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March 10, 2020

Irish Cultural Center Hudson Valley, Inc  
84 Clifton Avenue  
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Building Permit #19564  
32 Abeel Street

Dear Mr. Kearney,

The City of Kingston Building Safety & Zoning Enforcement Department issued a building permit on June 18, 2019 for construction of a foundation at 32 Abeel Street. Following conversations between Building Safety and the City Engineering Department, work at the site, subsequent issuance of the building permit, cannot be confirmed.

Pursuant to City Code, Chapter 172, Article 172-5: I, building permits shall become invalid unless the authorized work is commenced within six months following the date of issuance. While the aforementioned Article exists, a review of building department files has not revealed an instance of its usage. It is the Building Departments position that it would be unfair to arbitrarily enforce said Article by invalidating building permit #19564 at this time.

Please be reminded that your building permit will expire at 12:00 mid-night on June 17, 2020. An extension of the building permit would be required to continue construction after June 17, 2020. Considering the miniscule headway made to date, an application for a permit extension would receive an unfavorable recommendation for approval absent substantial progress with respect to construction of the concrete foundation structure. You should also be aware that the inability to secure a building permit or permit extension would necessitate resubmitting the project for Planning Department review.

Paramount to the success of this project is a respectful and fruitful relationship with City departments and neighboring property owners. Maintenance of the site and full compliance of the approved SWPPP is expected and will continue to be monitored. Regular inspection of the site, particularly following rain storms, is still required with any severe erosion issues corrected immediately. Site safety also remains a concern so security fencing must also be inspected frequently for stability.

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We request a meeting with ICC representatives, the project contractor, and any other pertinent entities to discuss progressing this project. You may contact the Building Department for any concerns and to schedule the requested meeting.

Respectfully,

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