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Deliverance Center  
c/o Rev. James R. Reynolds  
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cc to: Charles F. Hogan, Insurance Department  
Director, Maine State Fire Prevention  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Permit to change use of building from veterinary hospital to church and deliverance center building as per plans is being issued herewith subject to the following Building Code requirements:

1. Exit signs shall be provided over all doors involved with a means of egress. The word exit shall be in letters no less than 6 inches high. The letters shall show either red or green and be on a light colored background. Sec. 502.6.3 of the Building Code requires that where more than one apartment (or equivalent in sleeping or lodging rooms) are accommodated in any story above the first, all stairways which lead from a cellar or basement and which are located under stairways from upper stories shall be cut off from cellar or basement by separations of no less than one-hour fire resistance. Self-closing solid core plywood doors having a nominal uniform thickness of not less than one and three-quarters inches, with panels of wireglass allowed, may be used.
2. Sec. 502.6.4 of the Building Code requires that in a building accommodating more than six apartments (or equivalent in sleeping or lodging rooms) heaters, smokepipes, and fuel storage spaces for heating the building or domestic hot water shall be: (1) located in a separate building or domestic hot water shall be (2) located in a cellar or basement and enclosed by separations of no less than one-hour fire resistance.
3. All doors involved in means of egress shall be equipped with vestibule latches or equivalent.
4. In auditoriums used frequently and habitually for other than divine worship, exit lights shall be provided over the exit doors.
5. Sec. 507.5.4.4 declares that seats, pews or benches in such auditoriums shall be spaced not less than 30 inches from back to back, measuring horizontally.
6. Sec. 507.5.4.5 requires that aisles shall be provided and be accessible from all seats. They shall lead to the means of egress in the most direct line of travel possible.

7. Sec. 507.2.4 requires that churches should be cut off from all parts of the same building of a less protective class of construction than required for church use by separations of two-hour fire resistance. This means that there shall be a two-hour fire resistant wall constructed between the church and the balance of the building that a Class "B" labeled fire door will be installed in the opening between the two uses.