GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUILDING AND LAND REGULATION ADMINISTRATION

May 26, 2000

Sikh Cultural Society, Inc.
c/o Mr. Gajinder Singh, Director
8716 Seven Locks Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

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## NOTICE OF STOP WORK ORDER

Dear Mr. Singh:

You are hereby ordered to stop all work, undergoing or to be performed at 3801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW under the building permit number B425220, issued July 16, 1999. This action is being taken pursuant to authority granted to the code official by 12DCMR Section 117.1, and is a preventive measure only, until compliance with all applicable regulations, as mandated by 12DCMR Section 102.5, can be confirmed.

Title 12, District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, § 117.1 reads in pertinent part as follows:

> **"117.1 Notice to Owner:** Upon notice from the code official that work on any building or structure is being performed contrary to the provisions of the Construction Codes (...) such work shall be immediately stopped until the situation is corrected. The stop work order shall be in writing, in a form prescribed by the code official, containing description of the right to appeal the order, and shall be given to the owner of the property involved, or to the owner's agent or to the person doing the work. The stop work order shall state the address of the property and the specific section or sections of the Codes violated. If no responsible person is present to receive the order, the property may be posted, and the stop work order along with an appeals form shall be sent to the owner by first class mail within three (3) working days. No stop work order may be issued nor considered valid unless it contains all the above information, the name and the telephone number of the official empowered to review the order, and is signed by the issuing official (...)."



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Title 12, District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, § 102.5 reads in pertinent part as follows:

> **"102.5 Other Codes and Regulations:** This code shall not be construed to prevent the enforcement of other applicable regulations. (...) in any case, the most restrictive requirements of either the Construction Codes or other regulations shall apply whenever they conflict."

Please be advised that pursuant to Title 12, District of Columbia Municipal Regulations, §122.1, you have a right to appeal this stop work order. 12DCMR §122.1 states in pertinent part:

> **"122.1 Appeals Within the Department:** The owner of a building or structure or any other person may initiate an appeal, within the Department from official order, interpretations, refusals to grant approval or modifications, and other official actions or decisions (...). Claimants (...) shall state the grounds for the appeal, which shall be based on a claim that the true intent of the Construction Codes or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been incorrectly interpreted, the provisions of the Construction Codes do not fully apply (...)."

In order to exercise this right you must request an appeal, in writing, mailed within ten (10) calendar days of service of this notice on you. The appeal should be mailed first class postage pre-paid to Mr. Armando Lourenco, Reviewing Official, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Building and Land Regulation Administration, Suite 2000, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002. Alternatively, you may hand-deliver the appeal to Mr. Lourenco, at the same address, within ten (10) calendar days of service of this notice on you. A copy of your appeal, and of any other pleading or other relevant written communication in this case, should also be delivered to Ms. Karen M. Edwards, Esq., Office of Compliance, Enforcement Division, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Suite 9400, Washington, D.C. 20002.

Within three (3) working days of the Department's receipt of your appeal, the reviewing official shall affirm, modify, or reverse the Department's previous action or decision. The reviewing official's decision may be further appealed, by mail or in person, in the manner described above for the initial appeal, to the Director, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Suite 9100, 941 North Capitol Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20002, who shall render a decision on the appeal within three (3) working days. Finally, you may appeal the Director's decision to the Board of Appeals and Review by filing an appeal by mail or in person, in the manner described above for the initial appeal, addressed to Board of Appeals and Review, Suite 540 South, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20001, within ten (10) working days of the Director's decision.

If you fail to request any of the aforementioned appeals within the times and in the manner specified in this notice, you shall be deemed to have conceded the validity of the Stop Work Order.

If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Karen M. Edwards, Esq., Office of Compliance, Enforcement Division on (202) 442-8475.

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