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**CITY OF PORTLAND**

Bill Simpson  
PO Box 641  
Freeport, ME 04032

RE: 1-3 Sherbrooke Street, cor. of 68 St. Lawrence St.

September 22, 1997

Dear M. Simpson,

I am in receipt of your building permit to do general interior rehab along with reconstructing exterior porches with an addition to those porches and stairways. Your permit is denied because the zoning ordinance does not allow for an increase of a non-conformity. The present zoning ordinance does not allow for open, exterior fire escapes or stairways. You may maintain and repair any existing such stairways or fire escapes, but you are not allowed by ordinance to increase them in size. If these stairways can be completely enclosed, perhaps you can rework your plans to show me how it would meet the ordinances, I would be pleased to relook at this matter. If you instead wish to revise your plans to just be rehabbing the existing stairs within the existing footprint, I would be glad to relook at the permit.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at this office at 874-8695.

Very Truly Yours,

Marge Schmuckal  
Zoning Administrator

cc: Mark Adelson, Housing & Community Dev.  
Joseph Gray, Jr., Dir. of Planning & Urban Dev.  
Marland Wing, Code Enforcement Officer