

Department of Transportation

Response

Case # 26-0022-I

***The OIG did not include the fire watch logs and Fire Marshal emails that the Department of Transportation provided as those could be considered confidential. The OIG suggests that anyone interested in obtaining that documentation submit an information request to the Department of Transportation.**

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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March 30, 2026

Baltimore City Office of the Inspector General
100 N. Holliday Street, Suite 635
Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: OIG CASE # 26-0022-I – [REDACTED] – Fire Safety

Dear Inspector General Cumming:

This letter serves as the Department of Transportation's (DOT) official response to the above-mentioned case. The Department has investigated the allegations in your letter dated March 17, 2026, and has concluded that the above-mentioned facility's fire safety issues are valid. The Department has moved to address the issues by obtaining the services of [REDACTED] to make the necessary repairs. A Purchase Order ([REDACTED]) has been issued and repairs are expected to begin within a week and take approximately 120 days to complete.

Additionally, 53 new fire extinguishers were installed in 2025, with future inspections taking place on an annual basis, the next inspection date is September 2026. The Department will also seek training in the use of Fire Extinguishers for all staff located at this facility

We have also examined copies of the Daily Walkthrough logs and noted that while they have been conducted, they were not done hourly as prescribed but are currently being done on an hourly basis. In addition to the daily logs copies of various emails addressed to the Fire Marshall were also reviewed

The tripping hazard posed by the use of electrical extension cords has been addressed.

The loose storage of propane and other pressure tanks has been addressed, and they are now stored in the appropriate storage cabinets/areas.

The wood shop area has been cleaned and organized.

This response also includes samples of completed On Site Fire Watchlog Sheet, emails to the Fire Marshall and pictures of areas that have been addressed.

We genuinely appreciate your diligence in raising this matter with us. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me at 410-396-6802 or my Deputy Director of Administration, Laetitia Gardener, she can be reached at Laetitia.gardener@baltimorecity.gov. Your ongoing support is greatly valued, and we remain committed to upholding the highest standard of compliance with the City's policies and procedures.

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Respectfully,

Laetitia Gardener for Veronica P. McBeth, M.S.D. Director

Veronica P. McBeth, MSL Director
Department of Transportation

Cc: Laetitia Gardener, Deputy Director of Administration

Attachments

1. Sample On Site Fire Watchlog Sheet with accompanying email to Fire Marshall
2. [REDACTED] on site pictures
 - a. Sample New Fire extinguishers pictures
 - b. Wood Shop Picture
 - c. Storage of propane and pressure tanks
 - d. Extension cord covering

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REMOVING
P. Murphy

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CFP
COMPLETE A PROTECTION, LLC

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2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

INSTRUCTIONS

1. PULL THE PIN
2. AIM AT BASE OF FIRE
3. SQUEEZE LEVER
4. SWEEP SIDE TO SIDE

START BACK 10 FEET
PULL LEVER
AIM AT BASE OF FIRE

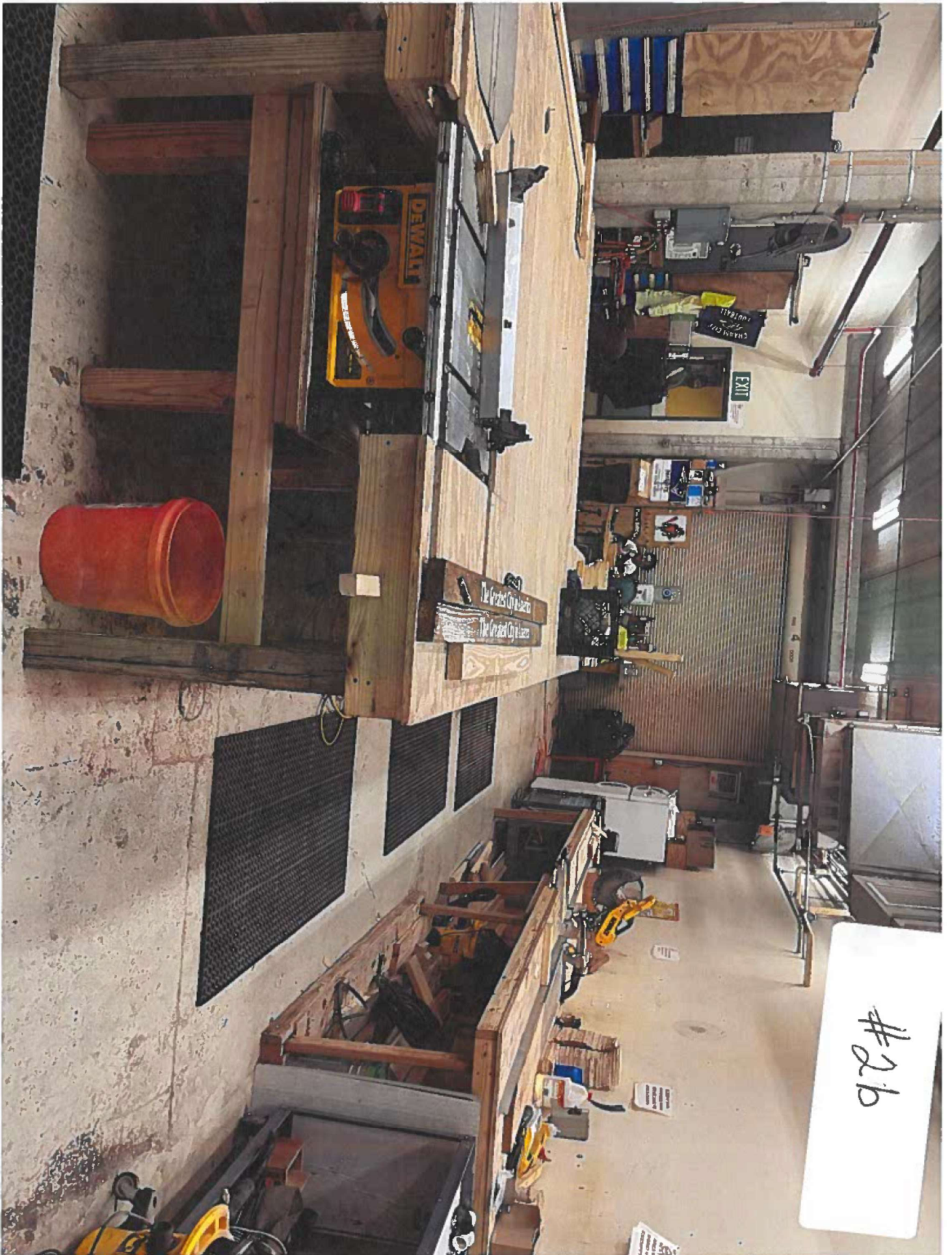
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The City of Baltimore

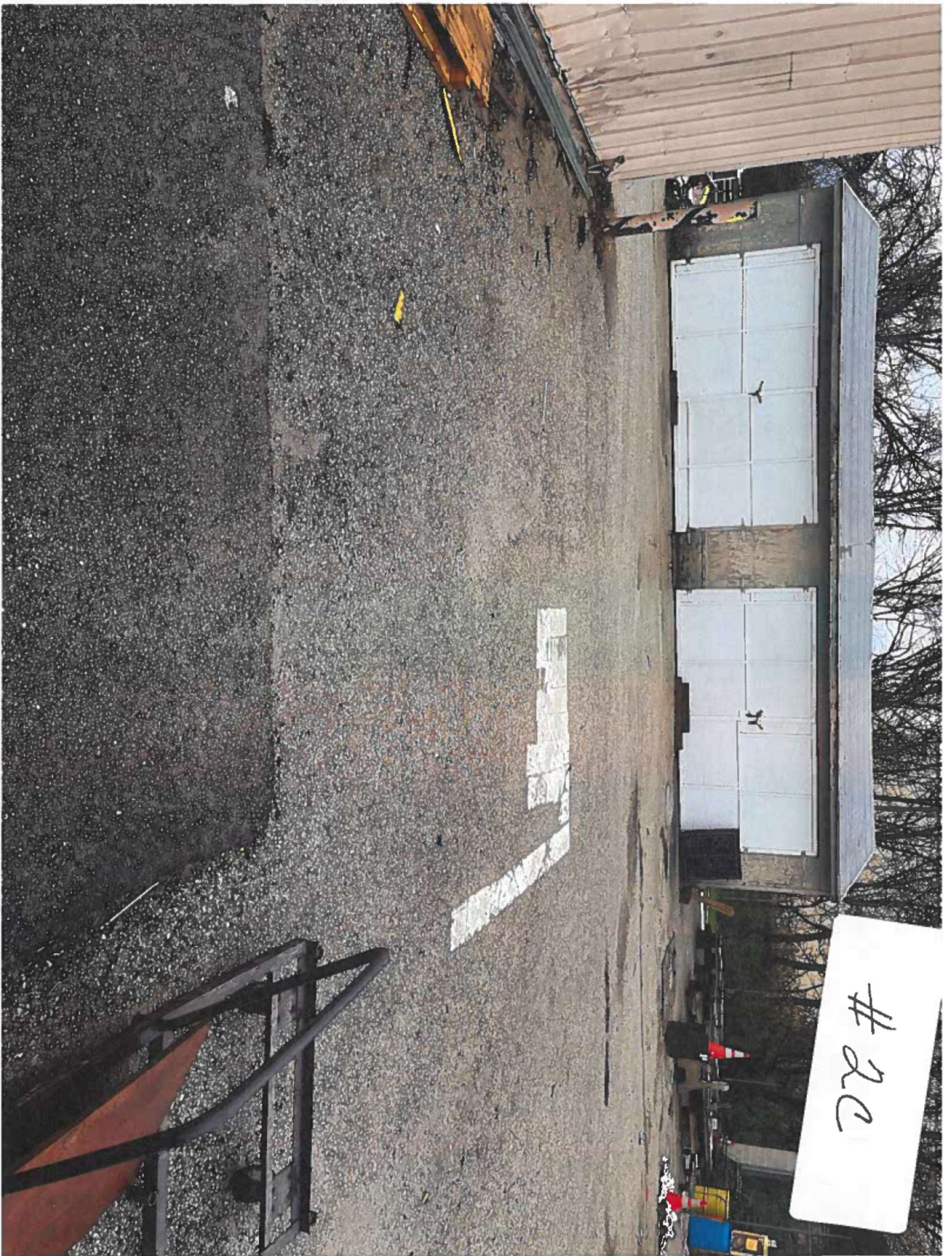
One floor front



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KING COUNTY METRO

CIRCULATOR