

Contractor at Mount Vernon site fined \$17K

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The La Porte building is a \$60 million workforce housing complex with 159 units ranging from studios to two-bedroom rental apartments.



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A contractor working on a Mount Vernon affordable housing site was fined \$17,100 for safety violations.

Inspectors from the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration visited the La Porte complex at 203 Gramatan Ave. and cited Kingspan Inc. of Maspeth, N.Y. with three violations related to scaffolding and training.

Kingspan has until Tuesday to correct the safety lapses.

The La Porte building is a \$60 million workforce housing complex with 159 units ranging from studios to two-bedroom rental apartments. The project took about seven years and it's the first phase of what city officials and the developer hope will be the revitalization of downtown Mount Vernon.

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Amenities at the 14-story building include a gym, community room, 36-seat media center and a 4,000-square-foot rooftop terrace offering sweeping views of southern Westchester County, the Long Island Sound and the Manhattan skyline.

The nearly completed La Porte is considered affordable housing because there are income limits for prospective tenants. There are 96 one-bedroom apartments renting for \$1,192 a month and the qualifying annual income ranges from \$41,589 to \$45,300 for a single person or \$41,589 to \$51,780 for a couple.

The Atlantic Development Group expects to begin allowing tenants to move in by the fall.

The Kingspan case is still open and the fines and citations are subject to change or deletion, according to OSHA's website.

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