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CITY OF PORTLAND

March 14, 2002

Robert J. Rodney
12 W.Kidder St.
Portland, ME 04103

Matthew & Karen Flaherty
49 Haverty's Way
Portland, ME 04103

Re: 49 Haverty's Way (384 A045)

Dear Matthew & Karen & Robert,

An evaluation of the masonry chimney erected on the outside left of your dwelling at the above location was performed on 3/8/02. The evaluation was limited in scope to visible areas as accessible by the scaffolding and ladders provided. The cap of the chimney had been removed prior to inspection. Tammy Munson, C.E.O, performed the inspection. A return visit occurred by Ms. Munson, and myself on 3/13/02. Further evaluation could not occur because of scaffolding/ladder issues.

It was noted that the flue liner was installed with 8 inches or more of clearance from the brick on each side. Section 4-2.5 of N.F.P.A. 211 (State and Local Chimney Code) requires that maximum allowable separation is 4 inches. The Installer, Robert Rodney was present at the second meeting at the property and has agreed to reduce the separation to within the acceptable range. It was agreed that this work would commence. This office requires notification prior to the "capping" of the chimney for inspection purposes.

Although it was removed prior to City Staff's evaluation, it was reported that the cap had been formed with a wood material and covered in concrete. Wood products are not listed as acceptable materials as an element of chimney construction. This situation has been abated. Future capping must comply with NFPA 211.

The scope of the evaluation was limited to the specified items. This office is not implying by this notice that the remainder of the chimney is in total compliance with the N.F.P.A. Regs. Enclosed is a Chimney or Fireplace Construction/Installation Disclosure. Mr. Rodney must fill it out and return it to both the property owner and this office., prior to the closure of this case. Please feel free to contact me at 874-8700, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Nugent
Manager of Inspection Services

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