



Permitting and Inspections Department Michael  
A. Russell, MS, Director

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AVESTA HOUSING DEVELOPMENT  
307 CUMBERLAND AVE  
PORTLAND, ME 04101

CBL: 275 C001001

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Located At: 977 Brighton Ave.

RE: Fire Incident 2016-0013928-000

### Posting-Against-Occupancy Notice

Dear Avesta Housing development.

An evaluation of the above-referenced property on 03/01/2018 with officials from the City's Building and Fire Department following a stove/building fire revealed that portions of the structure failed to comply with S 6-120 (a), (b), & (c) of the Housing Code of the City of Portland. Unfortunately, essential building component(s) were damaged by smoke and fire. The entire building is unfit for human habitation and must remain vacated.

Due to the damage caused by the fire, the entire building is without electricity, and a central heating system.

The City is willing to work cooperatively with you in creating an appropriate action plan to address this situation and to streamline all necessary permits for re-occupancy; however, there are minimum safety standards that must be met. Those standards include the following:

1. The building must remain totally vacated and properly secured from vandalism.
2. Prior to commencing repairs, appropriate permit applications must be submitted for: demolition work, repairs made to the building and electrical, caused by damage from fire and smoke.



3. Follow all inspection requirements outlined in each permit issued by the city.

No tenant(s) may return to the property until further notice from the City. A re-evaluation of the property will occur on 03/20/2018 to verify that the posted units remain secure and vacant.

If you do not comply, then this office will refer the matter to the City of Portland Corporation Counsel for legal action and possible civil penalties, as provided for in 6-1 of the Portland City Code and Title 30-A of M.R.S.A S 4452.

This letter constitutes a decision from which you may be able to appeal pursuant to 6-127 of the Portland City Code and Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

If you have any questions, concerns or require emergency repair permits please contact me at 207.874.8169

Sincerely,

Code Enforcement Officer

cc: Tenants of 1066 Forest Avenue.  
Jon Rioux, Inspections Director

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