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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,

Marge Schmuckal  
Zoning Administrator

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