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Regional Manger
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Attention:

Regarding Inspection of Parliament Precinct for SONA 2020, Cape Town.

Take notice that an inspection of the abovementioned premises was conducted in terms of the City of Cape Town: BY LAW RELATING TO COMMUNITY FIRE SAFETY 11257, PROVINCIAL GAZETTE 5832 DATED 28 FEBRUARY 2002 AND AS AMENDED PROVINCIAL GAZETTE 6447, JUNE 2015.

And take notice that you in contravention of sections 12(1),14(1),15(1),16,18(10) of the By-Law Relating to Community Fire safety and the National Building Regulations for the following reasons:

New Assembly

1. It is still to be ascertained if the emergency evacuation communication system is still in working order.
2. Signage wrong to be repositioned above eye level.

Old Assembly

1. Fire panel is to be brought to good working order.
2. Fire phones to be brought to good working order

NCOP

1. Fire detection detectors removed due to renovations taking place rendering fire panel less effective. Replace fire detectors and service fire panel.
2. Fire hose outside does not have a servicing sticker attached. Service fire hose.
3. Ensure all doors leading to the outside of the building are accessible.

Goodhope

1. Construction waste to be removed impeding exit route and close to gas installation
2. Construction snag list to be provided.
3. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be provided for alternative fire arrangements whilst detectors are disabled in certain areas.
4. Certificate required for Lift. Lift faulty

Tuynhuys

1. Fire phones not working. Service and maintain in a good working order.
2. Construction snag list to be provided.
3. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to be provided for alternative fire arrangements whilst Detectors are disabled in certain areas.

Belvedere

1. Manual break glass override system to escape door not working. Service and maintain in a good working order
2. All fire extinguishers to more visible and accessible and signage required where necessary.
3. Secondary emergency escape requires additional signposting.
4. Fire panel is required to brought to good working order.

Marks Building

1. Remove furniture causing an obstruction in the escape staircase ground floor.
2. Combustibles next to gas installation creating a fire hazard. Remove combustibles and maintain gas installation in a neat and tidy condition,
3. An automatic voice over is recommended for the emergency evacuation communication system.
4. Self-closers on emergency escape doors to be repaired.

Africa House

1. Insure all lights in emergency route is lit and working
2. Not complying with S regulations (handicapped persons)
3. Escape doors opens the wrong way
4. No panic bolt mechanism
5. Lock changed and key missing door locked.

90 Plein street

1. Repair lights not working in the emergency staircase and wherever applicable.
2. Fire doors along emergency staircases open. Close fire doors with immediate effect.
3. Remove and ensure all escape routes throughout the building are accessible and clear of all obstructions.
4. Standard operating procedures to be drawn up for fire alarms.
5. No parking in front of Fire Plant Room.
6. Area around generator to be kept clear of all combustibles.
7. Fire equipment cabinets to be kept clean.
8. Floor numbers required to indicate position.

100 Plein street

1. Furniture obstructing escape route in basement staircase. Remove with immediate effect
2. Repair light in emergency route ground floor and wherever applicable.
3. Fire panel to brought up to date

120 Plein parking

1. Emergency running man signage lacking. Provide running man signage of adequate size that complies with SANS 1186 Part 5, indicating direction of emergency travel throughout parking garage where applicable.
2. Illuminated exit signage not working. Repair and maintain where applicable.
3. Alarm system no power.
4. Breathing Apparatus required x 3
5. Foam suppression system for diesel tanks does not have a servicing sticker attached. Service and maintain in a good working order.

All doors fitted with magnetic locking devices do not appear to be linked to a fire detection system as called for in the National Building Regulations SANS 10400-T:2011 4.16.9

Certificates of conformity to be provided for the following liquid petroleum gas installations:

- Marks building
- 90 Plein Street
- National Assembly
- Parliament precinct
- Tuynhuys

The following fire protection systems require servicing certification:

- Fire alarm panels
- Fire detection systems
- Sprinkler systems
- Lifts
- Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus
- Electrical work
- Emergency evacuation communications systems
- All electrical work

Approved plans and certificates were not provided for the following installations:

- Generators
- Diesel tanks

General

Compressed Air Breathing Apparatus to be maintained in good working order and training of all staff utilising same to be carried out.

Hydrostatic test to be carried on all fire extinguishers if necessary.

Fireman's Lifts in all buildings to be identified.

A report is required for the testing of the generators that will take place on 1st February 2019.

It is recommended that parliamentary protection services and SAPS members to be trained on emergency systems and drills.

Refuge areas for handicapped staff to be identified and personal emergency evacuation plans to be developed for same.

All temporary structures erected for SONA are to comply with requirements as set out in the By Law relating to Community Fire Safety of 2002.

Emergency vehicular access must be guaranteed at all times.

NB: Please note that no approved plans were provided for any buildings mentioned, limiting the inspections to checking existing fire equipment, fire protection systems, accessibility of demarcated escape routes and signage indicating direction of emergency travel.

This letter serves as a Notice issued in terms of section 6 (Failure to comply with provisions) and should be read in conjunction with section 55 (Offences and penalties) of the abovementioned By-Law.

Yours faithfully

