

**Building Permits and Stop Work Orders, St. Anne Lofts
Prepared for City Council by Alice Dreger, 09/22/12**

| Date: | Item: | Explanation: | Notes: |
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| 12/14/11 | Building permit (for foundation only) PB110430 | "New (4) four story building on the former site of the "The Post"; "NOTE: Approval is for foundation only." | Note that there is no foundation permit for a 5-story building; this foundation permit was for a 4-story building. However, per Dempsey, Hoffman reviewed plans for 5-story building, so probably Hoffman reviewed a foundation that could support 5 stories? |
| 04/09/12 | Notice of Stop Work Order (on the whole building) | Asch prepares—but per Tim Dempsey ultimately does not issue—a "Notice of Stop Work Order." Reason: "Construction without first obtaining the required building permit. Corrected plans must be submitted and approved before a permit can be issued." | It's not clear why Asch prepared but did not formally issue this. On the day the collapse happened (June 18), Asch told Lahanas, "structural detail by the engineer was submitted and was sufficient to allow steel construction to continue." But there was still no building permit by this point, so the reason for the stop work order had not been resolved before Asch essentially rescinded it. |
| 04/24/12 | Electrical permit PE120035 | Electrical permit for "Mixed use development – dwelling units/comm suites – 'St Anne's'" | An electrical permit was issued for the above-ground structure, although still no building permit yet existed for the 4-story structure, and by this point, there was already steel for 5-stories. |

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| 05/08/12 | Mechanical permit PM120200 | "New HVAC – 'St Anne'" | An HVAC permit was issued for the above-ground structure, although still no building permit yet existed for the 4-story structure, and by this point, there was already steel for 5-stories. |
| 05/11/12 | Building permit PB120115 | "New four story mixed used [sic] building on the former site of The Post. Note: Per Howard Asch (CENC Dept) (1) Does not include penthouse construction..." | CoEL finally issues a building permit to build a 4-story above-ground structure. At this point, there is heavy controversy over there being 5 stories, but the public (and Council?) doesn't realize there wasn't even a permit issued for any above-ground structure until today. |
| 06/26/12 | Notice of Stop Work Order (on the 5 th floor) | This one is not only prepared, but issued. Says: "Construction on 5 th floor area in violation of letter of stipulation dated June 6, 2012, specifically the provision that states 'That work will be allowed under our agreement but only to the extent it is done to the minimum necessary to prevent weather damage to the structure below.' Steel not necessary for prevention of weather damage for the support of brickwork was being installed today in violation of this agreement." | This is the "stop work order" on the 5 th floor, a floor which at this point not only lacks a building permit, but also lacks approval required by the planning process (modified site plan and special use permit). That approval will not come for another month. |

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| 07/5/12 | Building permit PB120202 | “Repair of area damaged by floor overload.” | This is the reconstruction permit, following the collapse on 06/18/12. This was issued the same day application was made for it. |
| 07/25/12 | Letter rescinding 5 th floor stop work order | Per Scott Weaver’s letter to City Construction, July 26: “on Tuesday the 24 th of July, City Council has approved the construction of the 5 th floor at 213 Ann st. [sic] The stop work order has been rescinded as of the 25 th of July. Any interior build outs or modifications will need to have plans submitted for review...” | But Weaver does not appear to tell them they need a building permit for the 5 th floor structure, even though one does not exist. (Recall that the permit for the 4 stories, issued on 5/11/12, specifically excluded a fifth floor. I asked Tim Dempsey for any documentation that the 5/11/12 permit’s restriction against a 5 th floor had been rescinded. He has been unable to produce any. I don’t think this would be sufficient in any case, because the building permit of 5/11/12 was for a 4-story building.) |
| 8/22/12 | Building permit PB120280 | For “Corridor at 5 th floor from the elevator to the stairs.” Dempsey says this is for the fire safety corridor. | Note that (as happened with the first 4 stories) a subsidiary permit is issued concerning the 5 th floor without there first being a permit for the basic structure that is the 5 th floor. (Still today, no building permit other than this subsidiary permit exists for the 5 th floor.) |
| 08/22/12 | Electrical permit PE120267 | For “mixed use development elevator corridor – the floor.” Dempsey says this is for the fire safety corridor. | Same as above – a subsidiary permit for the 5 th floor is issued although no general permit for the 5 th floor yet exists as of today. |