

FAILURE TO CORRECT VIOLATIONS

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) will conduct a re-inspection of the property on or around the time and/or date you are required to complete the corrections. If DCRA determines that you have failed to correct or abate the violation, this matter will be referred for correction under the authority of **D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.01(a)(2003)**. Please be advised that this statute provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Whenever the owner of any real property in the District of Columbia shall fail or refuse, after the service of reasonable notice in the manner provided in § 42-3131.03 to correct any condition which exists on or has arisen from such property in violation of law or of any regulations made by authority of law, with the correction of which condition said owner is by law or by said regulation chargeable or to show cause, sufficient in the judgment of the Mayor of said District why he should not be required to correct such condition, then and in that instance, the Mayor of the District of Columbia is authorized to: Cause such condition to be corrected; assess the fair market value of the correction of the condition or the actual cost of the correction, whichever is higher, and all expenses incident thereto (including the cost of publication, if any, herein provided for) as a tax against the property on which such condition existed or from which such conditions arose as the case maybe; and carried such tax on the regular tax rolls of the District, and collect such tax in the same manner as general taxes in said District are collected; provided that the correction of any condition aforesaid by the Mayor of said District under authority of this section shall not relieve the owner of the property on which such condition existed, or from which such conditions arose, from criminal prosecution and punishment for having caused or allowed such unlawful condition to arise or for having failed or refused to correct the same."

You may request a hearing to show cause why you should not be required to correct these conditions (see D.C. Official Code § 42-3131.01(a)(2003). In order to exercise your right to a hearing, you must request it in writing within ten (10) business days of your receipt of this Order. Your request may be e-mailed to <u>oah.filing@dc.gov</u> or mailed by first class U.S. Mail postage pre-paid, or hand-deliver your written request for a hearing to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 441 4th Street, NW – Suite 450N, Washington, D.C. 20001, 202-442-9094, 202-442-4789, within ten (10) business days of your receipt of this notice.