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TO: MARK ADELSON, DIR. NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES  
MIKE NUGENT, INSPECTION SERVICES MANAGER

FR: AMY POWERS, CEO

RE: YONG/HUANG PROPERTY

BUILDING PERMIT # 971088; CONSTRUCT GARAGE & BREEZEWAY

OWNER: LI YONG & LI YR HUANG

26 CANDLEWYCK TERRACE

PORTLAND, MAINE (828-8019)

CONTRACTOR: A & C PAINTING & CONSTRUCTION

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ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1997 KEVIN CARROLL, CEO, CONDUCTED A SETBACK INSPECTION AT THIS ADDRESS AS I WAS OUT THAT DAY. HE REITERATED TO ME THAT HE HAD MAJOR CONCERNS REGARDING THE ACTUAL SETBACKS AND THEIR VALIDITY. I CALLED THE CONTRACTOR AND LEFT A MESSAGE, EXPLAINING THE NEED TO CLARIFY THE SETBACKS. AL VERDONE, A & C CONSTRUCTION, DID RETURN MY CALL, AND WE DECIDED TO MEET AT THE SITE ON OCT. 16, 1997.

WE MET AT THE SITE, AND I REALIZED THAT THE SUBMITTED INFORMATION WAS VERY DISTORTED IN RELATION TO THE ACTUAL AREA OF THE LOT. I TOLD THEM THAT THE ONLY WAY TO VERIFY THE SETBACKS WAS TO LOCATE THE DEED. THEY AGREED TO DO SO, AND ON NOVEMBER 4, 1997 I WAS CALLED TO DO ANOTHER SETBACK INSPECTION. THE LOCATION OF THE DEED, SIGNIFIED THAT YES, THERE WAS A PROBLEM WITH THE DEPTH OF THE LOT, AND RESULTED IN THE REDUCTION OF THE SIZE OF THE GARAGE. THE NEW SIZE NOW BEING, 18' X 24'. THEY STATED THAT THEY WERE PLANNING TO POUR A 4" SLAB WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

ON NOVEMBER 20, 1997, I DID A DRIVE BY INSPECTION, WHICH YIELDED THAT NO FURTHER WORK HAD BEEN DONE. ON NOVEMBER 21, 1997, I PHONED THE OWNER AND SPOKE TO MS. YONG LI, SHE STATED THAT THE CONTRACTOR TOLD HER THEY COULD DO NO MORE WORK BECAUSE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS, AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH. SHE ALSO STATED THAT SHE HAS SINCE TRIED TO CONTACT THEM, AND THEY HAVE NOT RETURNED HER CALLS. SHE HAS PAID THEM A TOTAL OF \$2300.00. \$2,000.00 BY WAY OF A CANCELLED CHECK, AND \$300.00 IN CASH.

ATTACHED, PLEASE FIND THE PERMIT INFORMATION. PLEASE NOTE THE MAINE LICENSE #1622, AT THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE STATIONARY, WHICH SIGNIFIES THAT THEY ARE IN SOME WAY LICENSED BY THE STATE OF MAINE. ALSO, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE "PROPOSAL" IS FOR A GARAGE AND 4'-0" X 12'-0" BREEZEWAY, WHICH WAS NOT A PORTION OF THE LAYOUT AT MY TIME OF INSPECTION.

I THINK THE PROPOSAL IS NOT A LEGITIMATE CONTRACT BY STATE

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GUIDELINES. THE EXTENT OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED BY THE CONTRACTOR FOR THE SIGNED UPON CONTRACT AMOUNT IS VERY QUESTIONABLE. THE PROPOSAL ALSO STATES, WORK INCLUDES NOT ONLY THE GARAGE AND BREEZEWAY, BUT THE ELECTRICAL IN SUCH, AND PAINT DOUBLE COAT ON HOUSE, SHINGLED ROOF ON HOUSE, AUTOMATIC GARAGE DOOR OPENER. AS WE CAN PROBABLY ALL AGREE, THIS IS QUITE A BARGAIN!

AS THE PROPERTY SITS THIS DATE, THEY HAVE ONE LAYER OF 2 X 4'S POSITIONED ON THE GROUND IN THE SHAPE OF THE GARAGE ONLY, NO OTHER PRODUCTS, SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT.

I AM CONCERNED THAT THE INTENT OF THE CONTRACTOR IS TO NOT RETURN TO THE PROPERTY AT ALL.

ON THIS DATE, I CONTACTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN REGARDS TO THE SITUATION, THE LADY I SPOKE WITH WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE NAME OF A & C CONSTRUCTION, OR WHAT FORM OF LICENSE WAS LISTED AT THE TOP OF THE STATIONARY. SHE IS SENDING A COMPLAINT FORM TO THIS OFFICE FOR COMPLETION BY THE OWNERS. I AM REQUESTING THAT SOMEONE TAKE A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THEIR SITUATION, PERHAPS SOMEONE WHO IS BILINGUAL.