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Alice Dunn
Portland Architectural Salvage Inc.
131 Preble Street
Portland, ME 04101

Re: 131 Preble Street (125 Kennebec Street) – 034 I001&002 – B-7 – outside display/storage of goods

Dear Ms. Dunn,

It has come to the attention of our office that you are displaying/storing goods on the outside of your building at 131 Preble Street. Your property is located in the B-7 zone. The legal use of the property is retail/warehouse according to the most recent permits (#06-0318 & #06-1030). Section 14-299(i) of the ordinance states that “all uses should be operated within a fully enclosed structure, except for those customarily operated in the open air”. Retail is not a use that is “customarily operated in open air.” The definition of warehousing (section 14-47) is “the storage of goods, wares and merchandise in a warehouse”, so warehousing also is not a use “customarily operated in the open air”. Since neither use allows operation outside of an enclosed structure, your property is in violation.

You can obtain paperwork from the Office of the City Clerk for the “Application for Use of Sidewalk to Display Merchandise”/“Application for Sidewalk Sale”. Please contact them for further information and regulations.

You have thirty days from the date of this letter to remove the goods that are displayed on the outside of the building and bring your property into compliance.

Yours truly,

Ann B. Machado
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