



State of Oregon  
Office of State Fire Marshal  
3565 Trelstad Avenue SE  
Salem, OR 97317-9614

**Fire and Life Safety  
Inspection  
Inspection Notice**

**DSF201705091410**

**Inspection Date:**

**Inspection Reason:** Follow-Up

**Business Name and Address:**

Vacant Second Floor Apartments  
130 W Main ST  
John Day OR 97845

**Inspection Type:**

Consultation Site

**Responsible Party:**

**County:** Grant

The State Fire Marshal is authorized to enforce laws and rules pertaining to fire and life safety in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapters 476, 479, and 480. Entry and inspection of the building(s) or premises was made in accordance with ORS 476.070/150. Failure to correct the following fire safety violations may result in legal action as defined under ORS 479.170.

**Inspection and Compliance Orders**

Violation Code	Deficiency(s) Requiring Correction and/or Action	Compliance Date	Abatement Date
104.7.2	<p>At the request of the John Day City Manager, Nick Green, I inspected the Building known as the "Weaver Building" at the above location in the City of John Day. Mr. Green had control of the key to property and secured permission from the First Floor Tenants to inspect their businesses in conjunction with a inspection of the unoccupied Second Floor.</p> <p>After inspecting the first two businesses, H &amp; R Block. and Karen's Office, I proceeded through the secured door with a key to the stairs located street side. The stairs entered the through unprotected staircase that opened into and unprotected corridor. The room to the immediate right at the top was not safely accessible from the stairs.</p> <p>Throughout the second floor there were numerous penetrations in the ceiling and walls that were made up of "Lath and Plaster" construction. This severely reduces the fire resistive construction, should a fire occur at that floor level or travel from up from the first floor, it was truly be a catastrophic event. It would be highly probable a loss of the entire building and threatening nearby businesses.</p> <p>Most probably the power has been disconnected to this portion of building and current wiring does not appear to have ever been upgraded or modernized. The first floor tenants complain of numerous issues related to power and leaks from above which bring suspension to violations of fire separation. In the portions that were visible there was no fire stopping from the second floor, similar to "Balloon Type" construction.</p> <p>There is evidence that at one time there was a smoke detection system installed in the building that may have been connected to the tenants below. The system does not appear to operational at this time. Should I fire break-out on the second floor the tenant on the first floor would not be notified until possibly too late.</p> <p>There is a full time resident that lives in second floor apartment on the west end of the building. She does have a operational single smoke alarm that appears to be only a single station alarm and not connected to the building notification.</p> <p>I HIGHLY recommend/ require, as called out in the Oregon Fire Code; Section 104.7.2; to have an Architect and or an Engineer and the Building Official to evaluate the building. And for it to be considered a "Dangerous Building" and whether the current tenants should discontinue occupancy. In inspecting the first floor occupants none are a "High Hazard" business and only have minor housekeeping issues.</p> <p>Pictures were furnished to Mr. Green</p>	5/25/2017	

The full text of codes cited above is available through the Oregon State Fire Marshal's website:  
[http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/pages/codes\\_2\\_new.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/osp/SFM/pages/codes_2_new.aspx)

**Inspection Notes**

At the request of John Day City Manager, Nick Green I inspected and evaluated the site.

**Deputy State Fire Marshal:** Dave Fields

**You have the right to appeal this order (ORS 479.180). To initiate an appeal contact the individual who issued this order.**