIL: 70012510000011400879

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Located at 655-661 CONGRESS ST

Dear Mr. Rice,

The Portland Fire Department recently conducted an inspection of your property located at 655-661 Congress Street to ensure compliance with state and local fire safety regulations. See attached violation notice. While conducting this inspection, we identified significant life safety code violations as more particularly described in the attached violation notice. See attached.

You have until 12/10/2009 or twenty-one (21) days from the date of this notice to correct the violations outlined in the attached notice. If the corrections cannot be accomplished by this date, please contact the Fire Prevention Office at (207) 756-8096 upon receipt of this notice to discuss the matter and the process to submit a Plan of Action for addressing these safety issues. Please note that if you fail to contact the Fire Prevention Officer you will be subject to a \$250.00 fine. Portland City Code, Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, § 10-25(b)(1) available on-line at www.portlandmaine.gov

One (1) follow-up inspection will be done to ensure that your property has been brought into compliance. Should any additional inspections be required you will be charged \$75.00 for each re-inspection. See Chapter 10, § 10-25.2.

If all of the violations cited above have not been corrected by the above referenced compliance date, or the date contained within a Plan of Action approved by the Portland Fire Department, you will be subject to additional fines and this matter will be referred to the City of Portland Corporation Counsel for legal action and possible additional civil penalties as provided for in Portland City Code, § 10-25 and in 30-A M.R.S.A. § 4452.

This is an appealable decision pursuant to Portland City Code, § 10-23. As such, you have ten (10) days from the date of this notice to appeal to the Board of Appeals. See Portland City Code, Ch. 10 § 10-23.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. Please contact us at fireinspector@portlandmaine.gov or (207) 756-8056 with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Portland Fire Department