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To Whom It May Concern,

This letter is in reference to CASE: 15-2219. My name is Barbara Johnston, and I am the owner of the property in question. I received a letter on Friday, September 22, 2017, stating that I was in violation for failing to obtain a permit. This is the first correspondence I have received since before I appeared before the code enforcement board in June 2016. I was a bit perplexed since I did indeed have permits. I hired a contractor last year right after appearing before the board, and he obtained all of the necessary permits required for the work to be done at the Roselyn Ave house. I contacted him, and he was out of town because he and his family had evacuated and had not returned yet. He made a few phone calls, and after looking into the matter, he informed me that the permits had expired on/around September 17th. He stated a reminder correspondence is usually sent out about permits expiring but that he never got anything (neither had I).

My contractor renewed all of the permits on September 28th. The violation letter I received says that a fine has been imposed. The permits would have been renewed if we would have known they were about to expire. I had no idea. I hired a contractor to keep up with all of this. He says he was expecting to get a reminder about it expiring (as apparently this is the norm), but since he had not, and also with all of the chaos of evacuating his family, things were overlooked apparently. We are completely renovating this home, new plumbing, electric, central A/C, hurricane-proof windows, it was completely and totally gutted. When this house is done, it will basically be brand new. We have been complying since the hearing last year. Things were apparently overlooked, but understandably so with the hurricane situation. I believe it was only around 10 days that the permits were expired before my contractor renewed them. I very respectfully request that the board reconsiders the fine imposed. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Regards,

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