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**Certified and Regular Mail**

Sandra Sargent  
4 Oramel Ave.  
Portland, ME 04103

Re: 4 Oramel Ave. – malfunctioning septic system

Dear Mrs. Sargent:

It has been brought to my attention by the City's Inspections Division that your property at 4 Oramel Ave. is in violation of the Maine Subsurface Wastewater Disposal Rules and the Portland Land Use Code. Specifically, your septic system is malfunctioning in violation of section 100.7 of the State Rules. In addition, your yard contains garbage and junked motor vehicles in violation of sections 22-3(a) and 12-79 of the Code; your furnace is improperly vented in violation of 6-114(c) of the Code; your exterior wall and roof are improperly maintained in violation of section 6-108(a) of the Code; the rear bedroom contains broken glass, rubbish and other non-food waste in violation of section 6-109(a) of the Code; and the electrical box is not in good working condition as required by section 6-113(e) of the Code. Four prior notices of these violations were sent to you by the City on April 26, 2007, May 15, 2007, July 10, 2007 and July 20, 2007. (See attached letters). Whereas you continue to violate the Code and the State Rules, the matter has now been referred to me.

This letter is to inform you of your final opportunity to fix your septic system and take appropriate action to resolve the additional Code violations. If you choose not to comply, the City will be forced to bring an enforcement action. The first step in fixing your septic system is to have a licensed site evaluator conduct an evaluation of your system. The City of Portland does business with Albert Frick Associates, a licensed site evaluator. They can be reached at 839-5563. In addition, you may call the State Site Evaluator, Ken Stratton, at 287-5688 and he can provide you with names of licensed site evaluators in the Portland area.

Whereas the septic system has been malfunctioning for some time, immediate action is necessary. Please contact a site evaluator as soon as possible and report back to me at 874-8480 or Jon Rioux at 874-8702 by **September 4, 2007** and let us know the results of the site evaluation (or when it is scheduled for) and how you will be proceeding to fix your septic system.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of a financial loan from the City to assist you in making the necessary repairs, please contact Mary Davis at 874-8698.

Please feel free to contact me or Jon Rioux in the City's Inspections Division of the Planning Department if you have any questions. If we do not hear from you by September 4, 2007 I will have no choice but to initiate the legal proceeding referenced above.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Mary E. Costigan  
Associate Corporation Counsel

cc: Jon Rioux