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# Apartment repairs still not finished, tenant complains

A resident at 105 Cheyenne Ave. said no work had been done in her unit by Thursday's deadline.

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Repairs ordered at two Cheyenne Avenue apartment buildings had not been completed by Thursday's deadline, a resident of one of the apartments said.

"No work has been done in my apartment at all," said Chiphpheng Hom, who lives at 105 Cheyenne. Pointing to crumbled and discolored plaster around a bedroom window, she said, "Sometimes it's so cold I can't sleep in here."

Landlord Elijah Elieff refused to comment.

**LENGTHY ROW:** Elieff's battles with city hall over the two walk-up apartment blocks go back at least to 1984 when repairs were first ordered. He was ordered in November, 1989, to make interior repairs at 105 and 95 Cheyenne and given Thursday's deadline after city officials noted that 80 per cent of the repairs ordered at the buildings hadn't been done.

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As well, Elieff was fined \$6,000 on two counts of failing to carry out repairs at the properties ordered by the city in May, 1987. He vowed in November not to pay the fines but has done so, said Bruce Henry, manager of bylaw enforcement.

City inspectors visited the buildings "several weeks ago" and saw some repair work going on.

**CHECKS SCHEDULED:** "We have inspectors scheduled to go back out there next Monday or Tuesday," Henry said. "If the work is not done, we'll refer the matter back to our legal people to see what action can be taken under the bylaw."

City solicitor Bob Blackwell said the city's legal staff did not know if there was "any reason the repairs have not been carried out."

Asked what course of action might be taken in that event, Blackwell said: "I can't really say at this point."