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Kate McGovern  
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Re: 2 Houlton St. (055 B031)

Dear Ms. McGovern,

Regarding the posting notice, hand delivered to the representative to the owner of the above building, the following were the violations that the inspector observed:

- 1) The smoke detectors had been rendered inoperative.
- 2) The kitchen had been removed, rendering the dwelling unit without cooking or utensil washing facilities.
- 3) A means of egress had been nailed shut, and as it turns out exited through another unit, which is not code compliant.

Pursuant to Section 6-120 :

**Sec. 6-120. Properties unfit for human habitation; and posted against occupancy.**

Any dwelling, dwelling unit, rooming house, rooming unit, or any structure or portion thereof being used for human habitation which is in violation of the provisions of this article to the extent that it is unfit for human habitation according to the standards contained herein or other applicable standards may be condemned for habitation and posted against occupancy by the building authority. Property unfit for human habitation shall include but not be limited to:

- (b) Properties which lack plumbing, ventilating, lighting or heating facilities or equipment adequate to protect the health, safety and general welfare of the occupants or the public;

The unit was posted, the owner must either bring the unit up to code or vacate it by 5/30/06. This is based on the verbal description of Jay Kelley, Portland Fire Department and Jon Reed Code Enforcement Officer, City of Portland

Yours truly,

Mike Nugent  
Inspections Division Director