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## 50 Cove St - sign permit #1686

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**Christina Stacey** <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>  
To: jeffekhouse@yahoo.com

Mon, Oct 30, 2017 at 8:27 AM

Hi Jeff,

I have started to review your application for a sign permit and had a number of questions/concerns:

1) The existing painted signs do not have permit approval and should be added to this permit for after-the-fact approval. If it was simply an address sign, it would be exempt, but it clearly says "Wellness" in large letters which is advertising for your business. There is also a second, smaller sign that appears to be an advertising sign. Please provide the dimensions of these signs and we will invoice you for the required fee and review with this application.

2) There are no plans for the new free-standing sign. The application checklist requires "A drawing or photo of the proposed sign showing content, all dimensions, materials, source of illumination, details of anchoring and installation (e.g., attachment specifications, footing details for freestanding signs, etc.)." I did not see any plan meeting this description in the submitted materials. Please e-mail a plan meeting these specifications directly to me.

3) It does not appear that the sign will meet the minimum setback requirement of 5 feet from the actual property lines (not the sidewalk edge, road edge, etc.). Please confirm that you will be able to locate the sign to meet the setback requirement.

If you have any questions about this e-mail, just let me know.

Thanks,  
Chris

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To: Christina Stacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>

Tue, Oct 31, 2017 at 12:07 PM

Chris, please see my responses below in BOLD.

Thanks!  
Jeff Eckhouse

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**From:** Christina Stacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>  
**To:** [jeffekhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:jeffekhouse@yahoo.com)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 8:28 AM  
**Subject:** 50 Cove St - sign permit #1686

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**I DID TAKE OUT A PERMIT FOR THESE SIGNS. PLEASE CHECK JTE INVESTMENTS, INC D.B.A. BACK COVE PERSONAL FITNESS. IT COULD ALSO BE LISTED UNDER MY OLD LANDLORD JEFF RITTER.**

**AS A SIDE NOTE, THE SECOND SMALLER SIGN COULD EASILY BE PAINTED OVER WITH THE UPGRADED BENEFIT OF THE NEW FREE-STANDING SIGN.**

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**I HAVE INCLUDED THE ATTACHMENT OF MY DRAWING AGAIN WITH THIS EMAIL. IT SHOULD ALSO HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WITH MY ORIGINAL APPLICATION AS WELL, BUT MY APOLOGIES IF THAT WAS AN OVERSIGHT.**

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**A MINIMUM SET-BACK OF 5 FEET FROM THE PROPERTY LINE WILL BE FINE.**

If you have any questions about this e-mail, just let me know.

**THANK YOU!!**

Thanks,  
Chris

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**Christina Stacey** <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov>  
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Tue, Nov 7, 2017 at 12:17 PM

Hi Jeff,

I did just find the permit for the painted signs - I don't know how I missed it before. Sorry about that! I also didn't have a copy of the plan you attached, so thanks for sending.

The old permit does bring up another question, however. The permit refers to an existing free-standing sign on the property. Is this sign still existing? If so, is there a plan to remove it? This zone only allows one free-standing sign per lot, so we cannot approve a second free-standing sign unless the other will be removed.

Thanks,  
Chris

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**Jeff Eckhouse** <jeffeckhouse@yahoo.com>  
Reply-To: Jeff Eckhouse <jeffeckhouse@yahoo.com>  
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Thu, Nov 9, 2017 at 7:05 PM

Chris,

Yes, the other freestanding sign is being removed with the landlords new building project. Thanks!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017 12:18 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [50 Cove St](#) - sign permit #1686

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