

December 17, 2012

Mr. Ron Peaslee
Public Safety Inspector II, Plans Review
State Fire Marshal's Office
52 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333-0052



RE: Building Permit Application – Portland Community Health Clinic Renovations,
180 Park Avenue, Portland, Maine

Dear Ron,

I'm following up on our telephone conversation today regarding the above referenced project. Per your previous review comments we are required to provide a 1 hour rating on corridor walls and ceilings with 20 minute rated doors w/ closers for the corridors within the tenant space. This requirement is described in NFPA chapter 38, article 38.3.6 which requires rated corridors unless the building is sprinklered.

It is my understanding that it is the position of the Fire Marshal's office that exception 2 under this article stating that rated corridors are not required within a single tenant space does not apply in this instance because the space exists within a multi story, multi tenant building that shares a rated exit stair and therefore it cannot be classified as a single tenant space.

Attached you will find a sketch showing the affected walls, ceilings and doors to be rated.

I believe you have everything you need now to release the permit. If possible, I would greatly appreciate it if you could email the permit to me to save time as the City of Portland is holding our building permit until they receive a copy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Weatherhead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Weatherhead, Associate
Winton Scott Architects