

eighteen twenty wines  
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To Gregory Gilbert and the Permitting and Inspections Department at the City of Portland, Maine,

My business partner and I are so proud to be opening a business in the city and state we live in, work in, and are from. It is literally a dream come true.

We chose our building for our business because it is a building we have loved for a long time, in a neighborhood we wanted to collaborate with our neighbors, and help bring local and tourists to an under trafficked area of town. The space was mostly ready for production and needed little work to get outfitted for our needs.

Now that we are preparing to open our doors to the public to share with them a new business, a product they haven't tried before, teach them about Maine and Maine farms, boost our local economy, create jobs and get more business for Maine farms to operate in diversified ways, we realize we are not at this time available to fully bring up the space to be ADA compliant.

Some items we have done and will do and their cost/projected costs are below:

- Add a ramp to the exterior of the building and add railings to interior existing ramp (\$950)
- Add grab bars to the bathroom (\$150)
- Hired an architect by direction of the City of Portland Permitting and Inspections department (\$3,300)

Per the ADA regulations we are aware that if the work to be compliant exceeds 20% of your project there is an exception. Language added below on ADA regulations.

[https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII\\_2010/titleIII\\_2010\\_regulations.htm](https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII_2010/titleIII_2010_regulations.htm)

*(f) Disproportionality.*

- *(1) Alterations made to provide an accessible path of travel to the altered area will be deemed disproportionate to the overall alteration when the cost exceeds 20% of the cost of the alteration to the primary function area.*

One of the reasons we chose our space because it needed little work. We had no renovation budget. We had a small budget to get the space up to speed for production. The costs for that were adding a grease trap, plumbing, and a larger hot water heater. That work cost us \$8,000.

The work we have done and are able to do exceeds to 20% disproportionality ADA exception.

We are truly excited to open our space and make it welcome to everyone. As we grow we can't wait to update this jewel of a space in our little city. At this time, those alterations will have to hold until after we are open and can make a higher margin on our products.

Along with this letter, I will add the architect plans, and quotes from two builders on the itemized pieces of work.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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