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June 1, 2009

Paul F. Driscoll, Esq.
Norman, Hanson & Detroy
415 Congress Street
P.O. Box 4600
Portland, ME 04101

RE: Owner: Blethen Maine Newspapers, Inc.
 Properties: Newspaper Publishing Offices and Storage, Office, Garage and
 Parking Area
 Address: 390 Congress Street and 387 Congress Street, Portland, Maine
 Tax Map: 390 Congress Street (32-C-1, 32-C-2)
 387 Congress Street (27-D-1)
 Unit #2 Chestnut Street Parking Garage (26-E-10)
 Street Nos.: 390 Congress Street (388-390 Congress Street, 111-125 Exchange
 Street, 112-126 Market Street, and 175-179 Federal Street)
 387 Congress Street – (371-387 Congress Street, 240-254
 Cumberland Avenue and 1-35 Myrtle Street)
 Unit #2, Chestnut Street Parking Garage (65-87 Chestnut Street,
 128-150 Lancaster Street and 165-187 Oxford Street)

Dear Attorney Driscoll,

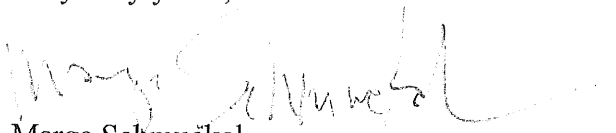
I am in receipt of a request to update the determination of the above property along with the parking area within the Chestnut Street Parking Garage.

The properties located at 390 Congress Street and 387 Congress Street as described are both located within the B-3 Downtown Business Zone. To my actual present knowledge, the existing uses of the properties are permitted uses in this zone under the City's existing ordinances. I am unaware of any outstanding violations of subdivision, land use, and zoning codes relating to each property. No certificate of occupancy has been found for either property. Our microfiche records go back to the 1930's and further, but do not contain an issued Certificate of Occupancy for these properties. This is not an unusual situation for an older building within the City of Portland. This Department does not view the lack of a Certificate of Occupancy in this instance as a violation of any codes.

The property known as Unit #2, Chestnut Street Parking Garage as described is currently located in the B-7 Mixed Development District Zone. The existing parking garage is a

permitted Conditional Use in the B-7 Zone. Based on the materials available from our records, I am not aware of any outstanding violations of our subdivision, land use, and zoning codes as to this property. No Certificates of Occupancy have been located on file. There are no legal actions pending or contemplated in regards to these properties.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Marge Schmućkal", written in dark ink.

Marge Schmućkal
Zoning Administrator

CC: file

From: "Jeffrey B. Herbert" <jherbert@nhdlaw.com>
To: "mes@portlandmaine.gov" <mes@portlandmaine.gov>
Date: 5/26/2009 3:10:59 PM
Subject: Blethen Maine Newspapers



Hi Marge,

Thank you for speaking with me today. Attached is a copy of a Zoning Compliance Letter you issues in May of 2008 pertaining to the referenced properties. I would be appreciative if you could update your letter as of today's date. Essentially, we are looking for confirmation of the particular zone for each property, that the current use of the properties are permitted within their respective zone, and that there are no known violations. Please address the letter to Paul F. Driscoll, Esq. at the address noted below. I have ordered the check for \$150 and will drop it off as soon as I receive it. Please contact me when you have finished the letter and I will stop by to pick it up. Thanks for your help on this Marge.

Best,
Jeff

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Thank you.

CC: "Paul F. Driscoll" <pdriscoll@nhdlaw.com>, "Catherine A. Holt" <cholt@nhdlaw.com>



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Department of Building Inspections

Original Receipt

5-26 2009

Received from Norman Hanson & Detroit

Location of Work 383 Congress Chestnut
390 Congress Parkis-

Cost of Construction \$ _____ Building Fee: _____

Permit Fee \$ 150 Site Fee: _____

Certificate of Occupancy Fee: _____

Total: 150

Building (IL) ___ Plumbing (I5) ___ Electrical (I2) ___ Site Plan (U2) ___

Other Zoning Determination

CBL: _____

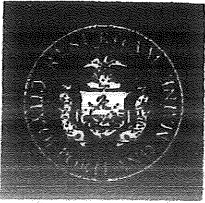
Check #: _____ **Total Collected \$** 150

No work is to be started until permit issued.



Taken by: [Signature]

WHITE - Applicant's Copy
YELLOW - Office Copy
PINK - Permit Copy



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May 13, 2008

Eric P. Stauffer, Esq.
Preti Flaherty
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