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July 21, 2015

Geoffrey Rice
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROSECUTE

Dear Owner/Manager/Occupant,

An inspection of the property located at 235 Bracket St on 07/16/2015 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 Reference to Court letter to either schedule a re-inspection or to submit a plan of action to correct these violations.

Sincerely,

Portland Fire Department
Fire Prevention Bureau

**CITY OF PORTLAND
PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

380 Congress Street
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Inspection Violations

Owner/Manager Rice Geoffrey I		Inspector Kevin Henry	Inspection Date 7/16/2015
Location 0235 BRACKETT ST	CBL 055 C014001	Status Failed	Inspection Type Fire Prevention-FP Routine Inspe

Code	Int/Ext	Floor	Unit No.	Area	Compliance Date
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1) 73.10

Violation: NFPA 101-7.2.4.3.1 FIRE BARRIER REQUIRES MAINTENANCE; Fire barriers separating buildings or areas between which there are horizontal exits shall have a minimum 2-hour fire resistance rating, unless otherwise provided in 7.2.4.4.1, and shall provide a separation that is continuous to the finished grounded level.

Notes: B1 AND A7(HOLE IN BATH CEILING AND HALL CEILING)

2) 80.16

Violation: NFPA 101-7.9.3 EMERGENCY LIGHTS REQUIRE MAINTENANCE; 7.9.3 Periodic Testing of Emergency Equipment

7.9.3.1 Required emergency lighting systems shall be tested in accordance with one of the three options offered by 7.9.3.1.1, 7.9.3.1.2, or 7.9.3.1.3.

7.9.3.1.1 Testing of required emergency lighting systems shall be permitted to be conducted as follows:

(1) Functional testing shall be conducted monthly with a minimum of 3 weeks and a maximum of 5 weeks between tests, for not less than 30 seconds, except as otherwise permitted by 7.9.3.1.1(2).

(2) The test interval shall be permitted to be extended beyond 30 days with the approval of the authority having jurisdiction.

(3) Functional testing shall be conducted annually for a minimum 1-1/2 hours if the emergency lighting system is battery powered.

(4) The emergency lighting equipment shall be fully operational for the duration of the test required by 7.9.3.1.1(1) and (3).

(5) Written records of visual inspections and tests shall be kept by the owner for inspection by the authority having jurisdiction.

Notes: OUTSIDE OF A7

3) 71.25

Violation: NFPA 101- 31.3.4.5.1 SMOKE ALARMS REQUIRED; In buildings other than those equipped through out with an existing, complete automatic smoke detection system, smoke alarms shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.2.10, as modified by 31.3.4.5.2, outside every sleeping area in the immediate vicinity of the bedrooms and on all levels of the dwelling unit, including basements.

Notes: B1, A3, A9

Comments:

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)

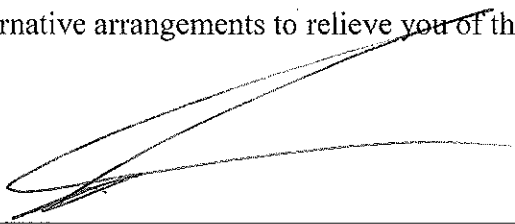
v.

Geoffrey Rice
Defendant

SUMMONS NUMBER: 353745

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 09/14/2015. 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 09/14/2015.

Dated: 8/5/15



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