

File No. 87013

March 21, 1951

Mr. P. W. Wilkinson, Executive Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Lexington and Gay Streets
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Dear Mr. Wilkinson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 2, 1951. In a conference with Deputy Chief Frank J. Trenner, of your Department, he explained the nature of the Danco Oil Salamanders and the use to which said Salamanders are intended to be put by John K. Ruff, Inc., #100 West 22nd Street, in their present construction of buildings.

It is understood that the Danco Oil Salamanders are to be used by John K. Ruff, Inc., in buildings now under construction for the purpose of drying the concrete flooring and other materials in the buildings prior to the final building stage. The fuel to be used in the Salamanders, as understood by Chief Trenner, is to be coal-oil or kerosene.

The Fire Code of Baltimore City, Ordinance No. 438, approved June 21, 1946, in Paragraph 307C, specifically prohibits the use of such equipment,

"The use of gasoline stoves or other similar fuel burning appliances using highly flammable liquids for cooking or heating is hereby prohibited in the City of Baltimore.

"The use of portable kerosene stoves or other similar fuel burning portable appliances for heating or cooking shall be prohibited two years after the date this Fire Prevention Code becomes effective."

It is claimed by the Corporation that the last section of Paragraph 307B of said Code, which states as follows:

"the provisions of this Paragraph 307 shall not apply to tools or equipment used for industrial purposes as permitted under the provisions of the Building Code when the use of such tools or equipment does not conflict with the provisions of this Fire Prevention Code,"

exempts the Salamanders from the restriction of Paragraph 307C, and permits such use as "equipment for industrial use".