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December 8, 2016

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROSECUTE

To Whom it May Concern,

Please see the attached Notice of Violation and Order to Correct from the City of Portland Fire Prevention Bureau. The Fire Prevention Bureau has referred this matter to me for prosecution in the event that you do not complete and return the required plan of action by the date contained in the Notice of Violation. Your failure to comply will result in the issuance of a summons for you to appear in court, and the imposition of civil penalties in the minimum amount of \$100 per violation per day.

Please contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (207)874-8400 to resolve these outstanding violations. I look forward to your anticipated cooperation and appreciate your efforts to help keep the citizens of Portland safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Anne M. Torregrossa'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND ORDER TO CORRECT

December 8, 2016

Responsible Party 1: ROBERTS RACHEL R 1128 CHANNING WAY BERKELEY, CA 94702		
Location 37 ARLINGTON ST	CBL 125 N010001	Inspection Date 11/27/2016
Inspector Brad James	Inspection Type FP Routine Inspection	Status Failed

The City of Portland Fire Department inspected this property, and found the fire and life safety code violations listed below, which you are hereby ordered to correct. You must complete the proposed date of completion column by proposing a reasonable timeframe to remedy each violation. This form must be received by the Fire Prevention Bureau no later than 12/30/2016. The Bureau reserves the right to reject or modify any proposed plan of action, and may require evidence of sufficient financial and technical capacity to complete the proposed plan. Please contact the Bureau with any questions.

YOUR FAILURE TO SUBMIT A PLAN OF ACTION BY THE DATE PROVIDED, OR TO CORRECT ANY VIOLATION WITHIN THE APPLICABLE TIME FRAME, MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION AGAINST YOU, THE IMPOSITION OF CIVIL PENALTIES, AND THE PURSUIT OF OTHER LEGAL REMEDIES.

Violation	Proposed Date of Completion
PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT CHAPTER 10 4.6.1, 4.6.2 UNIT/SUITE NUMBERS NOT MARKED; 4.6.1 Residential units shall be designated using numerals. 4.6.2 The first numeral of each residential unit shall be the floor designation. Apartments need to be numbered.	___/___/___
NFPA 101- 7.2.1.8.1 FIRE DOORS MUST BE SELF- OR AUTO-CLOSING; A door leaf normally required to be kept closed shall not be secured in the open position at any time and shall be self-closing or automatic-closing in accordance with 7.2.1.8.2, unless otherwise permitted by 7.2.1.8.3. All apartment doors	___/___/___
NFPA 720- 5.5.6.1 CO ALARMS REQUIRED; The performance, location, and mounting of notification appliances used to initiate or direct action, evacuation or relocation of the occupants, or for providing information to occupants or staff, shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 6. All apartments and basement	IMMEDIATELY install temporary alarms where required. Your signature below indicates that temporary alarms have already been installed.
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. All apartments and basement	IMMEDIATELY install temporary alarms where required. Your signature below indicates that temporary alarms have already been installed.

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<p>NFPA 1 EXCESSIVE/DISORDERLY STORAGE; Reference NFPA 1 for excessive fuel-load.</p> <p>In basement</p>	<p>___/___/___</p>
<p>NFPA 30- TABLE 9.6.2.1 FLAMMABLE/COMBUSTIBLE LIQUIDS STORAGE EXCEED LIMIT; See NFPA 30 Table 9.6.2.1 for special occupancy limits for flammable and combustible liquid storage.</p> <p>In basement including gas cans, paint cans, coleman fuel cylinders and small engines.</p>	<p>IMMEDIATELY remove all excess flammable/combustible material from the interior of the structure. Your signature below indicates that all excess material has been removed, will not be replaced, and will be properly disposed of or stored elsewhere.</p>
<p>NFPA 70- ARTICLE 110 B CERTIFY ELECTRICAL SYSTEM; Listed or labeled equipment shall be installed and used in accordance with any instructions included in the listing or labeling. Entire electrical system needs to be looked at.</p> <p>In basement including knob and tube.</p>	<p>___/___/___</p>
<p>NFPA 70- ARTICLE 110.12 B EXPOSED WIRING CONNECTIONS; Internal parts of electrical equipment, including busbars, wiring terminals, insulators, and other surfaces, shall not be damaged or contaminated by foreign materials such as paint, plaster, cleaners, abrasives, or corrosive residues. There shall be no damaged parts that may adversely affect safe operation or mechanical strength of the equipment such as parts that are broken; bent; cut; or deteriorated by corrosion, chemical reaction, or overheating.</p> <p>In basement including knob and tube.</p>	<p>___/___/___</p>
<p>NFPA 101- 31.3.2.1.1 BOILER PROTECTION REQUIRED; The areas described in Table 31.3.2.1.1 shall be protected as indicated: Boiler and fuel-fired heater rooms serving more than a single dwelling unit (minimum separation/protection is 1 hour or sprinklers)</p> <p>Over the three washers and dryers in basement</p>	
<p>N.F.P.A. 101 CHP. 31.3.3.2 HOLE IN CEILING NEEDS REPAIR;</p> <p>InteriorWall and Ceiling Finish Interior walls and ceiling finish materials complying with 10.2 shall be permitted as follows: 1) Exit enclosures -- Class A or class B 2) Lobbies and corridors--Class A or Class B 3) Other spaces Class A, orClass B, or Class C</p> <p>Front and back stairwells have holes in cieings</p>	
<p>NFPA 101- 31.2.2.1.2 1-HOUR FIRE RATED EXIT ENCLOSURES AND DOORS; In buildings using Option 4, exit enclosures shall have a minimum 1-hour fire resistance rating, and doors shall have a minimum 1-hour fire protection rating.</p> <p>Paneling in the front stairwell walls/ means of egress.</p>	
<p>NFPA 1- 34.3.2.4 COMBUSTIBLES TOO CLOSE TO HEAT SOURCE; The clearance between stored materials and unit heaters, radiant space heaters, duct furnaces, and flues shall not be less than 3 ft in all directions or shall be in accordance with the clearances shown on the approval agency label.</p> <p>Storage too close to heating devices including boilers and dryers.</p>	
<p>NFPA 54- 9.6.4 UTILITY DISCONNECTS BLOCKED; Each appliance connected to a piping system shall have an accessible, approved manual shutoff valve with a nondisplaceable valve member, or a listed gas convenience outlet. Appliance shutoff valves and convenience outlets shall serve a single appliance only and shall be installed in accordance with 9.6.4.1.</p> <p>Water shut off and electrical panels bloccked from access.</p>	
<p>1-10.12.1 STREET NUMBERS ON FRONT OF BUILDING; New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.</p> <p>Numbers on the front of the building need to be repaired.</p>	

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<p>NFPA 101- 7.5.1.1 AND 7.5.1.1.1 OBSTRUCTED EGRESS; Exits shall be located and exit access shall be arranged so that exits are readily accesible at all times (7.5.1.1). Where exits are not immediately accessible from an open floor area, continuous passageways, aisles, or corridors leading directly to every exit shall be maintained and shall be arranged to provide access for each occupant to not less than two exits by separate ways of travel, unless otherwise provided in 7.5.1.1.3 and 7.5.1.1.4 (7.5.1.1.1).</p> <p>3rd floor front landing used for storage. Tenant notified to remove immediately.</p>	

VIOLATOR CERTIFICATION

I agree to remedy the violations listed within the timeframes provided. If I require additional time to comply, I understand that I must contact the Fire Prevention Bureau prior to the deadline to request an extension, which is entirely within the Bureau’s discretion to grant or deny.

I further understand that it is my responsibility to schedule a reinspection of my property once the violations have been remedied to do so. My failure to schedule a reinspection shall be deemed an admission that the violations have not been remedied.

If I fail to comply with this agreement, I understand that I am liable for penalties pursuant to the City of Portland Code of Ordinances §§ 1-15 and 10-25, and 30-A M.R.S. § 4452 and may be subject to further legal action.

Date Responsible Party

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SEEN AND AGREED

Date Fire Prevention Bureau