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Ben Walter
CWS Architects
434 Cumberland Avenue
Portland Maine 04101

Dear Ben,

In response to your request for our review and opinion of the space located at 509 Forest Avenue on the first floor left hand side of the building, please consider this letter as our opinion regarding the need for alterations or improvements to the existing fire alarm system.

Based on our review of the intended use of the space and the occupant load potential, as well as the appropriate fire alarm requirements, we are of the opinion that the existing fire alarm system, excepting the number and placement of occupant notification appliances, is adequate to protect the space. Since the building is protected by an automatic fire suppression system, there is no requirement to add any additional initiation devices however, in order to unequivocally state that the entire system is adequate without modification would require a review of the existing occupant notification devices for the entire space, and obtain approval by the Portland Fire Prevention Department.

The current city code requires an annual test and inspection of the fire alarm system, however that test and inspection is to ascertain the current working order of all installed devices and does not include in its scope any devices not currently installed that may be required under current code as if the space were being protected with a new fire alarm system. In other words, we are not stating that the current system is up to current code, only that all the current devices are in working order.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to call if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Michelle Perkins

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