

Mr. Benjamin Wallis
Fire Prevention Officer
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Dear Mr. Wallis,

This letter is in response to your notification of fire inspection violations. For the specifics, you may refer to the enclosed copy of the listing. What follows is my Plan of Action, with some explanation.

When I called for clarification a week ago today, you were not there, but I did get to speak at length with Captain Keith Gautreau. Based on my descriptions of the entries and hallways, it was determined that I will need four fire doors. He also explained to me about what constitutes "boiler protection". So....

Boiler Protection: The plumber has come and given an estimate for sprinklers over the boilers, which is the only good solution for my dirt floored basement. This will be done in May.

Fire Doors: Based on my research, there seems to be two ways to approach the door replacement; with 1) the pre-hung door or 2) the door by itself. I was warned that "only professionals" could do the second method, which sounds costly due to custom sizing (older house, some settling) but is less disruptive to the house. The cheaper way is the pre-hung stock size approach but I still have to have someone tear out the old jambs and replace all the trim, plaster, paint, etc. The minimum this would end up being is about \$625.00 per door. So I might be able to afford to do one every other month. Giving June a rest, to allow me to save up from the sprinkler, I propose to commence the door replacement in July, ending it in January 2011.

While this may appear to be foot dragging, the reality is that I have not been gainfully employed since August of 2008. I have done the seasonal stint at L.L. Bean's and will be starting with the Census on the 27th of this month so have high hopes that the majority of it can be done before the next heating season. But I need some leeway in case things don't go as planned.....and what does? A vacant apartment sets me behind for months. Of course, if you had employment for a GIS Analyst/Map Data Technician of certain years, all this would be moot (they tell you do this in Networking Class).

Please let me know if the Plan of Action satisfies your requirements.

Sincerely,

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