

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Permit No. 4

MISSION TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY
WITHIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

Portland, Me. Mar 31, 1954
permission to erect and maintain the following
Fire District No. 1, in accordance with the Build-
and the following specifications:

Ward

is to be attached

M. L. Watkins Co., 664 Forest Ave.,
Cousens Neon Sign Co., 243A Middle St.,
Phone 4-7259

Material of face Masonite of frame wood

Sign cover any part of window or door opening and
Cousens Neon Sign Co.

Signature by:

Approved

Inspector of Buildings
May 31, 1954

To

Signature

Approved

Inspector of Buildings

to

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Inspector of Buildings

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Inspector of Buildings

CERTIFICATE. If it is desired to maintain sign
above, present this certificate at the
before the allowed period has elapsed, and
will be approved hereon, if sign is in good

Ward Permit No. To 4
Location 453 Eugene St
Owner of sign E. & W. Matthews Co.
Sign Hanger Carissa Jean

Date of				
Period	Begins	Ends	Re- mo- tion	Re- moval
Unit 1	4/1/54	5/31/54		
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GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED 02182

NOV 2 1952

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, November 24, 1952

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 4 Elm Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Frank Prouty Hub Furniture Co.

Name and address of owner of sign Frank Prouty, 4 Elm Street

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm Street Telephone 2-069

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1952

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 2' Horizontal 5'

Weight 895 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material metal

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts existing through bolt Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 4 material cable Size 5/16"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 7' 6"

Maximum projection into street 5' 6" United Neon Display Fee \$2.

Signature of contractor: Thomas J. Lang

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 52/2182

Location 4 Elm St

Owner Frank Prouty

Date of permit 11/26/52

Sign Contractor United Mason Digby

Final Inspn. 12-2-52. J.C.

NOTES

11-26-52. Dig. inspection OK. Ha

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO
BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 4 Elm Street IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Hub Furniture Co., being the owner of the
premises at 4 Elm Street in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Frank Prouty
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in applica-
tion to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit to cover
erection of said sign;

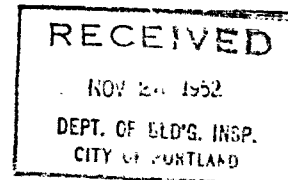
And in consideration of the issuance of said permit _____

Hub Furniture Co., owner of said premises, in event said sign
shall cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall become
dangerous and in event the owner of said sign shall fail to remove said
sign or make it permanently safe in case the sign still serves the purpose
for which it was erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his
heirs, its successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove said
sign within ten days of notice from said Inspector of Buildings that said sign
is in such condition and of order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed this
consent and agreement this 24th day of November 1952

J. S. Coyne
Witness

Hub Furniture Co.
David W. Hink Pres.
Owner



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY
SIGNS WITHIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

Portland, Me. 3/24/ 19 52

The undersigned applies for permission to erect and maintain the following described temporary sign within Fire District No. 1, in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland and the following specifications:

Location 453 Congress Street Ward _____
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Hub Furniture Co.
Name and address of owner of sign E. L. Watkins Co., 604 Forest Avenue
Sign contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 71 Elm Street Phone 2-6695
Overall dimensions of sign 4' x 15' Material of face oil cloth or frame none
In what story erected 1st Will sign cover any part of window or door opening no
United Neon Display

Signature by: Thomas J. Kautz
Approved 3/24/52 W. A. Donald
Inspector of Buildings

Date on which permission to maintain this sign expires May 24, 1952

Application for renewal 5/24/52 To 6/24/52

Signature _____
Approved W. A. Donald
Inspector of Buildings

Application for renewal 6/24/52 *** to 7/24/52

Signature W. A. Donald
Approved W. A. Donald
Inspector of Buildings

Application for renewal _____ to _____

Signature _____
Approved _____
Inspector of Buildings

Application for renewal _____ to _____

Signature _____
Approved _____
Inspector of Buildings

Application for renewal _____ to _____

Signature _____
Approved 3/24/52 W. A. Donald
Inspector of Buildings

NOTE TO OWNER OF SIGN: PRESERVE THIS CERTIFICATE. If it is desired to maintain sign for a period longer than that allowed above, present this certificate at the Department of Building Inspection before the allowed period has elapsed, and permission for an additional period will be approved hereon, if sign is in good condition.

PERMIT NO. 13 4

Location 453 Congress Street

Owner of Sign E. L. Watkins Co.

Sign Hanger United Neon Display

Date of

Period	Begin	End	No. days	Re- move
Orig	3/24/52	5/25/52	5/22	
2	5/24/52	6/4/52		
3	6/24/52	7/24/52		11/2/52
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5-22-52. Approved.

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

**453 Congress Street--Erection of projecting sign for Portland Thrift Company
by United Neon Display--9/12/51**

The sketch filed with the application for the permit leaves some doubt as to whether or not the location of the proposed sign or braces or guys would not interfere with Fire Department access to the window at second floor level. Such interference with access by the Fire Department in case of fire should be avoided for the benefit of efficient action by the Fire Department and for the benefit of the owner of the building in case of fire in it.

Should substantial change in location of the sign or its guys or bracing become necessary, installer should first apply for amendment to the permit now issued and with the application file a revised plan showing the true location.

Plan filed with your application shows a maximum height of 19' 11" and projection of 6' and care must be exercised to observe Section 21c7 which says in part: "no part of a projecting sign having a projection of more than six feet shall have a maximum height, exclusive of guys, of more than 17 feet above the surface of the sidewalk below."

Therefore no part of sign can project more than six feet over sidewalk.

AYM/G

CC: Portland Thrift Company
453 Congress Street

Hub Furniture Company
412 Congress Street

Oliver T. Nashorn
Chief of the Fire Department

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO
BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 453 Congress ST IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Hub Furniture Co., being the owner of the
premises at 453 Congress ST in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Portland Shift Co.
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in
application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit
to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit Hub
Furniture Co., owner of said premises, in event said sign
shall cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall become
dangerous and in event the owner of said sign shall fail to remove said
sign or make it permanently safe in case the sign still serves the purpose
for which it was erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his
heirs, its successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove said
sign within ten days of notice from said Inspector of Buildings that said
sign is in such condition and of order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed this
consent and agreement this 15th day of September, 1951

J. S. Coyne
Witness

Hub Furniture Co.
By: J. K. Kraslin
Owner



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED

01727
SEP 13 1951

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, September 10, 1951

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 453 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Huo Furniture Co., 440 Congress St.
Name and address of owner of sign Portland Thrift Co., 453 Congress Street
Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm Street Telephone 2-0695
When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1951

Information Concerning Building Permit Issued with Memo

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 4' 5" Horizontal 6'

Weight 150 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2, material metal

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 1, Size 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 3, material cable and angle iron Size 5/16" 1 1/2 x 1/2 x 3/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15' 4"

Maximum projection into street 6'

United Neon Display Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor by: J. S. Coyne

9-12-51, O.K. a.c.

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 51/1727

Location 45.3 Congress St.

Owner Portland Thrift Co.

Date of permit 9/13/51

Sign Contractor United News Display

Final Inspn. 9-14-51. C.R.

NOTES

9-13-51 Shop in open C.R. OK

INQUIRY BLANK

ZONE C-1

FIRE DIST. 4th

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Date 4/15/11

Verbal
By Telephone

LOCATION 451-461 Congress OWNER _____

MADE BY John Linwood TEL. _____

ADDRESS _____

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING _____

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____

REMARKS: 2 rooms and below each about 15' x 16'
and large opening to be provided between
them.

INQUIRY: If fire doors apply to changing
between the rooms for a club?

ANSWER: He would need separated means of
egress required to be accessible
without passing through quarters of others.
If more than 20 to be admitted without
these other requirements such as
fire resistance separation.

DATE OF REPLY 4/21/11 REPLY BY WMA

(*) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Refrigeration

Portland, Maine, September 19, 1949

TOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

signed hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment
h the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and
any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

7 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
nd address _____ Telephone _____
nd address Louis's Lunch, 457 Congress Street Telephone _____
ic and address A. F. Briggs Co., 379 Forest Avenue Fire Dept. Telephone _____
Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets _____
building Restaurant No. families _____
" " No. families _____
No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
on same lot _____
Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

l refrigeration equipment as per plan. Refrigerant - Freon.

that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in
ating contractor. **PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO** A. F. Briggs Co.

Details of New Work

involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
ation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
rpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
pan: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
ding with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

ommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

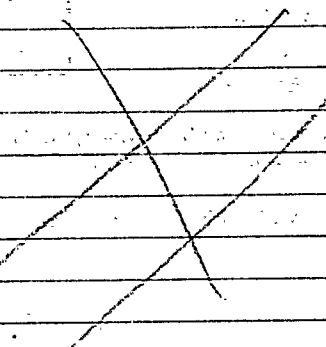
Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to
see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are
observed? yes

Louis's Lunch
A. F. Briggs Co.

Signature of owner by: Frederick W. W. W.

NOTES

11/3/49 - No inspection made - *QJL*



Permit No. 49/1887
 Location 457 Cambridge St.
 Owner David S. Blum
 Date of permit 11/2/49
 Notif. closing-in _____
 Inspn. closing-in _____
 Final Notif. _____
 Final Inspn. _____
 Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

The undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that the above is a true and correct copy of the original record of the permit as the same appears in the files of the Department of Public Safety, State of New Jersey, at the date of the filing of the same.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 1949.

Notary Public for the State of New Jersey

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the original record of the permit as the same appears in the files of the Department of Public Safety, State of New Jersey, at the date of the filing of the same.

Notary Public for the State of New Jersey



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED

02366

Permit No. 22 1949

CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, December 21, 1948 19

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 4 Elm Street (between 431-461 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Hub Furniture Company

Name and address of owner of sign First Mortgage Company, 4 Elm Street

Contractor's name and address Metro Neon, R. 96 Exchange Street Telephone 3-3052

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1948 12/31/48 O.K. code

Information Concerning Building

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 3' Horizontal 5'

Weight 150 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material sheet metal

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 1 Size 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 2 material angle iron Size 1 1/2 x 3/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 11' 9"

Maximum projection into street 5'

Metro Neon

Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor by: Thomas J. Keating

Original

Permit No. 48/2360

Location Elm St.

Owner First Mortgage Co.

Date of permit 7/22/40

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 1/3/49, 000.

NOTES

12/6/40. Skids in place. O.K. 000.
1/3/49. Through bolt punched
O.K. 1/3/49. Bolt 5"
long. Between bottom of
slab and 444. The
slab laid with pipe
fitter. 000.

1 457 1/2 Congress Street

December 2, 1948

Bramhall Lodge Knights of Pythias
c/o Mr. James F. Edwards
439 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Proposal to re-establish the hall for
public assemblage on the third floor of the
mercantile building at 457 1/2 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

This hall for public assemblage was established such a long time ago that the present Building Code has little control over it. Under both the State Enabling Act and the City Ordinance the hall is an existing place of public assemblage for which the Public Assemblage Ordinance of the City sets up minimum standards of safety. This ordinance designates three Enforcing Officers—Chief of Police, Chief of Fire Department and Inspector of Buildings, and each has his own designated field of responsibility. In connection with such assembly halls, it is often the desire to carry on activities which require an annual license for the building by the Municipal Officers of the City, and the Public Assemblage Ordinance provides that applications for such licenses shall be passed upon by each of the three Enforcing Officers before the application is presented to the Board of Municipal Officers.

As I explained to Mr. Edwards, even though this hall were to be improved up to the minimum standards of the Public Assemblage Ordinance, I feel that my duty would not allow me to approve any applications for municipal licenses there because the hall is so far above the ground, because there is no automatic sprinkler system in the building, because the main stairway is without any enclosing protection from a fire travelling quickly upwards, and because the lower floors are occupied by various businesses over which those in charge of the hall would have no control, one of them I believe a sign painter's shop and one a restaurant.

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Assemblage Ordinance. You will note from Section 1 that the Ordinance makes it compulsory for Class A places of public assemblage to be brought up to and to be maintained at the standards of safety stipulated in the Ordinance. From Section 2 you will note that a Class A place of public assemblage is one which is or is to be rented out for use, or used, either habitually or occasionally, for public assemblage with intent of financial gain to an individual, partnership or corporation. From Mr. Edwards's description of the proposed use, it is my belief that the hall would be Class A. If it should turn out in fact that the hall would be Class B assemblage, then the standards of safety are the same but the Ordinance does not compel the hall to be brought up to those standards—rather placing the responsibility for the safety of the occupants of the hall upon those who are in charge with full knowledge of what are considered the minimum standards of safety as set forth in the Ordinance.

As agreed with Mr. Edwards, the features of the hall which do not appear to comply with the minimum standards of the Ordinance are set forth below, and in some cases suggested remedies:

1. With reference to Section 3a / the means of egress, counting the main entrance doors to the hall as one and the door leading to the back stage and the fire escape on the west side of the hall as the second, are not balanced as to location, so that it is quite conceivable that a quick fire in the stair hall or a fire back stage would make both means of egress inaccessible, especially to those in the Congress Street end of the hall. Possibly the Lodge would consider removing the folding entrance doors and permanently closing the opening and establishing the entrance to the assembly hall through the front ante-room. This would go a long way toward correcting the above defect, but both of the large windows between the front ante-room and the rear ante-room and the stair hall ought to be removed and the partitions built in tightly with non-burnable surface on both sides; also the stairway to the platform over the main stairway, which

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Bramhall Lodge Knights of Pythias—2

down obstructs the door from the front ante-room to the stair hall should be permanently removed.

2. The emergency means of egress from the hall is through a doorway into the rear room and thence through a window to a metal fire escape. Access to the fire escape is by a window with the sill two or three feet above the floor. The fire escape is not more than two feet wide while the standards require no less than 30". The fire escape is considered hazardous for a number of reasons—the stairway is very steep, the treads consist of only two round bars and the escape goes down to a one story roof below and there stops.

It is agreed that a door at least three feet wide must be provided to give access to the fire escape. It is obvious that a new fire escape is required, and it is my belief that it should comply with Building Code standards for a place of public assemblage—no less than three feet wide, handrails on both sides and to extend by rigid stationary stairway, clear down to the ground with suitable foundation below frost below the lower end. It is possible that such a fire escape could not be extended to the ground on land of the owners of this building, and it appears likely that complications would arise as to the fire escape extending down into the parking space next door.

3. The double entrance doors to the building at Congress Street swing in, but are required to swing outwards. The door from the front ante-room to the main stair hall on third floor swings into the ante-room, and the door from the main assembly hall to the rear room, leading toward the fire escape, swings into the assembly hall. All of these are required to swing toward the direction of exit as well as the door to the fire escape.

To change the swing of the doors is comparatively easy, but the doors at Congress Street would have to set three feet from the riser of the lowest step and normally would not be permitted to swing over the public sidewalk. It appears that there is not quite enough room to accomplish this, but probably it could be worked out so that the doors would not project enough over the public sidewalk of Congress Street when wide open to make much difference. Anti-panic hardware, with crash bar clear across each door, is necessary on the entrance doors from Congress Street, on the door from assembly hall to the front ante-room, on door from front ante-room to stair hall, on door from assembly hall to rear room and on door to fire escape. Perhaps there could be some economy by removing all latches and locks from the door from assembly hall to the rear room and from assembly hall to the front ante-room, leaving the doors merely with push plates and keeping them closed by floor hinges or door closers.

4. It is agreed of course that the highest run of stairs will be thoroughly repaired and all of the stairs require handrails on both sides, full length of each run. It is my recollection that there is now a door at the foot of the main stairway at second floor level. This of course would have to be removed. The stairs would have to be equipped with anti-slip surfaces, if not already so.

5. Exit lights with the letters in the word exit at least 4½" high, showing red on an appropriate background, would be required over the door from assembly hall to rear room and over the door from rear room to fire escape. A directional exit sign might be necessary at the foot of the main stairway at second floor level, where I believe there is a turn in the stairs which might not be evident to frightened people. White lights would be required—one over the top platform of the fire escape, another in the rear room, at least one in the front ante-room and enough lights in the main stair halls clear down to the Congress Street entrance to illuminate the way to leave the building, all of these lights to be on the same circuit and controlled by the same switch as the exit lights, this switch to be clearly marked "exit lights" on the panel. It would no doubt be necessary for the Lodge to have their own lights down through the stair halls.

6. The ceiling over the assembly hall is in bad condition, some has fallen and some of it appears about to fall. Obviously this must be thoroughly and permanently

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repaired, and it is my belief that the entire ceiling would either have to be removed or fastened up by some method of strapping and paneling, making sure that the fastenings of the new ceiling are long enough and securely imbedded in the timbers above so that there would be no doubt of the entire work staying up there. The surest way would be to remove the plaster ceiling, which is very heavy, and put up a modern ceiling, but it should not be of combustible material.

7. There is a novel arrangement for providing a stage, the stage platform to be lowered down into position when needed. The framing of it did not look very secure to me, and that of course would have to be made strong enough and safe in every particular.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcE/G

Enclosure: Copy of Public Assembly Ordinance

CC: Mr. Sidney Schwartz, Agent for Hub Furniture Company
602 Congress Street

Oliver T. Sanborn
Chief of the Fire Department

cc - M. W. Simonson
440 Congress St - Sent 8/21/50

INQUIRY BLANK

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

ZONE G.
FIRE DIST. No 1.

Date 11/29/48

Verbal
By Telephone

LOCATION 457 1/2 Congress St OWNER Hub Furniture Co. ^{apt} Edw. J. May
MADE BY John Edwards, 439 Congress St TEL. 3-1358
ADDRESS Edw. J. May

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING

NO. OF STORIES

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION

REMARKS: Bramhall Lodge Knights of Pythias

INQUIRY: How do Blomhede & P. A. and
affly to a - establish this 3rd
floor hall as a large hall probable
with "seating" of "feature"?

ANSWER: Better 12/1/48

DATE OF REPLY 12/21/48

REPLY BY

Wm H

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WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE

ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 4 Elm Street IN PORTLAND, MAINE

451-461

Hule Furniture Co., being the owner of the premises at 4 Elm Street in Portland, Maine hereby gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by First Mortgage Co. projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit, Hule Furniture Co., owner of said premises, in event said sign shall cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall become dangerous and in event the owner of said sign shall fail to remove said sign or make it permanently safe in case the sign still serves the purpose for which it was erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his heirs, its successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove said sign within ten days of notice from said Inspector of Buildings that said sign is in such condition and of order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed this consent and agreement this 10th day of November, 1948.

Henry M. Smith
Witness

Hule Furniture Co.
R. J. Williamson Owner



GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 00146
FEB 6 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, February 4, 1948

CITY of PORTLAND

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 457 1/2 Congress Street

Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Clapp Estate

Name and address of owner of sign The Hobby Center, 457 1/2 Congress Street

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm Street

Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1949

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? no Vertical dimension after erection 2' Horizontal 3'

Weight 20 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? no Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame wood / 1/2 x 3 No. advertising faces 2, material sheet metal - 26 gauge

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts none, Size 1/2", Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 2, material cable - angle iron, Size 1/2" - 1 1/2 x 3/16"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'

Maximum projection into street 3'

Fee \$ 1.00

United Neon Display

Signature of contractor By J. S. Coyne

ORIGINAL

Permit No. 48/146
Location 46 1/2 Congress St
Owner The Holiday Center
Date of permit 2/6/48
Sign Contractor
Final Insp. 12/20/48. O.D.L.

NOTES

8/26/48 Sign on top
and at back of
side as to act as
a lift and side
that does not work
out well as per
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, October 15, 1947

02800
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To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 455 Congress Street Use of Building stores No. Stories 3 ☒ New Building
Existing "
Name and address of owner of appliance Cushman Baking Co., #107 Elm St.
Installer's name and address Scribner & Iverson, 64 Union Street Telephone 3-7682

General Description of Work

To install gas-fired hot water heater

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat basement Type of floor beneath appliance concrete
If wood, how protected? 6" Kind of fuel gas
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace 6"
From top of smoke pipe 6" From front of appliance Over 4' From sides or back of appliance Over 3'
Size of chimney flue 10x12 Other connections to same flue none
If gas fired, how vented? chimney Rated maximum demand per hour

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled by underwriter's laboratories?
Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank?
Type of floor beneath burner Number and capacity of tanks
Location of oil storage If two 275-gallon tanks, will three-way valve be provided?
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? How many tanks fire proofed?
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Kind of fuel Type of floor beneath appliance
If wood, how protected?
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance
From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smokepipe
Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue
Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour
If gas fired, how vented?

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed? 1.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED:

OK 10-16-47. RMB

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Scribner & Iverson

Signature of Installer By: George F. Scribner

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 47/ 2800

Location 455 Congress St.

Owner Customary Baking Co.

Date of permit 11/17/47

Approved 11-14-41. [Signature]

NOTES

See above - [Signature]
Rich. P.R.

1. Mill Pipe
2. Vent Pipe
3. Kind of Heat
4. Burner (Quantity & Size)
5. Name of Fuel
6. Stack (Capacity)
7. Hot Water (Capacity)
8. Exhaust (Capacity)
9. Piping (Type & Protection)
10. Valve in Exhaust Line
11. Capacity of Tanks
12. [Blank]
13. [Blank]
14. [Blank]
15. [Blank]
16. [Blank]
17. [Blank]



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine August 6, 1947

PERMIT ISSUED
01931
AUG 12 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 455 Congress Street Within Fire Limits: yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's name and address _____ Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address Cushman Baking Co., 455 Congress Street Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Brown Construction Co., 562 Congress St. Telephone 2-3973
Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Stores and offices No. families _____
Last use _____ No. families _____
Material brick No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____ Fee \$ 4.50
Estimated cost \$ 3500.

Health Notices to _____ General Description of New Work
Health Officer and thus

to make alterations to store as per plan.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ or lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? _____
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Cushman Baking Co.
Brown Construction Co.

Signature of owner: _____

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March 12, 1944

Mary J. E. Clapp, Devs.
445 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Drop ladder section of fire escape
on the rear of the building at 451-461 Congress
Street made inoperative by addition recently
built to first story restaurant

Gentlemen:

I find that the drop ladder attached to the original fire escape on this building is of such a length that if it were lowered it would engage the roof of the addition to the restaurant, recently built, and thus persons using the fire escape would be unable to reach the ground, probably not the roof of the addition either unless they were adept at walking along the rungs of a ladder in a horizontal position. It is necessary that you have the equipment adjusted or reversed in some manner so that the ladder can be lowered to the ground, and this immediately.

This fire escape is a very old one and of such a type would not be altered if required to be built now. In all particulars, however, it ought to be made as safe as possible. It is noted that the drop ladder section is now fastened to the lowest balcony of the fire escape by means of a metal hook. Irrespective of interference with the new addition persons compelled to use the fire escape now would presumably take their way down to the point where the drop ladder is hinged and then find it necessary to go back up to the balcony above in order to release the drop ladder. The absurdity of such an arrangement needs no comment. It is necessary that some device for holding the drop section up be adopted which can be easily operated by the first person reaching the hinge and that without any great amount of ingenuity or strength. Much better would be the proposition of providing a landing with railing at the foot of the stationary section and then a suitable ladder fastened against the wall of the building in such a way that persons requiring the use of the fire escape could swing themselves onto the vertical ladder and have a good chance for "toe" space and a good chance to hold on also with their hands.

All of these changes are subject to the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department.

Very truly yours,

Wick/H
CC: Chief Sanborn

Inspector of Buildings

1 (1) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
Complaint No. C-44-28

Location 451-461 Oregon St.

Date Received 3/4/44

Date Disposed of 8-2-46 Rm

NOTES

3-4-44 when fire escape
Drop ladder is lowered
it will stop on 1st floor.
restaurant addition, having
up new stairs, 2nd floor
from the 1349. Rm & S.

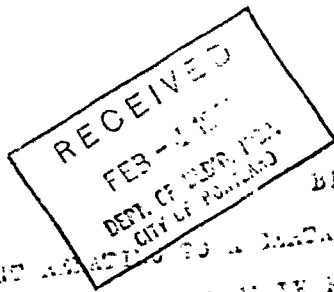
3-2-44 - Ratter
v/m

4-15-44 7/10 pm has been
down on 1st floor fire
escape. 1st floor

4-18-44 Mequinn & Jones Co.
have been engaged to
do the work for this
fire escape. They have

9/16/44 Dr. Little Rm
4-28-44 The work has
been done. 1st floor

5-8-44 NO WORK started Rm



BI FORM 82

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT AGREEING TO A SIGNAGE SIGN PROPOSED
TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES
AT 457 1/2 CONGRESS STREET IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Francis P. Freeman, Temporary Receiver
of the Estate of Mary J. E. Clapp, being the owner of the
premises at 457 1/2 Congress Street in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Malcolm G. Kennedy
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described
in application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine
for a permit to cover erection of said sign:

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit Francis P. Freeman,
Temporary Receiver of the Estate
of Mary J. E. Clapp, owner of said premises, in event said
sign shall cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall
become dangerous and in event the owner of said sign shall fail to
remove said sign or make it permanently safe in case the sign still
serves the purpose for which it was erected, hereby agrees for
himself, for his heirs, its successors, and his or its assigns, to
completely remove said sign within ten days of notice from said
Inspector of Buildings that said sign is in such condition and of
order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed
this consent and agreement this 19th day of January, 19 48

Sylvia P. Lydick
Witness

Francis P. Freeman, Temp. Receiver
Ex. Mary J. E. Clapp
OWNER