
423-425 CONGRESS STREET

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Date June 26, 1980, 19__
Receipt and Permit number A51452

To the CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, *Portland, Maine:*

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to make electrical installations in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Portland Electrical Ordinance, the National Electrical Code and the following specifications:

LOCATION OF WORK: 425 Congress St.

OWNER'S NAME: First Parish Church ADDRESS:

	FEES
OUTLETS:	
Receptacles ____ Switches ____ Plugmold ____ ft. TOTAL ____	
FIXTURES: (number of)	
Incandescent 3 Flourescent 3 (not strip) TOTAL 6	3.00
Strip Flourescent 2 ft. 48 ft.	3.00
SERVICES:	
Overhead ____ Underground ____ Temporary ____ TOTAL amperes ____	
METERS: (number of) ____	
MOTORS: (number of)	
Fractional ____	
1 HP or over ____	
RESIDENTIAL HEATING:	
Oil or Gas (number of units) ____	
Electric (number of rooms) ____	
COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL HEATING:	
Oil or Gas (by a main boiler) ____	
Oil or Gas (by separate units) ____	
Electric Under 20 kws ____ Over 20 kws ____	
APPLIANCES: (number of)	
Ranges ____ Water Heaters ____	
Cook Tops ____ Disposals ____	
Wall Ovens ____ Dishwashers ____	
Dryers ____ Compactors ____	
Fans ____ Others (denote) ____	
TOTAL ____	
MISCELLANEOUS: (number of)	
Branch Panels 1	1.00
Transformers ____	
Air Conditioners Central Unit ____	
Separate Units (windows) ____	
Signs 20 sq. ft. and under ____	
Over 20 sq. ft. ____	
Swimming Pools Above Ground ____	
In Ground ____	
Fire/Burglar Alarms Residential ____	
Commercial ____	
Heavy Duty Outlets, 220 Volt (such as welders) 30 amps and under ____	
over 30 amps ____	
Circus, Fairs, etc. ____	
Alterations to wires ____	
Repairs after fire ____	
Emergency Lights, battery ____	
Emergency Generators ____	
INSTALLATION FEE DUE:	7.00
FOR ADDITIONAL WORK NOT ON ORIGINAL PERMIT ..... DOUBLE FEE DUE:	
FOR REMOVAL OF A "STOP ORDER" (304-16.b)	
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	7.00

INSPECTION:

Will be ready on ____, 19__; or Will Call x

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: ABC Electric

ADDRESS: 56 Clinton St.

TEL.: 775-0903

MASTER LICENSE NO.: on file SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR:

LIMITED LICENSE NO.:

INSPECTOR'S COPY — WHITE

OFFICE COPY — CANARY

CONTRACTOR'S COPY — GREEN

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS —

Permit Number 51452

Location 425 Congress St.

Owner First Parish Church

Date of Permit 6-26-80

Final Inspection 9-10-80

By Inspector Libby

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INSPECTIONS: Service _____ by _____

Service called in _____

Closing-in 7-1-80 by Libby

PROGRESS INSPECTIONS: 6-27-80 / /

9-10-80 / /

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CODE COMPLIANCE COMPLETED

DATE 9-10-80

DATE:	REMARKS:

THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS OF AMERICA

F. P. & C. H. Murray, Inc.

P. O. Box 2297 • South Portland, Maine 04106 • (207) 799-8136

April 29, 1980

First Parish Church
Portland, Maine

Proposed Alterations:

1. Remove Stage
2. Install new Arch 5' + -
3. Lower fireplace to new floor level
4. Remove and replace doors
5. Lower floor in secretary area
6. Brick up two rear windows

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
APR 30 1980
CITY of PORTLAND

B.O.C.A. USE GROUP .....
B.O.C.A. TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION ....00 42.....

ZONING LOCATION_____ PORTLAND, MAINE, April 29, 1980

To the DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect, alter, repair, demolish, move or install the following building, structure, equipment or change use in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Portland B.O.C.A. Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland with plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

LOCATION ...425 Congress St..... Fire District #1 ☐, #2 ☐

1. Owner's name and address ...First Parish Church.....same..... Telephone .....
2. Lessee's name and adddress ..... Telephone .....
3. Contractor's name and address ..F.P. & C.H. Murray, P.O. Box 2297, So Portland.. Telephone ..799-8136
4. Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans ..... No. of sheets .....

Proposed use of building ..church..... No. families .....
Last use ..... No. families .....
Material ..... No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....
Other buildings on same lot .....
Estimated contractural cost $...18,000... Fee $...82.00....

FIELD INSPECTOR—Mr. ..... @ 775-5451 Ext. 234

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This application is for:
Dwelling .....
Garage .....
Masonry Bldg. .....
Metal Bldg. .....
Alterations .....
Demolitions .....
Change of Use .....
Other .....

To make alterations as per plan

Stamp of Special Conditions

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Separate permits are required by the installers and subcontractors of heating, plumbing, electrical and mechanicals.

PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED TO 1☐ 2☐ 3☒ 4☐
Other: .....

DETAILS OF NEW WORK

Is any plumbing involved in this work? ..... Is any electrical work involved in this work? .....
Is connection to be made to public sewer? ..... If not, what is proposed for sewage? .....
Has septic tank notice been sent? ..... Form notice sent? .....
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 .....
Kind of roof ..... Rise per foot ..... Roof covering .....
No. of chimneys ..... Material of chimneys ..... of lining ..... Kind of heat ..... fuel .....
Framing Lumber—Kind ..... Dressed or full size? ..... Corner posts ..... Sills .....
Size Girder ..... 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? .....

APPROVALS BY: *DATE*
BUILDING INSPECTION—PLAN EXAMINER .....
ZONING: .....
BUILDING CODE: .....
Fire Dept.: .....
Health Dept.: .....
Others: .....

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..

Signature of Applicant ...Clinton Murray... Phone #.799-8136
Type Name of above ....Clinton Murray..... 1☐ 2☐ 3☐ 4☐
Other .....
and Address .....

FIELD INSPECTOR'S COPY

Permit No. 80/292

Location 425 Cornelia St.

Owner First Church of Christ Church

Date of permit 6-28-80

Approved 7-30-80

NOTES

6-9-80 Work started - [illegible] on site
[illegible] - No [illegible] Warrant [illegible]
8-19-80 Nearly completed - doing finishing
work

City of Portland, Maine
Fire Department

August 10, 1978

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Society

425 Congress Street

City

Re: Fire at 425 Congress Street

Dear Sir:

On July 14, 1973 a fire occurred in the building listed above, of which you are reported to be the owner ( ).

If permanent repair work is required for this building, you must obtain a permit from the Building & Inspection Dept. in City Hall before starting such work.

Very Truly Yours,

Joseph E. McDonough
Chief
Portland Fire Department

cc: Building & Inspection Dept.
Corporation Counsel
Health Dept. (Housing Div.)
City Assessor's (Mr. Lucci)

The fire had started in the ceiling and cockloft and burned into the wall in back of the altar where it was held in check by the sprinkler.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 1460

Issued .....

Portland, Maine July 2, 1974

To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, $1.00)

Owner's Name and Address Blue Rock Find Tel. 854-2561

Contractor's Name and Address Douglas Elect. Studio Tel. 642-3118

Location Approx 421 Congress Use of Building ..... Number of Stories .....

Number of Families ..... Apartments ..... Stores ..... Alterations .....

Description of Wiring: New Work ..... Additions ..... Temporary Service for Road Const. Barricade

Pipe ..... Cable ..... Metal Molding ..... BX Cable ..... Plug Molding (No. of feet) .....

No. Light Outlets ..... Plugs ..... Light Circuits ..... Plug Circuits .....

FIXTURES: No. ..... Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet) .....

SERVICE: Pipe ..... Cable ..... Underground ..... No. of Wires ..... Size .....

METERS: Relocated ..... Added ..... Total No. Meters .....

MOTORS: Number ..... Phase ..... H. P. ..... Amps ..... Volts ..... Starter .....

HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil) ..... No. Motors ..... Phase ..... H.P. .....

Commercial (Oil) ..... No. Motors ..... Phase ..... H.P. .....

Electric Heat (No. of Rooms) ..... Brand Feeds (Size and No.) .....

APPLIANCES: No. Ranges ..... Watts .....

Elec. Heaters ..... Watts ..... Extra Cabinets or Panels .....

Miscellaneous ..... Watts ..... Signs (No. Units) .....

Transformers ..... Air Conditioners (No. Units) ..... Inspection ..... 19 ....

Will commence ..... 19 ..... Ready to cover in ..... 19 .....

Amount of Fee $..... Signed B. R. Douglas 2452

Ready 7-18-74

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SERVICE ..... METER ..... GROUND .....

VISITS: 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5 ..... 6 .....

7 ..... 8 ..... 9 ..... 10 ..... 11 ..... 12 .....

REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY Leonard Heilbutch

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 657
Issued
Portland, Maine 1/23, 19

To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, $1.00)

Owner's Name and Address [illegible] Tel.
Contractor's Name and Address [illegible] Tel.
Location [illegible] Use of Building
Number of Families Apartments Stores Number of Stories
Description of Wiring: New Work Additions Alterations
[illegible]
Pipe Cable Metal Molding BX Cable Plug Molding (No. of feet)
No. Light Outlets Plugs Light Circuits Plug Circuits
FIXTURES: No. Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet)
SERVICE: Pipe Cable Underground No. of Wires Size
METERS: Relocated / Added Total No. Meters /
MOTORS: Number Phase H. P. Amps Volts Starter
HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil) No. Motors Phase H.P.
Commercial (Oil) No. Motors Phase H.P.
Electric Heat (No. of Rooms)
APPLIANCES: No. Ranges / Watts [illegible] Brand Feeds (Size and No.)
Elec. Heaters Watts
Miscellaneous Watts Extra Cabinets or Panels
Transformers Air Conditioners (No. Units) Signs (No. Units)
Will commence 7/23 19 Ready to cover in 19 Inspection 19
Amount of Fee $
Signed [illegible]

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SERVICE METER GROUND
VISITS: 1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 10 11 12
REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY [illegible]

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LOCATION Cor. 9 ST 425
INSPECTION DATE 9/4/73
WORK COMPLETED 9/4/73
TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS
REMARKS:

FEES FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

WIRING	
1 to 30 Outlets	$ 2.00
31 to 60 Outlets	3.00
Over 60 Outlets, each Outlet	.05
(Each twelve feet or fraction thereof of fluorescent lighting or any type of plug molding will be classed as one outlet).	
SERVICES	
Single Phase	2.00
Three Phase	4.00
MOTORS	
Not exceeding 50 H.P.	3.00
Over 50 H.P.	4.00
HEATING UNITS	
Domestic (Oil)	2.00
Commercial (Oil)	4.00
Electric Heat (Each Room)	.75
APPLIANCES	
Ranges, Cooking Tops, Ovens, Water Heaters, Disposals, Built-in Dishwashers, Dryers, and any permanent built-in appliance — each unit	1.50
MISCELLANEOUS	
Temporary Service, Single Phase	1.00
Temporary Service, Three Phase	2.00
Circuses, Carnivals, Fairs, etc.	10.00
Meters, relocate	1.00
Distribution Cabinet or Panel, per unit	1.00
Transformers, per unit	2.00
Air Conditioners, per unit	2.00
Signs, per unit	2.00
ADDITIONS	
5 Outlets, or less	1.00
5 Outlets, Regular Wiring Rates	

File

ALWAYS PREVENT FIRE ALL WAYS

FRANK M. HOGERTY, JR.
COMMISSIONER

HAROLD E. TRAHEY
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

CHARLES F. ROGAN
DIRECTOR

HARRY J. ROLLINS
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

STATE OF MAINE

Insurance Department

DIVISION OF STATE FIRE PREVENTION

AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

December 9, 1969

First Parish Church
425 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir: Re: Liberal Religious Youth Group

A recent inspection of your property by a Supervising State Fire Inspector revealed the existence of conditions which are in violation of the laws pertaining to fire and structural safety.

Accordingly, the following steps are to be taken to remedy these conditions:

1. Provide anti-panic hardware for exit.
2. Provide emergency light for assembly area.
3. Provide illuminated exit sign.
4. Provide outside exit light.

Please advise this office when compliance has been made with the above violations in order that consideration may be given to the issuance of your dance license.

Please advise this office within ten days of the action which you propose to take.

By direction of the Insurance Commissioner

Charles F. Rogan
Director

WHR:ceg
cc: Chief Joseph Creno
Portland Building Inspector

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 57404
Issued 12/9/68

Portland, Maine Dec. 9, 19 68

To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, $1.00)

Owner's Name and Address Forest Hills Unitarian Church Tel. .....

Contractor's Name and Address Maine Tel. 774-3129

Location 425 Cong St. Use of Building .....

Number of Families ..... Apartments ..... Stores ..... Number of Stories .....

Description of Wiring: New Work ..... Additions ..... Alterations .....

Pipe ... Cable ... Metal Molding ... BX Cable ... Plug Molding (No. of feet) .....

No. Light Outlets ... Plugs ... Light Circuits ... Plug Circuits .....

FIXTURES: No. ... Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet) .....

SERVICE: Pipe ... Cable ... Underground ... No. of Wires ... Size .....

METERS: Relocated ... Added ... Total No. Meters .....

MOTORS: Number ... Phase ... H. P. ... Amps ... Volts ... Starter ...

HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil) ... No. Motors ... Phase ... H.P. ...

Commercial (Oil) ... No. Motors ... Phase ... H.P. ...

Electric Heat (No. of Rooms) ...

APPLIANCES: No. Ranges ... Watts ... Brand Feeds (Size and No.) .....

Elec. Heaters ... Watts .....

Miscellaneous ... Watts ... Extra Cabinets or Panels .....

Transformers ... Air Conditioners (No. Units) ... 1 ... Signs (No. Units) ... 1 ...

Will commence ... 19 ... Ready to cover in ... 19 ... Inspection Dec. 6 19 68

Amount of Fee $ 2.00

Signed G. J. Maxwell

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SERVICE ..... METER ..... GROUND .....

VISITS: 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5 ... 6 ...

7 ... 8 ... 9 ... 10 ... 11 ... 12 ...

REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY F. W. Herbert

CS 203

(OVER)

LOCATION Congress St 725
INSPECTION DATE 12/9/68
WORK COMPLETED 12/9/68
TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS 1
REMARKS:

FEES FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

WIRING	
1 to 30 Outlets	$ 2.00
31 to 60 Outlets	3.00
Over 60 Outlets, each Outlet	.05
(Each twelve feet or fraction thereof of fluorescent lighting or any type of plug molding will be classed as one outlet).	
SERVICES	
Single Phase	2.00
Three Phase	4.00
MOTORS	
Not exceeding 50 H.P.	3.00
Over 50 H.P.	4.00
HEATING UNITS	
Domestic (Oil)	2.00
Commercial (Oil)	4.00
Electric Heat (Each Room)	.75
APPLIANCES	
Ranges, Cooking Tops, Ovens, Water Heaters, Disposals, Built-in Dishwashers, Dryers, and any permanent built-in appliance — each unit	1.50
MISCELLANEOUS	
Temporary Service, Single Phase	1.00
Temporary Service, Three Phase	2.00
Circuses, Carnivals, Fairs, etc.	10.00
Meters, relocate	1.00
Distribution Cabinet or Panel, per unit	1.00
	2.00

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED
NOV 8 1965
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, November 8, 1965

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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 425 Congress St. Use of Building Church No. Stories ~~New~~ Building Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance First Parish Church of Portland, 425 Congress St.

Installer's name and address Randall & McAllister 84 Commercial St. Telephone

General Description of Work

To install Oil burner (replacement) in connection with existing steam heat.

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?

If so, how protected? Kind of fuel?

Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace

From top of smoke pipe From front of appliance From sides or back of appliance

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion?

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Iron-Fireman Whirlpower-gun type Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? yes

Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? bottom

Type of floor beneath burner concrete Size of vent pipe existing

Location of oil storage existing-basement Number and capacity of tanks 2-275 gals. existing

Low water shut off yes Make Mcd*Miller No. 67

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks enclosed?

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?

If so, how protected? Height of Legs, if any

Skirting at bottom of appliance? Distance to 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? Forced or gravity?

If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., $1.00 additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED: O.K. 11-8-65 JA

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

Randall & McAllister

Signature of Installer by: M.K. Kilgore

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F.M.

Permit No. 65/1737 C

Location 425 Congress Street

Owner First Parish Church.

Date of permit 4/8/65

Approved

1 Oil Line

2 Vent Pipe

3 Kind of Heat

4 Burner Mounting & Supports

5 Flame & Lighter

6 Stack Control

7 High Limit Control

8 Remote Control

9 Piping Connections

10 Valves in Oil Line

11 Gauge Oil Tank

12 Tank Blocking & Supports

13 Tank Outlets

14 Oil Cutoff

15 Installation Card

Low Water Cutoff

NOTES

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 54391

Issued

Portland, Maine November 5, 19 65

To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, $1.00)

Owner's Name and Address First Parish Church, 425 Congress St. Tel.

Contractor's Name and Address Randall & Mc Allister, 84 Comml. St. Tel.

Location 425 Congress Street Use of Building Church

Number of Families ..... Apartments ..... Stores ..... Number of Stories .....

Description of Wiring: New Work X Additions ..... Alterations .....

Install Model CF-100 Iron Fireman Whirlpower oil burner-Purner replacement only

Pipe ..... Cable ..... Metal Molding ..... BX Cable ..... Plug Molding (No. of feet) .....

No. Light Outlets ..... Plugs ..... Light Circuits ..... Plug Circuits .....

FIXTURES: No. ..... Light Switches ..... Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet) .....

SERVICE: Pipe ..... Cable ..... Underground ..... No. of Wires ..... Size .....

METERS: Relocated ..... Added ..... Total No. Meters .....

MOTORS: Number ..... Phase ..... H. P. ..... Amps ..... Volts ..... Starter .....

HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil) 1 No. Motors 1 Phase 1 H.P. 1/4

Commercial (Oil) ..... No. Motors ..... Phase ..... H.P. .....

Electric Heat (No. of Rooms) .....

APPLIANCES: No. Ranges ..... Watts ..... Brand Feeds (Size and No.) .....

Elec. Heaters ..... Watts .....

Miscellaneous ..... Watts ..... Extra Cabinets or Panels .....

Transformers ..... Air Conditioners (No. Units) ..... Signs (No. Units) .....

Will commence Nov. 1 1965 Ready to cover in ..... 19..... Inspection Nov. 5 19 65.

Amount of Fee $ 2.00

Signed Randall & Mc Allister

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SERVICE ..... METER ..... GROUND .....

VISITS: 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5 ..... 6 .....

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REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY F W Herbert

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(OVER)

LOCATION Congress ST 425
INSPECTION DATE 11/19/65
WORK COMPLETED 11/17/65
TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS 1
REMARKS:

FEES FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

WIRING

1 to 30 Outlets (including switches)	$ 2.00
31 to 60 Outlets (including switches)	3.00
Over 60 Outlets, each Outlet (including switches)	.05

(Each twelve feet or fraction thereof of fluorescent lighting or any type of plug molding will be classed as one outlet).

SERVICES

Single Phase	2.00
Three Phase	4.00

MOTORS

Not exceeding 50 H.P.	3.00
Over 50 H.P.	4.00

HEATING UNITS

Domestic (Oil)	2.00
Commercial (Oil)	4.00
Electric Heat (Each Room)	.75

APPLIANCES

Ranges, Cooking Tops, Ovens, Water Heaters, Disposals, Dishwashers, etc. — Each Unit	1.50

TEMPORARY WORK (Limited to 6 months from date of permit)

Service, Single Phase	1.00
Service, Three Phase	2.00
Wiring, 1-50 Outlets	1.00
Wiring, each additional outlet over 50	.02
Circuses, Carnivals, Fairs, etc.	10.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Distribution Cabinet or Panel, per unit	1.00
Transformers, per unit	2.00
Air Conditioners, per unit	2.00
Signs, per unit	2.00

ADDITIONS

5 Outlets or less	1.00

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 53940

Issued .....

Portland, Maine 6-2, 1965

To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, $1.00)

Owner's Name and Address First Parish Church 425 Cong. St Tel. .....

Contractor's Name and Address ACC Electric Tel. .....

Location 425 Cong. St Use of Building .....

Number of Families ..... Apartments ..... Stores ..... Number of Stories .....

Description of Wiring: New Work ..... Additions ..... Alterations .....

Change Service to 3 Phase 4 Wire

Pipe ..... Cable ..... Metal Molding ..... BX Cable ..... Plug Molding (No. of feet) .....

No. Light Outlets ..... Plugs ..... Light Circuits ..... Plug Circuits .....

FIXTURES: No. ..... Light Switches ..... Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet) .....

SERVICE: Pipe ..... Cable ..... Underground ✓ No. of Wires ..... Size .....

METERS: Relocated 1 Added ..... Total No. Meters 1

MOTORS: Number ..... Phase ..... H. P. ..... Amps ..... Volts ..... Starter .....

HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil) ..... No. Motors ..... Phase ..... H.P. .....

Commercial (Oil) ..... No. Motors ..... Phase ..... H.P. .....

Electric Heat (No. of Rooms) .....

APPLIANCES: No. Ranges ..... Watts ..... Brand Feeds (Size and No.) .....

Elec. Heaters ..... Watts .....

Miscellaneous ..... Watts ..... Extra Cabinets or Panels .....

Transformers ..... Air Conditioners (No. Units) ..... Signs (No. Units) .....

Will commence 6-3 1965 Ready to cover in ..... 19..... Inspection ..... 19.....

Amount of Fee $ 4.00 ✓

Signed ACC Electric Co

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SERVICE ✓ METER ..... GROUND ✓

VISITS: 1 ..... 2 ..... 3 ..... 4 ..... 5 ..... 6 .....

7 ..... 8 ..... 9 ..... 10 ..... 11 ..... 12 .....

REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY F.W. Herbert

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LOCATION Cong. ST 425
INSPECTION DATE 6/10/65
WORK COMPLETED 6/10/65
TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS 1
REMARKS:

FEES FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

WIRING	
1 to 30 Outlets (including switches)	$ 2.00
31 to 60 Outlets (including switches)	3.00
Over 60 Outlets, each Outlet (including switches)	.05
(Each twelve feet or fraction thereof of fluorescent lighting or any type of plug molding will be classed as one outlet).	
SERVICES	
Single Phase	2.00
Three Phase	4.00
MOTORS	
Not exceeding 50 H.P.	3.00
Over 50 H.P.	4.00
HEATING UNITS	
Domestic (Oil)	2.00
Commercial (Oil)	4.00
Electric Heat (Each Room)	.75
APPLIANCES	
Ranges, Cooking Tops, Ovens, Water Heaters, Disposals, Dishwashers, etc. — Each Unit	1.50
TEMPORARY WORK (Limited to 6 months from date of permit)	
Service, Single Phase	1.00
Service, Three Phase	2.00
Wiring, 1-50 Outlets	1.00
Wiring, each additional outlet over 50	.02
Circuses, Carnivals, Fairs, etc.	10.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Distribution Cabinet or Panel, per unit	1.00
Transformers, per unit	2.00
Air Conditioners, per unit	2.00
Signs, per unit	2.00
ADDITIONS	

PERMIT TO INSTALL PLUMBING

15251
PERMIT NUMBER

Date Issued 6/1/65

PORTLAND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

By J. P. Welch

APPROVED FIRST INSPECTION

Date 6/8/65

By [illegible]

APPROVED FINAL INSPECTION

Date 6/8/65 Eng

By JOSEPH P. WELCH
CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

TYPE OF BUILDING
☐ RESIDENTIAL
☐ SINGLE
☐ MULTI FAMILY
☐ NEW CONSTRUCTION
☐ REMODELING

Address 425 Congress St.
Installation For: First Parish Church
Owner of Bldg. Same
Owner's Address: Same
Plumber: W. H. Wallace Date: 6/1/65

NEW	REP'L	PROPOSED INSTALLATIONS	NUMBER	FEE
		SINKS		
		LAVATORIES		
		TOILETS		
		BATH TUBS		
		SHOWERS		
		DRAINS		
1		HOT WATER TANKS	1	$2.00
		TANKLESS WATER HEATERS		
		GARBAGE GRINDERS		
		SEPTIC TANKS		
		HOUSE SEWERS		
		ROOF LEADERS (Conn. to house drain)		
		TOTAL ▶		$2.00

PORTLAND HEALTH DEPT. PLUMBING INSPECTION

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

02199
DEC 13 1956
CITY of PORTLAND
A-AAS

Class of Building or Type of Structure .....

Portland, Maine, Dec. 13, 1956

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect ~~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 425 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address First Parish Church, 425 Congress St. Telephone .....

Lessee's name and address ..... Telephone .....

Contractor's name and address Fels Co., Inc., 42 Union St. Telephone 2-1939

Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans yes No. of sheets 3

Proposed use of building Church No. families .....

Last use " No. families .....

Material masonry No. stories 2 Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....

Other buildings on same lot .....

Estimated cost $..... Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To install mechanical system of ventilation 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. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** installers

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? ..... Is any electrical work involved in this work? .....

Is connection to be made to public sewer? ..... If not, what is proposed for sewage? .....

Has septic tank notice been sent? ..... Form notice sent? .....

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 ..... of 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? .....

APPROVED:
OK - 12/13/56 - agl

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

First Parish Church
Fels Co., Inc.

Signature of owner by: Chas. H. Nelson

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Permit No. 56/2/99

Location 425 Congress St.

Owner First Congregat. Church

Date of permit 12/13/56

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

12/14/56 - Job finished - Allen

Harry W. Marr, Chief of the Fire Department September 28, 1956

Albert J. Sears, Deputy Inspector of Buildings

Wood railing on top of front wall of addition to Parish House of First Parish Church at 425 Congress Street.

Attached hereto you will find application for permit amendment and plan showing details of wood railing proposed on top of front wall of second story addition now under construction on Parish House of First Parish Church. Because of the location of the property in Fire District #1 the use of such combustible material is limited by the Building Code. However, Section 402b13 allows "a limited amount of ornamentation or trim of wood on the outside walls of dwelling, tenement or lodging houses, club and lodge buildings or churches, or on the front of buildings facing upon a public street at least 50 feet wide, provided the amount of area of such combustible material is approved by both the Chief of the Fire Department and the Inspector, and that such combustible material is protected as and when deemed necessary by them."

In view of the location of the wall on which this is to be located and the fact that the railing is on top of the wall and above the roof of the building, it seems to us that it presents little or no hazard from the standpoint of spreading a conflagration and therefore should be allowed. How do you feel about it?

Deputy Inspector of Buildings

Attachment: Application for amendment and plan

PERMIT ISSUED
OCT 2 1956
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 2-3

Portland, Maine, Sept. 28, 1956

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 56/920 *pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 425 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address First Parish Church, c/o William Tutcle, 19 Kenneth Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Haddon Clark, 745 Sawyer St., So. Portland Telephone 4-4394

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building church No. families

Last use " No. families

Increased cost of work Additional fee .50

Description of Proposed Work

Construction and anchorage of metal cornice and wood railing on top of front wall as per plan.

Amendment to be issued to Haddon Clark

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 of lining

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

Approved: O.K. 10/2/56

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

INSPECTION COPY

First Parish Church

Signature of Owner by: H B Clark

Approved: 10/2/56

Inspector of Buildings

C-10-154-5C-Marks

September 12, 1956

BP - 425 Congress Street

Contractor—Hudson Clark
745 Sawyer Street
South Portland

Architect—William Tuttle
19 Kenneth Street

Amendment #2 to Permit #56/920 covering construction of granite facing on front wall of addition and enclosure of cellar stairs is issued herewith on basis of letter and plan received September 6, 1956, but subject to the following conditions:-

—anchors for granite facing are to be of non-corrodible metal.
—doorway at foot of front cellar stairs is to swing into the new enclosure in the direction of exit travel from the basement instead of as shown.

It is understood that as soon as details of construction and anchorage of metal cornice and wood railing on top of front wall are available, they will be filed together with application for another amendment covering this part of the work.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, Sept. 11, 1956

PERMIT ISSUED
SEP 12 1956
PORTLAND, MAINE

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 56/920 *pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 425 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address First Parish Church, c/o William Tuttle, 19 Kenneth Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Haddon Clark, 745 Sawyer St., So. Portland Telephone 4-4394

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building church No. families

Last use " No. families

Increased cost of work Additional fee .50

Description of Proposed Work

To provide granite facing on front wall of addition and to enclose cellar stairways as per letter and plan attached.

Permit Issued with Letter

Amendment to be issued to Haddon Clark

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 of lining

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

Approved: with letter by AJS

First Parish Church

Signature of Owner by: H. B. Clark

Approved: 9/12/56

Inspector of Buildings

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C-10-154-5C-Marks

PERMIT ISSUED

JUL 12 1956

CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, July 12, 1956

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 56/920 *pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 425 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address First Parish Church, c/o William Tuttle, 19 Kenneth Rd. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Haddon Clark, 745 Sawyer St., So. Portland Telephone 4-4394

Architect Plans filed No. of sheets

Proposed use of building church No. families

Last use " No. families

Increased cost of work Additional fee .50

Description of Proposed Work

To excavate and construct foundation only for proposed addition.

Amendment to be issued to Haddon Clark

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 of lining

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

Approved:

First Parish Church

Signature of Owner by: H. B. Clark

Approved: Warren McDonald

Inspector of Buildings

INSPECTION COPY

C-10-154-5C-Marks

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September 5, 1956

Department of Building Inspection
City Hall
Portland, Maine

ATTENTION: MR. ALBERT J. SEARS Re: Addition to First Parish Church
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge your letter of August 30 in connection with the above captioned job.

I am enclosing herewith a drawing showing the enclosures of the basement stairways. All partition work on the stairways will be 2" x 4" wood studs covered with metal lath and plaster, both sides. There will be a Class "C" self-closing fire door and metal frame at the openings to the stairways.

The granite facing on the front wall of the addition will be securely tied to the brick work with metal ties 1/4" thick by 1½" wide. These ties will be turned down 1" into slots in the top of each granite block. They will extend into the brick work and be turned up at least 2". Two of these ties will be installed in each ~~stone~~ granite block. The blocks are 12" high and stones vary in length from 30" to 48". The majority of the stones are three feet or less in length. The stones alternate in courses 4" and 8" thick which in itself helps to tie the granite face to the brick backing.

Details of construction and anchorage of both the metal cornice and wood railing will be furnished to you before any work of this nature is performed.

Other matters covered in your letter will be taken care of.

Very truly yours,

William D. Tuttle

William D. Tuttle
Architect

WDT: jc

August 30, 1956

AP - 425 Congress Street

H. B. Clark & Son
745 Sawyer Street
South Portland, Maine
Mr. William D. Tuttle
19 Kenneth Street

Copy to First Parish Church
c/o Mr. William D. Tuttle

Gentlemen:-

Permit for construction of a second story addition on Parish House of the First Parish Church at the above location is issued herewith based on plans filed with application for permit and Mr. Tuttle's letter of August 28, 1956, but subject to the following conditions:-

1. The following details of construction are excluded from the work covered by the permit now being issued and are not to be started until information concerning them requested in our letter of June 28, 1956 has been furnished together with an application for an amendment to this permit, and the amendment has been issued:-

a - Granite facing on front wall of addition. Information as to size and spacing of ties is needed.

b - Metal cornice. Details of construction and anchorage are needed.

c - Wood railing on top of front wall. Details of construction and anchorage are needed.

d - Enclosure of cellar stairways. Plan showing arrangement and type of material with which partitions are to be covered is needed.

2. Wood roof timbers are to be anchored to masonry walls by strap iron anchors not less than 3/8 inches by 1½ inches by 16 inches long attached to the bottoms of the timbers at intervals of not over 8 feet and long enough to engage three joists where they run parallel to the walls.

3. Sliding partition in first story between foot of new stairs to second story and front entrance door is to be removed.

We have been rather disappointed at the poor cooperation received on this job. In order to get the job started we issued a limited permit for certain details of the work although plans filed with application for permit were not complete enough to allow issuance of general construction permit, thus allowing

August 30, 1956

time for furnishing of the needed information while the work authorized was being done. However, although a period of two months has elapsed since the limited permit was issued, the requested information was furnished (and then only partially) only after prodding on our part, while you have proceeded to continue the work beyond the point authorized. It is apparent that efforts on our part to enable work on the job to be started at as early a date as possible were not appreciated. We trust that the information requested above will be forthcoming shortly so that the amendment covering it can be issued, as we do not wish to take the unpleasant step of stopping work on the job, as perhaps we already should have done.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

August 28, 1956

Department of Building Inspection
City Hall
Portland, Maine

ATTENTION: MR. ALBERT J. SEARS Re: Addition to First Parish Church
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

This is in reply to your letter of June 28, 1956 relative to the above captioned work. I am answering in numerical sequence the questions which have been raised.

1. The large room in second story will have no other use other than classroom purposes.

2. Handrails will be provided on both sides of all new stairways and non-slip surfacing will be provided on treads of stairs.

3. The exit door from kitchen to rear stairway is now hung so that it will swing in an arc of 180 degrees back against the wall.

4. Door in second story leading to rear stairway enclosure will be made 3 feet wide.

5. Proper exit lights and white lights will be provided over all doorways which you mentioned.

6. Proper type of locks to give free exit from chapel room and class rooms will be provided. Existing exit doors will be equiped with vestibule latchsets and anti-panic hardware.

7. The existing outside front entrance doors will be moved outward in a proper manner to meet the building code requirements.

8. All stairways leading from basement to first floor will be properly enclosed with partitions of one-hour fire resistance with Class "C" labelled self-closing fire doors on openings to enclosures.

9. The present boiler room is already enclosed with 8 inch and 12 inch thick brick walls with a self closing fire door on existing doorway to the boiler room.

10. Wood roof timbers will be anchored to masonry walls in accordance with the building code requirements.

11. Details of construction and anchorage of metal covered cornice will be furnished later.

12. Details of construction and anchorage of wood railing will be furnished later.

13. The granite facing on front wall will be anchored to brick backing with metal wall ties. The tops of the granite stone will be provided with anchor holds for this purpose. The granite courses are alternating 4 inches and 8 inches thick.

Very truly yours,

William D. Tuttle

William D. Tuttle
Architect

WDT:nc

June 28, 1956

AP - 425 Congress Street

H. B. Clark & Son
745 Sawyer Street
South Portland, Me.

opy to First Parish Church
c/o William L. Tuttle

Gentlemen:-

In order that work may be started on second story addition to Parish House of the First Parish Church at the above location a limited permit is issued herewith covering only the erection of new masonry chimney and all steel construction in connection with the new second floor framing, but subject to the following conditions:-

1. As soon as excavation has been made so that conditions can be determined, details are to be furnished as to foundations for Lally columns supporting steel beams and a plan of such details filed with an application for amendment to this permit.

2. Before erection of steel joists is started it is necessary that there be on file in this office certification in writing from the manufacturer of such joists to the effect that "all welding has been designed and all shop welding has been performed according to the procedure and by properly qualified welders as set forth in the Code and qualification procedure established by the American Welding Society".

3. Certain questions involving compliance with Building Code requirements covering other details of the work will be the subject of another letter.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

June 28, 1956

AF - 425 Congress Street

H. B. Clark & Son
745 Sawyer Street
South Portland, Me.
Mr. William D. Tuttle
19 Kenn[illegible] Street

Copy to First Parish Church
c/o Mr. William D. Tuttle

Gentlemen:-

Examination of plans filed with application for permit for construction of a second story addition to Parish House of First Parish Church at the above location discloses variances from Building Code requirements as listed below. A limited permit covering erection of steel work supporting new second floor framing is being issued, but before work other than this can be authorized it is necessary that an amendment to this permit be filed together with revised plans indicating how compliance with Building Code requirements is to be provided as regards all of the questions raised in this letter. Details in question are as follows:-

1. If large room in second story is to be used for other than class room purposes, exit arrangements must be provided as specified for minor assembly halls. See Sections 206e2 and 206e8 of Building Code. — Classroom use

2. Handrails are required on both sides of all stairways and non-slip surfacing is required on treads of stairs. See Section 202e4. — O.K.

3. Door from kitchen to rear stairway enclosure in first story blocks exit passageway, contrary to Section 202e1. If feasible it would be preferable to have no door on this opening, but if this is not desirable, it is necessary that door be hung so it will swing in an arc of 120 degrees back against the wall. — Will swing in arc of 180°.

4. Door in second story leading to rear stairway enclosure is required to be not less than 3 feet wide. See Section 212e2.3. — To be made 3 feet wide

5. Exit lights are required over door in second story leading to rear stairway and over door from stairway enclosure at ground level. White lights on the same circuit are required outside this latter door and in the stairway enclosure. — To be done

6. What type of locks, if any, are to be provided on doors from chapel rooms and class rooms? See Section 212e2.5. If not already so equipped doors at existing front entrance will need to be equipped with vestibule latchsets and anti-panic hardware. — To be done

7. Outside front entrance doors will need to be made to swing outward without any step down other than the thickness of the usual threshold directly at the doorway. See Section 212e2.1. — Front doors to be recessed

June 28, 1956

8. Since spaces in first and second stories of Parish House will undoubtedly accommodate more than 200 people in the aggregate, all stairways from basement to first floor are required to be enclosed in the basement with partitions of one-hour fire resistance with Class "C" labelled self-closing fire doors on openings to enclosures. See Section 208f1. — done

9. If the total capacity of both stories is to be more than 300 persons, enclosure of heater with fire separations of one-hour resistance is required. See Section 208f3. — already enclosed.

10. How are floor and roof timbers to be anchored to masonry walls in accordance with Section 302c1? ?

11. Details of construction and anchorage of metal covered cornice in accordance with Section 308b6 need to be shown. ?

12. Because of the location of the property in Fire District #1, use of the wood railing on top of front wall is questionable. However a limited amount of woodwork is allowable if approved by the Chief of the Fire Department. We will take this matter up with him to see if his approval can be secured. In any case details of construction and anchorage of this railing need to be shown. ?

13. How is granite facing on front wall to be anchored to brick backing? What is its thickness to be? See Section 308b8.4(c). ?

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

(B) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure masonry

Portland, Maine, June 19, 1956

PERMIT ISSUED
00920
JUN 28 1956
CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~repair demolish~~ 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 425 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address First Parish Church, c/o William Tuttle, 19 Kenneth St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Hadnon Clark, 745 Sawyer St., So. Portland Telephone L-1394

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 3

Proposed use of building Church No. families

Last use " No. families

Material masonry No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other building on same lot

Estimated cost $ 50,000. Fee $ 50.00

General Description of New Work

To construct masonry addition at second floor level and make alterations to existing building as per plans.

Limited permit for construction of chimney ~~xk~~ and erection of steel for second floor framing only issued 6/28/56.

Limited Permit Issued with Letter 6/28/56
Gen'l permit issued with letter 8/30/56

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. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** contractor

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Is connection to be made to public sewer? If not, what is proposed for sewage?

Has septic tank notice been sent? Form notice sent?

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 of 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?

APPROVED:
with letter by AJ

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

First Parish Church

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by: H B Clark & Son

Permit No. 56/920

Location 425 Congress St.

Owner First Baptist Church

Date of permit 6/28/56

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif. 3/7/57 ($100)

Final Inspn. 3/7/57

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice 7/11/56

NOTES

Foundation

6/20/56 - Footings in for Office and to be poured before work starts on north of the office. Allen

7/9/56 - No work started

7/11/56 - O.K. to pour footings. Foundation to start on 7/12. — Allen

8/8/56 Foundation started

8/17/56 - Foundation and walls up. Check height of concrete walls. Also check with Mr. Rich and find out if he will be ready with all off. Allen

9/7/56 - Footings for office are not to be poured. Check with Mr. Rich and see if he wants them. Allen

Check for fire hydrant. Fire in Class C —

Check for exit lights & white lights —

10/1/56 - Work progressing — Allen

10/23/56 - Exit lights needed on 2nd flor & basement - Wood railing on the roof not yet on — Check swing of door on 1st flor into rear exit stairway — Class C fire door in basement — Front door to swing out. It is to be reversed — Check front stairway for prestige & hand rails. — Allen

11/19/56 - Same as above except doors and stairways have O.K. to place in stock. Lots front & rear. Front stairway to be prestige & set up on the north side of Congress St. — Allen

12/10/56 - Metal conduit needed - Check fire doors - Wiring in new - Exit lights needed on 2nd floor basement & that swing of door in 1st flor into rear exit stairway - Front door to swing out. It will be reversed. - Check front stairway for prestige hand rails - Allen

12/11/56 - Left OT to check on 1st floor - Fire Co. is putting in mechanical ventilation - Allen

12/11/56 - Called Fire Co & told them we need a permit for the mechanical ventilation - (Above 12/10/56) - (O.K.) Allen

1/14/57 - Stopped in here on way from Office to Union. Looking to see if front of the building is finished. Stairway unfinished - Handrails. Railings. Exit light - Hand rails. Front stairway hand rails. Metal conduit. Allen

3/7/57 - Pass final inspection all O.K. except for pour basement which I wrote to check on plans to be sure of - Allen

3/7/57 - All O.K. - Allen

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED
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JAN 18 1956
CITY OF PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, January 18, 1956

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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 425 Congress Street Use of Building Church No. Stories 1 ~~New~~ Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance First Parish Church, 425 Congress St.

Installer's name and address Portland Gas Light Co., 5 Temple St. Telephone

General Description of Work

To install gas-fired Vulcan restaurant range (replacement)

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance ..... Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? .....

If so, how protected? ..... Kind of fuel? .....

Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace .....

From top of smoke pipe ..... From front of appliance ..... From sides or back of appliance .....

Size of chimney flue ..... Other connections to same flue .....

If gas fired, how vented? ..... Rated maximum demand per hour .....

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? .....

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner ..... Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? .....

Will operator be always in attendance? ..... Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? .....

Type of floor beneath burner ..... Size of vent pipe .....

Location of oil storage ..... Number and capacity of tanks .....

Low water shut off ..... Make ..... No. .....

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? ..... How many tanks enclosed? .....

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners .....

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance 1st floor Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? no

If so, how protected? ..... Height of Legs, if any 4½"

Skirting at bottom of appliance? no Distance to combustible material from top of appliance? 6'

From front of appliance Over 4' From sides and back ~~Over~~ 6" From top of smokepipe 2'

Size of chimney flue existing Other connections to same flue .....

Is hood to be provided? existing If so, how vented? chimney Forced or gravity? forced

If gas fired, how vented? chimney Rated maximum demand per hour .....

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Range is #60 Vulcan ~~xxx~~ restaurant range

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED:

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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

First Parish Church
Portland Gas Light Co.

C17 185 1M MAINE PRINTING CO.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of Installer By: Weber A. Lane

PH

1-26 C-1

Permit No. 56/53

Location 425 Congress St.

Owner First Parish Church

Date of permit 1/18/56

Approved 1-25-56 [illegible]

NOTES

Inquiry 425 Congress St.
(First Parish Church)

April 6, 1948

Mr. Roy Stevens
122 Neal Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Inquiry as application of Building Code to constructing a dumb-waiter about 18" square to run from the present kitchen in basement of First Parish Church parish house to the former kitchen now used as a classroom in the first story of the parish house

Dear Mr. Stevens:

Section 203f4 of the Building Code, applying to buildings used for church purposes, provides: "All elevator or dumb-waiter shafts shall be cut off from these uses (use as a church or accessory use like a parish house) by separations of 1-hour fire resistance, using self-closing fire doors."

If the dumb-waiter were to be operated by power, a separate permit for it would be required which is issuable only to the actual installer, and there are quite a few rules as to the installation to avoid accident etc. If the dumb-waiter is to be operated by hand power, the installation of it should be included in the building permit for cutting the opening in the floor and providing the fire resistive enclosure.

This term 1-hour fire resistance is usually accomplished by using no less than 2x3 wooden studs, set upright, no more than 16" from center to center, covered on both sides with plaster on metal lath or on perforated Gypsum lath. In your case it would mean a 2x3 stud at the corners and one in the center of each side probably.

With such a small shaftway, however, it would hardly be practicable to plaster the enclosing partitions on the inside. Perhaps some arrangement could be worked out so that a non-burnable covering such as metal or Gypsum wallboard could be used on the inside and then enough additional plaster on the outside to make up the 1-hour fire resistance.

The term self-closing fire door in this case means a fire door bearing the label of the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. as Class C. If such a small door cannot be procured with the label, probably a metal covered wooden door according to the specifications in Section 303c4 of the Building Code could be used. Inquiry of some of the commission men locally who procure fire doors could establish the fact of whether or not a labelled door could be procured. The frame of the doors would be metal covered so as to exclude air from door frame and partitions enclosing the dumb waiter shaftway. The term "self-closing" means a door normally closed and kept closed by a suitable device. This could be spring hinges which of course would raise the question what was to be done if it was necessary, as it would be at times, to leave the door standing open to load and unload the car. Perhaps a hook could be arranged with a fusible link on it so that if the door were hooked open and left that way accidentally, a fire on the outside of the shaftway would close the door automatically.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/S

ZONE "G"

FIRE DIST. 1

INQUIRY BLANK

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Date March 19, 1948

Verbal
By Telephone

LOCATION 425 Congress Street OWNER First Parish Church

TEL. 2-3975

MADE BY Roy Stevens

ADDRESS 122 Neal Street

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING Church NO. OF STORIES

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION

REMARKS:

INQUIRY: What would be the application of the Building Code to constructing a dumb waiter about 18" square to run from the present kitchen in basement of parish house to the former kitchen now used as a classroom in the first story of the parish house--capacity of parish house about 200 and of church 400?

ANSWER: See letter

DATE OF REPLY 4/1/48 REPLY BY [illegible]

4669 Hayden

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

425 Congress Street--Alterations in basement of First Parish Church by Ernest C. Soule, builder

January 30, 1946

To Owner & Builder:

I take it that this work with relation to storage rooms etc. in basement is not in connection with any of the assembly rooms of the church, or at least would not in any way affect the safety in the assembly rooms of the church or the means of egress.

CC: First Parish Church
425 Congress Street

(Signed) Warren McDonald

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00123
JAN 30 1946

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, January 30, 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~remove 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 425 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Ernest C. Soule, 75 Edwards Street Telephone 2-7301

Architect Specifications Plans no No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Church No. families

Last use " No. families

Material stone No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 150.00 Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To partition off two storage rooms in basement - 2x3 studs, 16" O.C., covered with plasterboard one side. (Storage of sewing materials, etc.)
To close off arch with sectional removable ~~partition~~ screen.

Permit Issued with Memo

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 work 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 of 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? 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

APPROVED:

First Parish Church

Signature of owner By: E. C. Soule

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Permit No. 46/123

Location 425 Congress St

Owner First Parish Church

Date of permit 1/30/46

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 3/1/46

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

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3/1/46 - P.I.F. - a.g.s

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0085

JAN 21 1941

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, January 21, 1941

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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 425 Congress Street Use of Building Church No. Stories ~~New building~~ Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance First Parish Church

Installer's name and address Portland Gas Light Co., 5 Temple St. Telephone 2-8321

General Description of Work

To install restaurant range

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? yes If not, which story Kind of Fuel gas

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) concrete

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace, 6'

from top of smoke pipe 2' from front of appliance over 5' from sides or back of appliance 8"

Size of chimney flue 12x12 Other connections to same flue none

Hood to be provided over range

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories?

Will operator be always in attendance? Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure)

Location oil storage No. and capacity of tanks

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? How many tanks fireproofed?

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.)

INSPECTION COPY Wm B Bunting

Signature of Installer Portland Gas Light Co. By Carl M Morgan

Lee 40/2023

Permit No. 41/85

Location 425 Congress St.

Owner First Parish Church

Date of Permit 1/21/41

Post Card sent

Notif. for inspn.

Approval tag issued INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Oil Burner Check List (date)

1. Kind of heat
2. Label
3. Anti-siphon
4. Oil storage
5. Tank distance
6. Vent Pipe
7. Fill Pipe
8. Gauge
9. Rigidity
10. Feed safety
11. Pipe sizes and material
12. Control valve
13. Ash pit vent
14. Temp. or pressure safety
15. Instruction card
16.

NOTES

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

423 Congress St.--Installation of Oil Burner by Harris Oil Co. for First Parish Church

12/12/40

To Owner and Installer:

Because oil is to be supplied by gravity from more than one 275-gallon tank, a manually operated three-way valve is required in the feed pipe line leading to the burner(as close to the tanks as feasible), so that not more than one tank can in any way discharge its contents at one time.

Please be governed accordingly.

OC First Parish

(*Signed*) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

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PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 2013

DEC 12 1940

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, December 11, 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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 425 Congress Street Use of Building Church No. Stories ____ New Building ____ Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street

Installer's name and address Harris Oil Co., 17 Main Street, So. Port. Telephone 2-8304

General Description of Work

To install Oil Burning equipment in connection with existing steam heat

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED UNLESS CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? yes If not, which story ____ Kind of Fuel Oil

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) dirt

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace ____

from top of smoke pipe ____ from front of appliance ____ from sides or back of appliance ____

Size of chimney flue ____ Other connections to same flue ____

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Fluid Heat Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? yes

Will operator be always in attendance? ____ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) gravity

Location oil storage basement No. and capacity of tanks 2-275 gal.

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? yes How many tanks fireproofed? ____

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.)

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of Installer Harris Oil Co. By: Donald E. Orde 15/10

Lcc40/2023

Permit No. 40/2013

Location 425 Congress Street

Owner Trust Parish Church

Date of Permit 12/12/40

Post Card sent

Notif. for inspn.

Approval tag issued INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

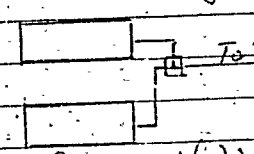
Oil Burner Check List (date) 1/28/41

1. Kind of heat Steam
2. Label
3. Anti-siphon ✓
4. Oil storage ✓
5. Tank distance ✓
6. Vent Pipe ✓
7. Fill Pipe ✓
8. Gauge ✓
9. Rigidity ✓
10. Feed safety ✓
11. Pipe sizes and material ✓
12. Control valve ✓
13. Ash pit vent —
14. Temp. or pressure safety ✓
15. Instruction card ?
16.

NOTES

12/19/40 – Three way valve not properly installed or else not proper

Three way valve



Talked with Mr. Archer about this ago

1/22/41 – Three way valve not properly installed

Rept. 3506C-I

December 14, 1940

Googins & Clark,
46 Portland Street,
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the building permit covering alterations in the basement of the Parish House of the First Parish Church at 425 Congress Street. Please note the following:

For requirements as to means of egress, anti-panic hardware, exit lights, etc., please refer to paragraph numbered 2 in my letter of December 4, 1940.

For requirements as to the new stairway, fire extinguishers, etc., please refer to paragraphs 3 and 4 of my letter of December 4th.

The fact that you are cutting in a new stairway between the basement and first story of the Parish House where none had existed before makes it necessary for a standard fireproof heater room to be provided or adequate protection on the ceiling over the heater, smokepipe and firing space together with an enclosure around the new stairs consisting entirely of incombustible material and with a self-closing fire door at the foot of the stairs. Because the church is planning to enclose the boiler with masonry walls anyway, the first of the above alternatives seems most advantageous, but this alternative would require that the door to the heater room be made a standard self-closing fire door set in a fire door frame, frame and door to be in accordance with Fire Insurance Underwriters' Specifications and the term "self-closing" meaning a door which is normally closed and kept closed by means of a suitable device; also that the ceiling of the heater room be covered with plaster on metal lath or perforated gypsum lath. Since the door to the heater room would be normally closed, I presume there either is or will be provided an outside window in the heater room to provide sufficient air for combustion purposes.

For the benefit of the owner some comment is necessary upon the planned structural adjustments. It is the plan to change the bearing points and the span lengths of the existing 10x10 hard pine girders which support the first floor. While nothing in the Building Code forbids such adjustments it is not the best of practice in my judgment because no person knows precisely what will be the result of changing the critical features of these girders which have been "checking" and establishing a certain set of their fibres through many years. These girders on the new 12 foot spans only figure sufficient for the stated assembly room load by disregarding the fact that the floor joists are "let-in" the girders thus dissipating at least a small part of their strength.

December 14, 1940

No particular difficulty is anticipated in this connection, however, if the room above is used for the normal church or Sunday School uses. It would not be wise to indulge in modern dancing or in group games which may involve impact such as jumping or rhythm. If such activities are contemplated, the girders on the longer spans ought to be reinforced.

I note that you have decided to eliminate altogether the pier which would be in the kitchen, thus making one girder span 14 feet, the girder to be reinforced by two 6x4 by 3/8 inch angles. This reinforced girder barely figures out for an assembly room load, considering the 10x10 with no material cut out of it, which, of course, it has. The same reasoning applies here as above. I am assuming that the 6x4 angles will be fastened securely to the 10x10 by a means calculated to damage the 10x10 as little as possible, also that plates of sufficient size and thickness are to be used at the top of each column at either end of the reinforced girder to provide bearings for both angles.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMCD/H

CC: First Parish Church
425 Congress Street

Rept. 85980-I

December 4, 1940

Coogins & Clark,
40 Portland Street,
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

There are questions about or shortages of information in the application and plans for alterations in the basement of the Parish House of First Parish Church at 425 Congress Street, as follows:

1. The plan appears to be to remove all but one of the brick piers in the basement, replacing the piers under the heavy wooden girders exposed in the basement with Lally columns and certain other brick piers which support some part of the building above by means of structural members such as angles and channels to be supported upon the existing wooden girders. We need more detail as to how these steel beams are to be fastened to the wooden girders and as to the loads which they are to support. Apparently there is no way of telling just how the roof of the Parish House is supported unless the original plans are available. Presumably the three inch columns that pass up through the building have something to do with it. I am not questioning the adequacy of the reinforcement or replacements shown on the plans but since this is a semi-public building with public assemblage involved, we need a record of the character and size of the loads to be supported upon the new steel.

2. Two means of egress are required from the proposed banquet room. Assuming the doors leading directly to out of doors in the rear and to the side alley as the means to be counted the doors leading from the banquet hall to the entry near the front chimney, the door leading from that entry out into the alley, the door leading from the banquet hall to the kitchen and from the kitchen out of doors at the rear, hall to be no less than 6 feet 4 inches high and 2 feet 8 inches wide; and all four of them should swing outwards or toward the direction of exit travel. Exit lights with letters no less than two and one-half inches high to show red on a white background or white on a red background are required over the door from the banquet hall to the entry and over the door from the banquet hall to the kitchen. A white light should be provided in the entry way, another outside of the alley exit, another in the kitchen and another outside the rear exit door, all of these lights including the exit lights to be on a single circuit and to be controlled by as small a number of switches as practicable. Both exit doors leading directly to the outside are required to have anti-panic hardware. The door from banquet room to entry and from banquet room to kitchen should be equipped with only such hardware that persons in the banquet room can open them from the inside at any time without a key or any other special knowledge by merely turning the usual knob.

3. On the basis of the above paragraph the new stairway is not counted as a means of egress, but is required to have a handrail on at least one side and to be at least three feet wide in the clear. The treads are required to have anti-slip surfaces, a requirement which may be satisfied by rubber treads securely fastened

While the Building Code contains no such requirement, it is recommended that a landing at the same level as the banquet room floor be provided between the foot of the stairs and the door to the banquet room as wide and as long as the stairway is wide, this to avoid having the door right at the bottom riser as shown on the plans.

4. When the hall is ready for occupancy, at least one standard fire extinguisher of a type bearing the label of approval of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. for the use intended is necessary in or about the new banquet room in a fairly conspicuous place and always ready for use.

Will you be kind enough to have this information indicated on the plans so that we may be able to issue the permit with good understanding of the requirements all around? The First Parish Church and Maguire & Jones Co. have a copy of this letter.

Very truly yours,

WMcD/H

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Maguire & Jones Co.
33 Pearl Street

Gentlemen: Your attention is called to paragraph No. 1.

Warren McDonald

CC: First Parish Church
425 Congress Street

GENERAL BUSINESS FILE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 2023
DEC 14 1940

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, November 29, 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 425 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3

Owner's or ~~Lessee~~'s name and address First Parish Church Telephone

Contractor's name and address Googins & Clark, 46 Portland St. Telephone 2-3168

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 2

Proposed use of building Church and Parish House No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 3,500. Fee $ 3.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material stone No. stories 1 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Church and Parish House No. families

General Description of New Work

To make alterations in basement of Parish House as per plans
to provide 8" brick wall around new boiler room
to partition off new kitchen in rear, cutting in new window for ventilation
to partition off new toilet rooms, existing windows at least three square feet in area for ventilation of each
to remove existing 12x12 brick piers in basement and provide in same location 4" labelled lally lally columns as shown on steel plan
to provide new stairway first floor to basement (front) existing rear door in basement

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

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes

Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate

Size, front depth No. stories Height average grade to highest point of roof

To be erected on 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 of lining

Kind of heat Type of fuel Is gas fitting involved?

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

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

Total 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 above work require removal or disturbing of any shade 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

Signature of owner First Parish Church By Googins & Clark

INSPECTION COPY By A. D. Clark

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

$30.00

Permit No. 40/2023 PI

Location 425 Congress St.

Owner First Parish Church

Date of permit 12/14/40

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES