



# PORTLAND MAINE

*Strengthening a Remarkable City, Building a Community for Life • [www.portlandmaine.gov](http://www.portlandmaine.gov)*

*Penny St. Louis Littell - Director of Planning and Development  
Marge Schmuckal, Zoning Administrator*

December 4, 2008

Alex Piper  
PO Box 10587  
Portland, ME 04104

RE: 237 High Street – 036 G010 – R-6 – legal number of dwelling units

Dear Mr. Piper,

This letter is a follow up to the letter I wrote to you on November 20, 2008. When I did my research in our files and the assessor's records, I did not find anything to indicate that the property at 237 High Street was an eleven family dwelling in 1957 when the land use ordinance went into effect. It was based on this information that I wrote to you on November 20, 2008 informing you that you had an illegal unit in your building. Since then, I have learned that our office also uses the Portland Street Directory, published yearly, as a source to determine the number of apartments that existed in a building in 1957. The 1957 Portland Street Directory lists eleven apartments for 237 High Street. Since the 1957 directory lists eleven apartments for 237 High Street, this is the legal use of the building, and your building is in compliance as far as zoning is concerned.

I am sorry for any inconvenience that my first letter caused. I have put a note into our system that the legal use of the property is eleven dwelling units, and this letter will also be in the file. Please feel free to call me at 874-8709 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Ann B. Machado  
Zoning Specialist  
(207) 874-8709

Cc. file