

March 12, 1981

Rev. James Reynolds
1008 Congress St.
Portland, Maine

Re: 1008 Congress St.

Rev. Reynolds:

On March 10, 1981, a fire occurred at the above mentioned address which required an inspection by the Fire Prevention Bureau and the Building Inspection Dept. This structure contained a mix of occupancies which makes it impractical to provide separate safeguards for each type of occupancy. The various types of occupancies are: residential, educational and public assemblage; therefore, the following requirements shall be met before approval can be given to occupy this structure.

1. Provide two separate and remote approved exits for each area of each floor. Exits shall terminate at the exterior of the building at ground level.
2. Enclose all vertical openings with construction having a fire rating of at least one hour including fire doors with self closers.
3. No education or public assemblage occupancy shall be permitted below grade level.
4. Provide an approved automatic fire alarm system throughout the building.
5. Provide an approved sprinkler system throughout the basement level.
6. Provide emergency lighting and illuminated exit signs for all exits and paths to reach same.
7. Provide a one hour fire rated enclosure for the boiler room.
8. All wood stoves not complying with the enclosed wood stove ordinance (Chapter 324) shall not be used until they conform to code.
9. A general clean up of all areas to remove flammable accumulation is required.

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All these requirements are directly related to the life safety of the occupants of the structure and therefore requires your immediate attention. Would you please contact this office and inform us of your intentions to correct these matters.

Respectfully,

Lt. James P. Collins
Fire Prevention Bureau

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