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September 30, 2009

City of Portland
Fire Department
380 Congress Street
Portland ME 04101-0022

I received your letter regarding a Fire Inspection and resulting violations dated September 17, 2009 on or about Sept 22, 2009, and have placed two calls to Mr. Benjamin Wallace at 207-756-8096 on 9/24 and 9/30/09 regarding item #5. Separating a 3x3 foot hallway seems to eliminate a means of egress available to a person trying to escape a fire. I would like to receive clarification on this before separating the hallway with a wall.

As to the remaining four item listed as violations in the inspection report, I would like to address those below.

Item #1, FIRE DEPARTMENT KNOX BOX REQ

The Fire Knox Box is installed in the main entrance on the left wall of the building as per the instruction dated June 21, 2000. It has a building floor plan, managers name, address and phone number located inside the container as well as a list of occupants.

Item #2, FIRE ALARM SYSTEM SUPERVISION REQUI

The system was cleaned and inspected May 23, 2007 and it will be cleaned and inspected within two weeks. Protection One had an annual contract with us to do that annually but was not providing annual service. I have to locate another company to do that.

Item #3, 1-HOUR FIRE DOORS ASSEMBLIES REQ

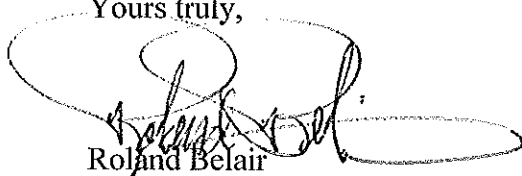
I have replaced all the doors in the building with 1-hour fire rated doors and that was finished after the 8/5/2004 inspection.

Item #4, CEILING TILES MISSING

This is a basement apartment occupied by Susan McLean, who has repeatedly removed these tiles so her cats can walk in the area between the 1st floor and ceiling. In fact, a recent inspection by Ray Bishop, Portland Housing Authority wrote up the same other ceiling tiles missing and those were also replaced 12/29/2008, the unit subsequently passing a follow up inspection for HAP payments.

I would ask for a meeting at the building so we can resolve the hallway separation issue and any other concerns the Fire Department may have. My cell is 207-229-5996.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roland Belair", is written over a large, faint, circular watermark or stamp.

Roland Belair

Manager

259 Woodford Street, LLC

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Fire Inspection Violations Listing

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| Business Name/Owner/Mgr/Location 259 WOODFORD STREET LLC | | Inspector BRAD C JAMES Shift: 002 Unit: L3 | | Inspection Date 9/17/2009 |
| 0259 WOODFORD ST | | Building Number 68538-0-0 | CBL 123 L004001 | Inspection Type ROUTINE INSPECTION |

| # | Type | Location | Notification Date | Target Compliance Date |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| 1 | FIRE DEPARTMENT KNOX BOX REQ | NEAR FRONT ENTRANCE | 9/17/2009 | 10/19/2009 |
| 2 | FIRE ALARM SYSTEM SUPERVISION REQUI | FIRE ALARM PANEL, FOYER <i>W Deck</i> | 9/17/2009 | 10/19/2009 |
| 3 | 1-HOUR FIRE DOORS ASSEMBLIES REQ | TOP OF BASEMENT STAIRS BASEMENT APARTMENT DOORS <i>Bottom</i> | 9/17/2009 | 10/19/2009 |
| 4 | CEILING TILES MISSING | BASEMENT APARTMENTS <i>talk to tenant</i> | 9/17/2009 | 10/19/2009 |
| 5 | VERTICLE OPENINGS SHALL BE ENCLOSED | HALLWAY AT TOP OF BASEMENT STAIRS NEEDS SEPARATION FROM L&R STAIRWELL <i>Bottom</i> | 9/17/2009 | 10/19/2009 |

Separate basement units

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