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Here is an update.

I just received a call from Bill Lindau, a structural engineer, Lindau Companies, Inc. The owner has him on board.

Mr. Lindau has spent a fair amount of time at the site. He will have a report to us by Monday. But, in the meantime, meaning over the weekend, they will be shoring up the first floor structure ( a temporary measure) to include the heavily deteriorated area at the post, haunch and beam under the meat storage area. The shoring will be per his design, and he will see it for himself after it is in place. His report that we'll get late in the day on Monday will address the results of his site visit that will follow the shoring having been erected.

Mr. Lindau explained that the floor itself is multiple layers of wood, finished flooring, and even some old concrete topping. He stated that at the soft floor areas he wants the shoring right on up to the underside of the floor boards, not just up to the joists.

I gather that Mr. Lindau is not yet on board for design of the permanent repairs. The intent at this time is to keep the occupants in their units. He stated that permanent repairs will take longer than the time period he currently has to work with.

I told Mr. Lindau that we'll need to get even this shoring under permit. But, with what is already good communication on the part of Mr. Lindau, and knowing that this shoring is being done under his watchful eye, and knowing that the shoring will remain out in the open where it can be seen, I have no problem with the work getting started ahead of the permit.

Bottom line, Marcia, this isn't exactly the process you outlined at the appeal. But, I'd say for the short term it is meeting the intent, and given the emergency nature of this situation I didn't think it would be in anyone's best interest to stop them, or to slow down the process.

I am envisioning that this will suffice for now, but that orders for design and construction of permanent repairs with a longer, but clearly defined, time frame will need to follow.