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To: City of Kimberly

RE: The condition of the City Hall building

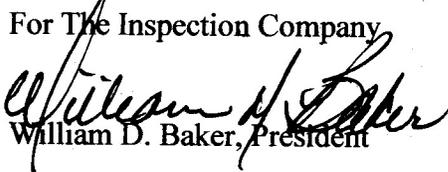
I was asked to look at the City Hall building and give my opinions as your building inspector. You will find attached to this letter photos with comments.

There is an adage that says: Most people take better care of their automobile than they do their homes. It is drummed into us from youth that you change your oil every 3000 miles and get new tires when the tread reaches the wear bars. On the other hand, I often get ask the question: How frequently should I change my furnace filter? We, as a whole, expect structures to perform with little attention to detail. This structure has seen some heroic efforts to stabilize its structural integrity. The added support system under the roof should carry the roof if the wall/s were to fail but what would be left to rebuild? All things wear out and it is my opinion that this structure is at the end of its economic life. I believe that continuing to occupy this building is a liability on the city. The item of most concern to me is the masonry walls that are not reinforced and the heavy weight/fire fuel load on the roof. The walls could fail with seismic activity or other stress loads due to the lack of reinforcement and the aged mortar that holds the stones in place.

Please review the photos and comments that are the major portion of this report. You need to consider the persons that use the structure both as patrons and employees and the chattel property and records that it contains.

Best Regards,

For The Inspection Company


William D. Baker, President

"Peace of Mind"