

Oceanside Auto Clinic  
1041 Ocean Ave.  
Portland, Me. 04103

7/10/08

Dear Inspector Champagne, Officer Wallace and Capt. Cass,

Regarding the inspection at 1041 Ocean Ave. we would like to update you as to our efforts to comply with corrections to the violations cited in your letter of 6/11. We have, we believe corrected all issues as regards to fire extinguishers, debris inside and outside the building, clearing exits, electrical issues, boiler protection, structural repair and approved flammable liquid disposal. We have made extensive efforts to pursue information and estimates for the paint booth sprinkler (the need for which we were previously unaware) and thus far have been unable to get an estimate or even what the basic requirements are. Even the State Fire Marshall has been on vacation and unavailable to provide the information needed. We are hoping that one of our contacts will be able to do such an estimate soon. Most local companies do not appear to get involved in small systems and are unable to recommend suitable plumbers. We are continuing to pursue the information needed to comply.

We have made every good faith effort in trying to fulfill these requirements, and have already faced sudden unexpected expenses in a very difficult economic time of slow business where we are struggling also to pay taxes to keep our business going. Given the difficulty we have had establishing what is required and getting an estimate for a paint booth sprinkler, we request that you extend the time allowed to be able to complete these requirements so that we can maintain a viable business and not be forced to close or pay fines which we cannot afford over issues that have never been a problem since we have owned this property. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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