17 Hanover Street Portland, ME

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City of Portland Zoning Administration – Room 315 389 Congress Street Portland, ME 04101

Dept. of Building Inspections City of Portland Maine

RE: 12 Alder Street

I am writing in regard to the legalization of a third unit at the above referenced property. As I understand the ordinance, the primary criteria for approval is passing a Code Inspection, particularly a Fire Safety inspection.

I do have concerns about this as the building has caught fire twice since I have owned my property directly behind it at 17 Hanover Street. I hope that the inspection will be very thorough and that the appropriate follow-up will be made. This property owner has a history of doing only the bare minimum of maintenance (if at all). Due to the density of the buildings on this block, a fire at one is a threat to all.

Denial of the request would at least result in one less stove in the building which would, presumably, reduce the fire risk by one third. Therefore, I am opposed to the approval of this application.

Sincerely,

Hilda Taylor (207)761-9651



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