



October 6, 2015

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

476 SUMMIT ST

PORTLAND, ME 04103

CBL: 384 A021001

Located at 476 SUMMIT ST

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROSECUTE

Dear Owner/Manager/Occupant,

An inspection of the property located at the address referenced above revealed that the structure and premises fail to comply with NFPA 2009 Fire Code and/or NFPA Life Safety Codes. Attached is a list of those violations.

The above-referenced property is in violation of the Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 1 of the Portland City Code (the "Code") and National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101 Life Safety Code. Please note that the Code is available online at [www.portlandmaine.gov](http://www.portlandmaine.gov).

This is a notice of intent to prosecute. As such, the matter is being referred to the City of Portland Corporation Council for legal action and possible civil penalties as provided for in Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection, 10-25 of the Code and in Title 30- A.M.R.S.A. 4452.

Please be advised that you will need to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 207-874-8400 before the court date on the attached Reference to Court letter to either schedule a re-inspection or to submit a plan of action to correct these violations.

Sincerely,

Portland Fire Department

Fire Prevention Bureau

**CITY OF PORTLAND  
PORTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT**

380 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine 04101

**Inspection Violations**

<b>Owner/Manager</b> GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH		<b>Inspector</b> Michael Scherb	<b>Inspection Date</b> 10/5/2015
<b>Location</b> 476 SUMMIT ST	<b>CBL</b> 384 A021001	<b>Status</b> Failed	<b>Inspection Type</b> Fire Company-FP Routine Inspec

Code	Int/Ext	Floor	Unit No.	Area	Compliance Date
1) 50.061	Interior			Alcove	
Violation:	NFPA 1- 14.14 EXIT SIGNS SHALL BE ILLUMINATED; EXIT SIGNS SHALL BE CONTINUOUSLY ILLUMINATED AND USE AN EMERGENCY LIGHTING SOURCE.				
Notes:	EXIT SIGN IN GYM NOT LIT				
2) 50.064	Interior			Alcove	
Violation:	NFPA 101- 7.9.2.7 EMERGENCY LIGHTS NOT WORKING; THE EMERGENCY LIGHTING SYSTEM SHALL BE EITHER CONTINUOUSLY IN OPERATION OR SHALL BE CAPABLE OF REPEATED AUTOMATIC OPERATION WITHOUT MANUAL INTERVENTION.				
Notes:	EMERGENCY LIGHT IN FOYER OF CHURCH BUILDING NOT WORKING				
3) 2.125	Interior			Alcove	
Violation:	N.F.P.A. 101 CHP. 31.3.3.2 HOLE IN CEILING NEEDS REPAIR; Ceiling Finish Interior walls and ceiling finish materials complying with 10.2 shall be permitted as follows: 1) Exit enclosures -- Class A or class B  2) Lobbies and corridors--Class A or Class B  3) Other spaces Class A, orClass B, or Class C				InteriorWall and
Notes:	HOLES IN CEILING IN MAINE ENTRANCE.				
4) 8.038	Interior				
Violation:	NFPA 1- 1.12.5.13 FIRE ALARM INSPECTION STICKER REQUIRED; Permits shall be issued by the AHJ and shall bear the name and signature of the AHJ or that of the AHJ's designated representative. In addition, the permit shall indicate the following: (1) Operation or activities for which the permit is issued (2) Address or location where the operation or activity is to be conducted (3) Name and address of the permittee (4) Permit number and date of issuance (5) Period of validity of the permit (6) Inspection requirements and other permit conditions				
Notes:	SYSTEM NOT SERVICED IN SOME TIME. SUGGEST LABEL OF PANEL LOCATION				
Comments:					

STATE OF MAINE

DISTRICT COURT  
Location: Portland  
Docket No.

CITY OF PORTLAND and body politic and  
Corporate, located in the County of  
Cumberland and State of Maine,

Plaintiff,

**FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION  
CODE VIOLATION**

**(M.R. CIV. P. 80H AND 80k)**

v.

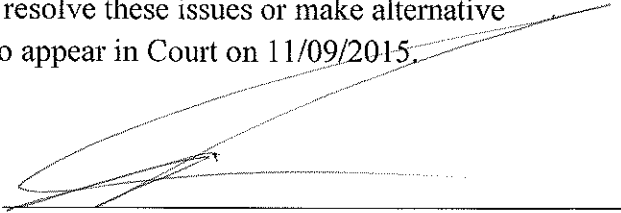
Grace Baptist Church  
Defendant

SUMMONS NUMBER: 353606

This matter has been referred to the Corporation Counsel's Office for immediate legal action with respect to the code violations detailed in the attached letter. It has been assigned the above summons number and will be filed with the Portland District Court and will be assigned for an initial appearance at the Portland District Court 205 Newbury Street Portland, Maine 04101 at 8:30 A.M. on 11/09/2015. Please contact Victoria Meserve at Fire Prevention at (207)-874-8400 or via e-mail at [meservev@portlandmaine.gov](mailto:meservev@portlandmaine.gov) to set up an in-person meeting to meet with somebody in the Fire Prevention Bureau to resolve these issues or make alternative arrangements to relieve you of the requirement to appear in Court on 11/09/2015.

Dated:

10/16/15



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Portland, ME 04101  
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