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Inspection question follow up

1 message

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To: MRI Building Inspector <mribuildinginspector@barnstead.org>

Cc: Karen Montgomery <kmontgomery@barnstead.org>, Erin Stone <thefoxandcrowfarm@gmail.com>

Hi Peter,

We are following up on Jared's September 10 email requesting clarification of the September 3 inspection report. As of this morning, we have not received a response.

During the May 6 inspection, we specifically asked what remained to obtain final approval for the barn. At that time, the building was discussed as an agricultural barn used for workshop and craft space, and the outstanding items discussed included exposed paper-faced insulation, electrical safety, and making the discussed smoke/heat detection devices operational. We were not advised that a complete smoke-and-heat detection system throughout all floors of the barn would be required.

During the September 3 walkthrough, the fire-detection discussion again focused on the detector near the "quilting room" space, and we agreed to install it and you said to provide a photo of it's installation. (Also confirming that the "quilting room" is part of the barn, not ADU, and already had smoke/heat detector looped to the ADU, as inspected on May 6)

On September 10 at approximately 12:57 PM, our electrician spoke with you and advised us afterward that MRI was requiring the entire barn detection loop to be operational, including heat detection in unfinished areas. He also advised us that the existing ADU Certificate of Occupancy was discussed as potentially being pulled if the property was not brought into compliance. To confirm, this detection loop for the "complete barn" was not required for the CO for the ADU at the time of its issuance.

Because the September 3 report provided a 10-day timeframe, we proceeded with the work rather than delay while awaiting clarification. Smoke and heat detectors have now been installed throughout the barn in accordance with the direction communicated to our electrician.

We would still like written clarification of the following for our records:

1. Exactly what smoke and/or heat detection MRI requires throughout the barn, including the required locations.
2. ◦ The specific code provision or standard supporting that requirement.
3. The building and/or occupancy classification MRI is applying to the barn.
4. Whether the existing ADU Certificate of Occupancy was or remains at risk of being revoked, and if so, the legal or code authority for doing so.
5. Whether the September 3 inspection report contains the complete remaining requirements for final approval of the barn.
6. Whether the smoke and heat detection system now installed throughout the barn satisfies MRI's fire-detection requirement.

We want to be clear that we have not refused compliance and have continued completing the work requested. Our concern is simply that the scope of the fire-detection requirement communicated on September 10 was materially broader than what had previously been discussed during the previous inspections, and we would like the applicable requirements and basis for them documented in writing.

Please confirm receipt and advise whether anything further remains outstanding for final approval of the barn.

Thank you,

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