

From: [Lucy Vedrich](#)
To: [Don Cole](#)
Subject: Re: Certification letter - Lack of permanent heat in dwelling unit - A420 -- UPDATE 2/15/2023
Date: Saturday, February 18, 2023 2:30:16 PM

No I do not have heat as of today, February 18,2023.

Lucy Vedrich

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 18, 2023, at 12:10 PM, Don Cole <Don.Cole@mercergov.org> wrote:

Hello and Thank you for your information.

The City compliance date was set for Friday, February 17, 2023. Do you have heat today?

Thanks in advance for your reply.

Don Cole

Building Official

City of Mercer Island - Community Planning & Development

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From: levedrich@comcast.net <levedrich@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 5:13 PM

To: Don Cole <Don.Cole@mercergov.org>

Subject: RE: Certification letter - Lack of permanent heat in dwelling unit - A420 -- UPDATE 2/15/2023

Dear Don,

I have returned home today after my surgery and rehab and still there is no heat in my Apartment – A420 –I understand you were be notified if there was still no heat on February 15. I am reporting there is still no heat. They have given us

heaters but they are not heat!!!

Thank you

Lucy Vedrich
2630 77th Avenue SE A420
Mercer Island, WA. 98040

From: Don Cole <Don.Cole@mercergov.org>
Sent: Friday, January 20, 2023 11:53 AM
To: levedrich@comcast.net
Subject: Certification letter - Lack of permanent heat in dwelling unit - A420

Subject Property: Unit A420, 77 Central Apartments, 2630 77th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040

Dear Lucy,

Per your request for an RCW 59.18.115 certification letter inspection, on January 19, 2023, I contacted Nora Grant, the property manager at 77 Central Apartments, to arrange a site inspection to review your specific listed concern about the lack of adequate permanent heat within your unit. Instead of arranging for an inspection, she confirmed that your unit does not have permanent heat at this time. So, an inspection was not necessary to verify the condition.

Therefore, I am able to certify on January 19, 2023, the permanent heating system at the subject unit was not able to maintain the required 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Furthermore, it is certified that the permanent heating system had not been able to provide adequate heat for more than a 72-hour period as specified within the RCW.

I discussed the temporary heating situation with the property manager, she stated they have supplied and will continue to make their inventory of temporary heaters available to tenants as necessary to maintain the required 70 F within the units.

Also, she provided an update on the repair status of the permanent heating system affecting the subject unit. Apparently, their recent testing found more coils within two systems that require replacement parts. The parts are on order and their worst-case estimate for the receipt of parts, installation, and all units back in service is before mid-February. Reportedly, the contractor is ready to make the repair, but the coils are only manufactured overseas, and they are using the fastest shipping option made available by the manufacturer. To remove this shipping delay from the time equation in the future, she is ordering a stockpile of extra coils.

The sole purpose of this certification letter is to verify, to the best of my ability,

whether specifically listed condition existed. This letter is for the purposes of your private civil remedy, and therefore shall not be related to any other governmental function of the City of Mercer Island.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. I can be reached at (206) 275-7701 or don.cole@mercergov.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Don Cole, Building Official
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206.275.7701 voicemail don.cole@mercergov.org

From: levedrich@comcast.net <levedrich@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:13 PM
To: Don Cole <Don.Cole@mercergov.org>
Cc: matthew.stibbs@cushwake.com
Subject: FW: NO HEAT in Apartment A420 at 77Central, 2630 77th Avenue, Mercer Island, WA

I am sorry – misspelled both of these email addresses.

Lucy Vedrich

From: levedrich@comcast.net <levedrich@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2023 12:09 PM
To: 'doncole@mercergov.org' <doncole@mercergov.org>
Cc: 'jennifer.richards@cushwake.com' <jennifer.richards@cushwake.com>;
'matthew.stiffs@cushwake.com' <matthew.stiffs@cushwake.com>;
'77centralmgr@cushwake.com' <77centralmgr@cushwake.com>;
'gilbysan@gmail.com' <gilbysan@gmail.com>
Subject: NO HEAT in Apartment A420 at 77Central, 2630 77th Avenue, Mercer Island, WA

Dear Don:

I have been without Heat since the morning of January 4, 2023. Before that I had partial heat but could never get the temperature above 69 or 70. I have a corner unit so a lot more windows than some other units which makes mine even colder. I am having surgery (knee replacement) tomorrow and will be gone for a week but I cannot return home if there is no heat in this unit. Two space heaters

do not cut it.

I have put in maintenance notices of no heat or very little heat this fall and winter on 11/6; 11/26; 12/22; and 1/5/2023. I have also stopped in the office to let them know I had little or no heat many other times.

I have lived at 77 Central since June 14, 2014. I do not want to move but I do need to have heat. I have held off writing to you because I knew others were writing but now I think my unit needs to be added to your list.

Sincerely,

Lucy Vedrich

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