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Subject: Illegal Deck Expansion on Munjoy Hill
Attachments: IMG_3531.jpg; IMG_3534.jpg

Dear Inspections Division,

I'm writing to report an illegal expansion of a porch behind 18 North Street on Munjoy Hill (corner of Cumberland Ave. and North St.). I am a tenant at 35 Cumberland Avenue and over the past week have noticed my neighbors outside my window pouring footings in preparation for a new back deck that illegally encroaches closer to my house as well as expands many feet further from the house at 18 North Street. Not only is the current porch already on the property line--which puts the new footings over the property line--but I'm also aware that no expansions are allowed that would make a building more non-conforming. As you can see from the attached pictures, the current porch is only a few feet from my house and does not meet current setback requirements, therefore, any expansion beyond the current porch footprint is not legal.

I do not wish to give my name to avoid any repercussions with my neighbors or with my landlord, but would appreciate your office taking immediate action to stop this activity before the owners rip off the current porch and proceed any further with a new deck. (It appears they will do this very soon and possibly this week.) My neighbors can already look into my window from their yard. This deck would bring them much closer to my apartment.

Thanks for looking into this matter.

Concerned Tenant at 35 Cumberland Avenue