



January 20, 2011

Carl Benz
Skykomish Hotel, LLC
PO Box 7767
Tacoma, WA 98417-0767

Via Regular & Certified Mail

Carl D. Benz
102 Railroad Avenue E.
Skykomish, WA 98288

Re: Skykomish Hotel

Dear Mr. Benz:

This office represents the Town of Skykomish. We have been asked to write to you regarding the current condition of the Skykomish Hotel. Recent observations of the Skykomish Hotel indicate that the building has deteriorated substantially over the last several years, and continues to deteriorate because of the lack of maintenance. Both the Town Counsel and members of the public have voiced concerns about the possibility that all or a portion of the building could collapse thereby endangering persons and property. During a recent windstorm portions of the roofing material blew off thereby causing potential harm to the Town citizens and to property located within the Town. As a property owner you have the responsibility to maintain the building in a safe and secure manner. If you do not undertake your responsibility to maintain your property then there are alternatives available.

Washington state law and the Skykomish Municipal Code both provide options to the Town of Skykomish to deal with your building. However, prior to implementing the remedies afforded to the Town under Washington state law and the Skykomish Municipal Code the Town would like to give you the opportunity to secure your building in a safe manner.

Not later than January 31, 2011 I would like to receive from you a plan for securing this building and preventing further deterioration of your building. If we do not receive a response from you indicating how you intend to prevent further deterioration of your building, then the Town will consider its legal options to protect the citizens of Skykomish and the property of Skykomish from further harm resulting from your deteriorated building. If I do not hear from you by January 31, 2011 then on February 1, 2011 the Town will begin the process of resolving this problem.

Sincerely,

CARSON LAW GROUP, P.S.



DAVID S. CARSON

DSC: rr

Cc: Mayor Black