

MedMen
232 Boylston Street
Newton, MA 02459

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Meeting with Newton Fire Department

I spoke to Deputy Chief Jimenez this morning. He has accepted our package and will not require a sprinkler system for MedMen but I agreed we would attend to certain details and comply with the proposals in the materials that you sent him.

1. Remove the gate at the lower driveway, use sawhorse(s) instead that can be knocked over in case of emergency and the parking managers are slow to remove them. He needs to be able to drive his trucks right up to the building to extend ladders at both entrances. He was less concerned about the cars parked on the hill because he cannot easily put up ladders on the slope. The site plan showing the gate should be revised to indicate a saw horse.
2. Memorialize the evacuation plan leveraging the well trained MedMen employees as a resource.
3. Install a new fully addressable fire alarm system with a digitizer connected to the existing master box, or install a new master box. The master box is directly connected to the NFDHQ. Provide Knox Box, FACP annunciator and exterior beacon all at the same entrance (either one but not both). I will get Sean Galvin involved in the project who is an experienced and cost effective FA contractor, and well respected by NFD. This is the same system that he installed for us at Nathaniel Allen House.
4. Part of the FA installation work will include the unoccupied second floor space which will require minimal heating so that the smoke detectors do not provide false alarms. Emergency lights will also be required to light the path from the conference fire exit door to the exterior fire escape access door.
5. The fire escape must be inspected and certified by a structural engineer. This is a MA statute and required every five years.
6. He had some concerns about 60 person capacity in a 4,000 SF building but deferred to our code analysis, knowing that is would be vetted by ISD at the time that we apply for the building permit. I also told him that there would only be one or two people working on the second floor and that empty space would not be subsequently occupied by another tenant while MedMen is on the site.
7. We also discussed his final review of all aspects of the site plan, fire alarm, capacity, fire escape certification and general scope of construction when we meet with him at the time of applying for the building permit when NFD has to review and sign off again.

The process worked pretty well. All he is asking for are very reasonable, mostly code mandated requirements. Any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Best,



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