

Athleta - Portland, ME - Louver Exemption

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Fri, Sep 9, 2016 at 12:38 PM

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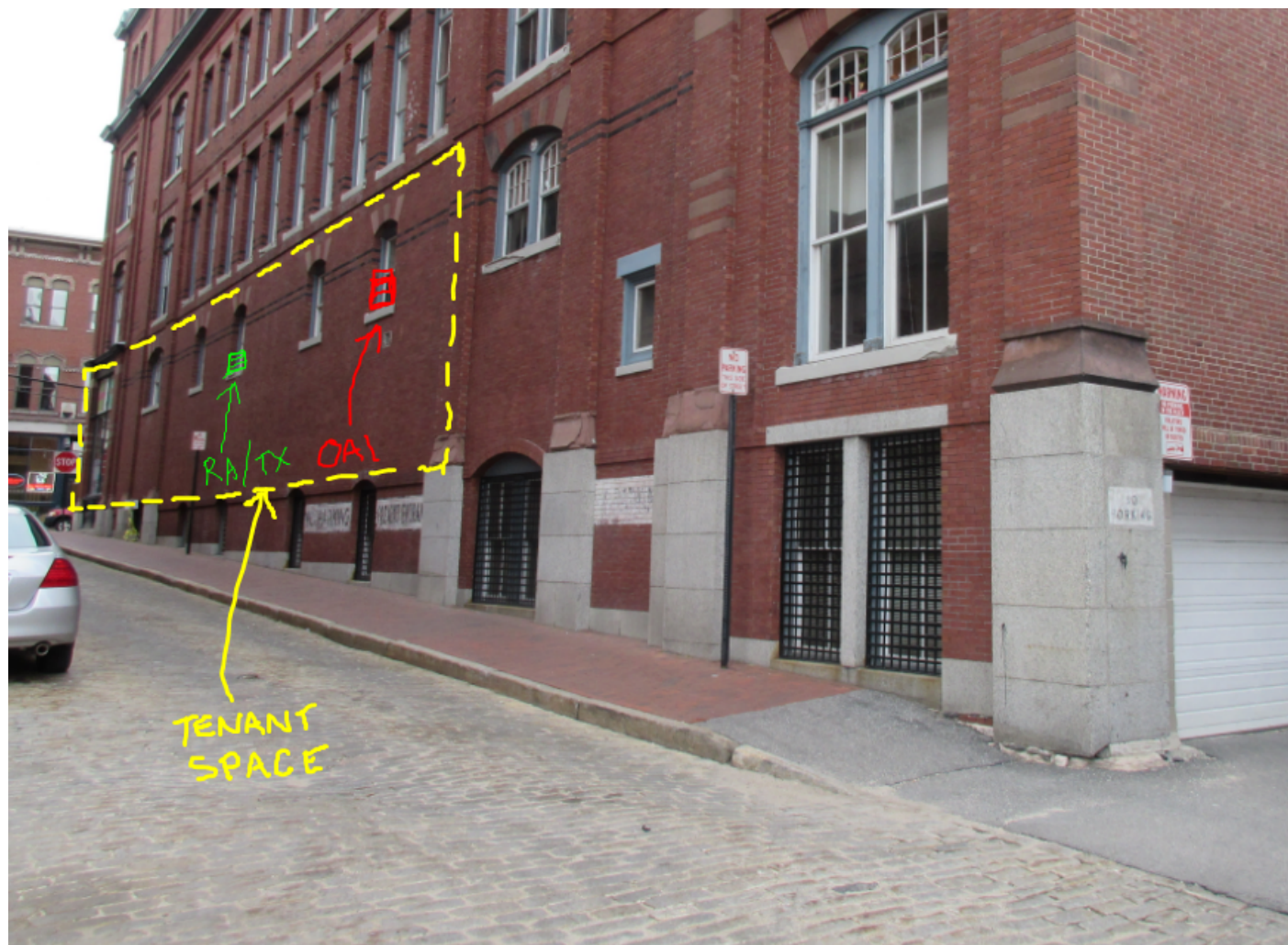
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Please let me know if you have any questions or if you require additional materials from us.



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Mon, Sep 12, 2016 at 3:41 PM

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Mon, Sep 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Hi Jeanie,

From what we can judge by our onsite measurements of the window and the photos, there is about 7'-8' between the middle of the window where the louver will be located and the bottom of the operable window above. The louver will be located in the bottom half of the window, so the top of the louver will be located in the middle of the existing window.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

Thanks,

**Nick Riedel**

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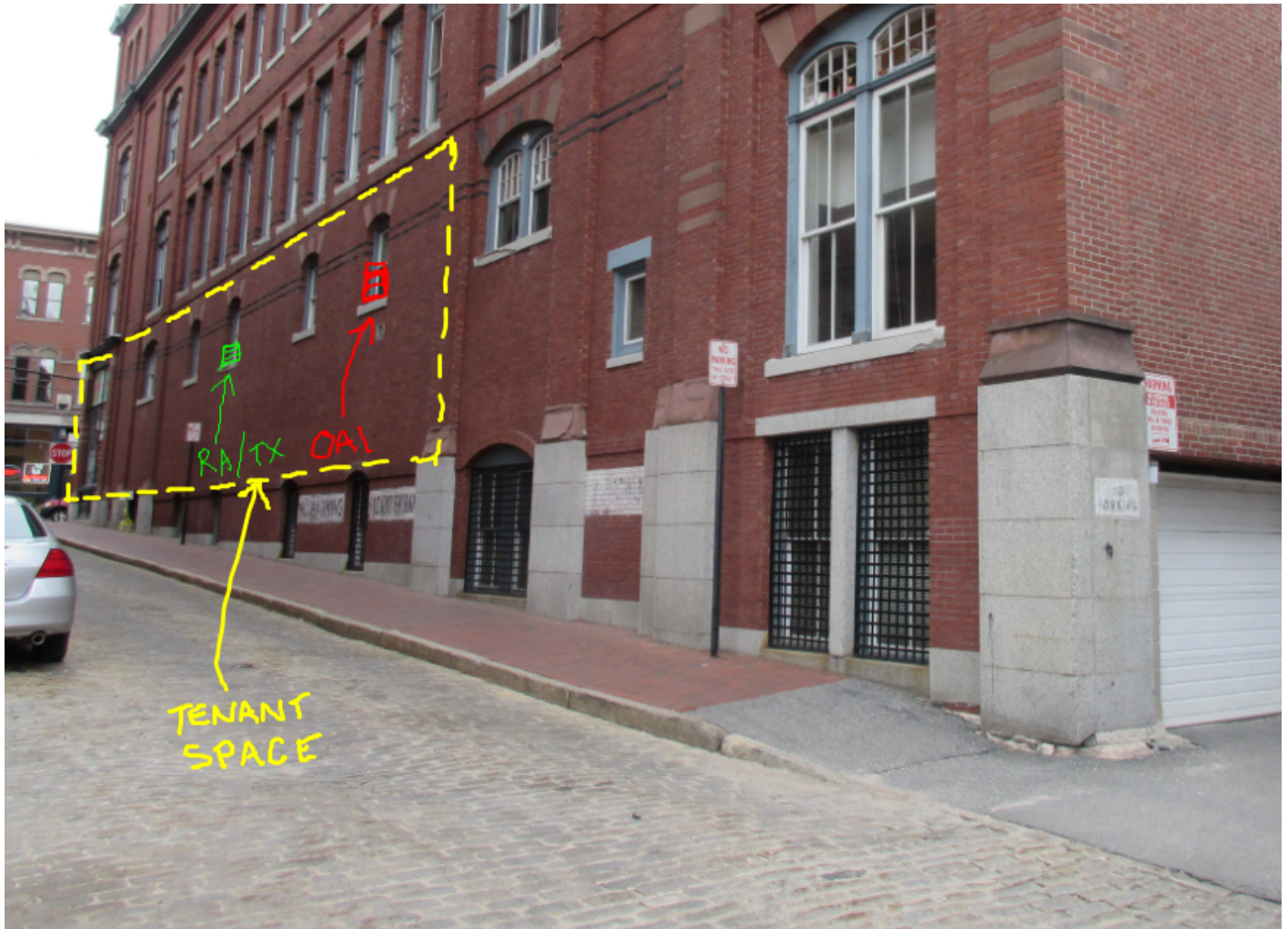
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Tue, Sep 13, 2016 at 2:04 PM

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Thanks Nick, this will be allowed to be installed as proposed. This seems to be somewhat of a minor issue, albeit not 100% as prescribed by the code. Hopefully this will not be a nuisance, however, if our office receives complaints it may need to be addressed.

I will file this information with the permit documents.

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