

69-75 CROSS STREET



First cut # 920R - Half cut # 9202R - Third cut # 9203R - Fifth cut # 9205R



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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PERMIT ISSUEDClass of Building or Type of Structure Third ClassPortland, Maine, April 6, 1939 APR 6 1939

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 71-1/2 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or lessee's name and address Edward P. Cummings, 24-243 Commercial Street Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Owner Plans filed no No. of sheets _____
Architect _____ No. families _____
Proposed use of building _____
Other buildings on same lot _____ Fee \$ 1.00
Estimated cost \$ _____

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 1-2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use _____ former stable No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To be altered building

no sewer connection

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

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
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 _____ Dressing or Full Size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Stud (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 _____, height? _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____

If a Garage

Now accommodated on same lot _____ to be accommodated _____
Number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
Will automobile repairing be done other than min 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 By Estate of Franz P. Cummings
L. H. Bradley

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 39/338

Location 71-73 Cross St.

Owner Est. Frank P. Cummings

Date of permit 4/6/39

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

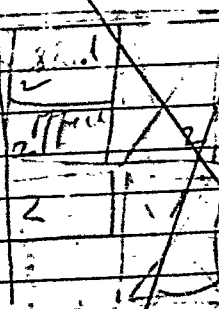
Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 9/10/39, OK'd.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

5/11/39, Demol. started.
OK'd.



April 6, 1936

To The City Council:

The Committee on zoning and building Ordinance appeals to whom was referred the petition of Cummings Bros. requesting an amendment to the Building Code which would allow the use of the stable at 83-75 Cross Street for general garage purposes, reports as follows:

The building which is the subject of this petition is a large, rambling wooden structure ~~west~~ of the main fire district. It is the belief of this Committee that, if used for garage purposes, this building would be a potential conflagration breeder threatening the high value district of the city.

On the basis of this belief, the Committee recommends that the petitioners be given leave to withdraw and that the City Clerk be instructed to notify the petitioners of this action.

COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND BUILDING
ORDINANCE APPEALS

Chairman

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Record of Inquiry

Verbal in person
By telephone or letter

Date March 15, 1936

Location 69-73 Cross Street Cummings Bros.

Made by Mr. F. G. Robinson

Inquiry-1 Can wooden stable be used for more than three trucks?

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Answer 1 Letter to James F. Barclay, City Engineer 3/15/36

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Reply by

to the Building Code. In the very heart of the Fire District would be likely to make of it a potential conflagration breeder, unless, possibly an amendment to the Building Code was so drawn as to require that the building be fully equipped with a standard automatic sprinkler system. Even under such circumstances I believe such a step would tend to encourage the stretching out of the usable life of many other ramshackle buildings in various parts of the city for garage purposes, and to discourage the construction of modern fire resistive buildings for such a purpose.

Mr. Robinson has undoubtedly been entitled to an answer to his letter before this time, and I thought perhaps you would like to confer with the Council about the matter so that he may receive an answer at the next regular meeting.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

W McD/H

Does it extend?
Department, Tenement or Lodging House?
Description of other buildings on lot?
Clear distance to rear lot line?

No. cars now accommodated on lot?
Other buildings on same lot?
Distance from nearest present building to proposed garage?
All parts of garage, including eaves, will be at least 2 ft. from adjacent building?
Garage will be at least 2 ft. from adjacent building?
Will there be a heating plant within building?
If so, how protected?

Miscellaneous

Will the above construction require the removal or disturbing of any shade tree on the lot?
If so, how protected?
No. shade trees?
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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

March 13, 1937

James E. Barlow,
City Manager

Dear Sir:-

You will perhaps remember various times that Mr. E. G. Robinson, representing the Cummings estate, has inspired and complained about the provisions of the Building Code which forbids the use of the large wooden stable at 69-73 Cross Street as a garage for the storage of more than three motor vehicles.

Mr. Robinson, on January 15, 1936, addressed a letter to the City Council, copy of this letter attached hereto. Unfortunately, his letter was referred to the Committee on Zoning Appeals and then mislaid in the City Clerk's file so that no action whatever was taken. Mr. Robinson says that he is very anxious to find out what, if any, relief may be given by the City Council through the Building Code so that, if no relief is forthcoming, the building may be torn down in time to avoid taxes for this year.

This particular building is of frame construction, part of it two stories in height occupies a ground area of almost 5000 square feet, is valued by the Assessors at \$1575. and the Assessors valuation of the lot upon which it stands is \$2550.

The building is not in good structural condition. To allow the owner to do what is desired with the building would require an amendment to the Building Code. In my opinion to permit the storage of motor vehicles in this large wooden building in the very heart of the Fire District would be likely to make of it a potential conflagration breeder, unless, possibly an amendment to the Building Code was so drawn as to require that the building be fully equipped with a standard automatic sprinkler system. Even under such circumstances I believe such a step would tend to encourage the stretching out of the usable life of many other ramshackle buildings in various parts of the city for garage purposes, and to discourage the construction of modern fire resistive buildings for such a purpose.

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CUMMINGS BROS.

COPY

January 15, 1936.

To the Honorable City Council,
Portland, Maine:

A few months ago I called on the Building Inspector regarding our stable on Cross Street. The horse business is practically extinct and we were informed that we could only put three trucks in the stable. Mr. McDonald knows the condition of this building and he knows it is galvanized on the outside. If that is all we're going to get into the stable, three trucks, we might as well tear it down. You're driving all of us to do this same thing.

We're proud of Portland but we're not going to keep that building there and pay taxes on it if this is your attitude. I trust that you gentlemen are interested in the future of Portland. We don't expect anything unreasonable but certainly expect to get more than three trucks in that building. I trust you will give this matter your careful consideration because we must make future plans within the next two months.

Yours very truly,

CUMMINGS BROS.

EGR:L

Treasurer

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
ELEVATOR INSPECTION

Bldg. No. 23 Block C Sheet 1 of 1

Location of Bldg. 71 CROSS ST

Owner ROBERT STAS

Occupant FRA. P. CLARK & SONS

Inspection by G. A. F. E. Date 2-13-34

Formal Complaint No. Date

Letter sent with complaint

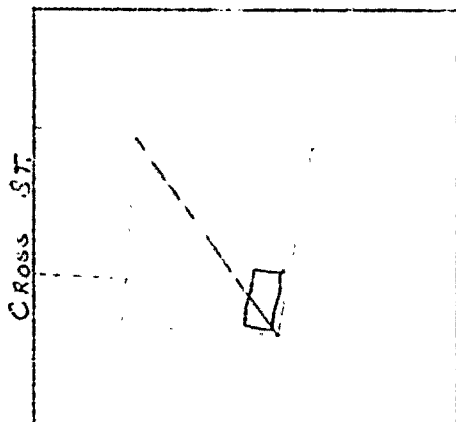
Building Data

Mat'l outside walls WOOD Int. Frame WOOD

No. stories 8 Style of Roof Pitch

No. elev. in bldg. 1 Passenger Freight 1

Location of Elevator on Street
Shown Below



St. Ave.

This report for 1 identical elevators

Elev. Mfr.'s MORSE

Use of elev. Pass. Frt. ✓ Comb'n. (check which)

No. stories 8 Bldg. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Shaftway

Open? ✓ Hatch doors, Auto. Non-auto

Gates, auto. Semi-auto. Hand

Enclosure Mat'l. of enclosure

Fire Doors Normally closed open

Are enclosure doors interlocked?

Height enclosure, full story what nt.

Elevator Machinery

Type of Power HAND HOIST

Type of Machine SPUR - LEAF

Location of Machine UNDER ROOF

Material of Supports WOOD of Guides WOOD

Material of cables WIRE

No. cables, hoisting 2 counterweight 1

Type of brakes

Has elev. following safeties: Governor

Car Safety ✓; Elect. Brakes ; Auto. Ter-

minial Stops top & bottom ✓; Slack Cable

Stops ; Safety Floor Stops

Remarks: (note defects, if any)

Elevator Car

Platform Dimensions 8' x 14' Capacity

Mat'l. of Encl. No. sides encl.

Height of enclosure No. entrances 1

Type of gates or doors

Are they interlocked?

Have they auto-closing device?

Type operation, Push-Button Operator HAND

Any emergency exit?

Remarks: (note defects, if any)

General Remarks: THIS IS AN OLD

WAGON HOIST CARRIES ARE

QUITE OLD BUT LOOK VERY

GOOD

