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Portland Fire Dept.
380 Congress St.
Portland, Maine

To Whom It May Concern,

Regarding the inspection at 1041 Ocean Ave. and request to have sprinkler heads installed in paint booth, we have contacted multiple fire protection contractors in and around the Portland area over the past six weeks and they have either not returned phone calls or have stated that they do not do small jobs of this type. In frustration, we contacted the State Fire Marshall, who explained that a job of this size would be one that a plumber would be allowed to install without a special permit. He gave us a list of names and we called a number of them. The only one to call back went to our business to look at the job and concluded that they would not be licensed to do it. So, we are back to square one and I feel we are in a catch-22 situation where we are being required to do something that no one is quite sure of who can or is willing to do it. We have put considerable time, effort and money into complying with all other requirements, but ask that if this is an absolute necessity, could you please give us extended time and a viable list of people who could give us estimates for the job (or perhaps a list of other garages where this work was required so we might contact them)? Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Irving James
Oceanside Auto Clinic
1041 Ocean Ave.
Portland, Me.