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RE: Blake Building, 7 Custom House Street (1-7 Custom H Street & 73-93 Commercial Street), CBL: 029-K-001 & 300 Fore Street, CBL: 029-K-0060B2 & 0B3, Portland, Maine

 (the “Property”)

To Whom It May Concern:

 Regarding the property at 7 Custom House Street and 300 Fore Street (the “Property”), I provide the following information:

1. The Property is located in the B-3 Downtown Business Zone as well as within the Historic Overlay Zone, the Downtown Entertainment Overlay Zone and the PAD Encouragement Area.
2. Based on recent certificates of occupancy and building permits on file, I understand that the Property’s current uses are general, business and professional offices, retail and restaurant. Those uses are permitted uses in the current zone as listed in section 14-217(b) of the Land Use Ordinance. To the extent that the Property’s use changes or does not meet the requirements for the uses described, this determination is not valid.
3. To the best of my knowledge, there are no outstanding notices of violation or enforcement actions by the Permitting and Inspections Department regarding this property. However, I cannot certify that the Property meets all applicable laws, codes, rules, and standards at this time.

I trust that this sufficiently satisfies your needs. If, however, you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 874-8709. This interpretation is based on the information provided and available at the time, and the current City of Portland Code of Ordinances.  It is not binding on the City of Portland in any future decisions.

Yours truly,

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