

August 16, 2016

M & A Lowcountry Investments LLC 110 Marginal Way #154 Portland, ME 04101

Attn: Mr. Andrew Kraus

Re: 415 Cumberland Avenue

Revised Ability to Serve with PWD Water

#### Dear Mr. Kraus:

The Portland Water District has received your request for a revised Ability to Serve Determination for the noted site submitted on July 15, 2016. Based on the information provided, we can confirm that the District will be able to serve the proposed project as further described in this letter.

### Conditions of Service

The following conditions of service apply:

- It is the District's understanding that the existing commercial office will now be converted into 3 or 4 residential apartment units and 1 commercial space. The existing building is currently served with a ¾-inch domestic water service; the size of this service is undersized for the proposed use. This service must be terminated by shutting the corporation valve, cutting the pipe from the water main and removing the service box and rod.
- New 6" fire and 1.5" domestic services may be installed from the water main in either Cumberland Avenue or Forest Avenue. The services should enter through the properties frontage at least 10-feet from side property lines. Please note that only one meter and one bill will be associated to each domestic service line. This one master meter must be located in a common space that all tenants could gain access to if necessary.
- A fixture count must be submitted to the District prior to service application so that we can determine peak flow and properly size the meter.
- The Portland Water District does not own the sewer collection system in the City of Portland. Please contact the City in regards to the proposed sewer service.
- The District must review and approve water infrastructure plans prior to service application and construction. As your project progresses, we advise that you submit any preliminary design plans to

MEANS for review of the water main and water service line configuration. We will work with you to ensure that the design meets our current standards.

# **Existing Site Service**

According to District records, the project site does currently have existing water service. A 3/4-inch diameter copper water service line, located as shown on the attached water service card, provides water service to this site. Please refer to the "Conditions of Service" section of this letter for requirements related to the use of this service.

# Water System Characteristics

According to District records, there is an 12-inch diameter cast iron water main on the southeast side of Cumberland Avenue, 35 feet of 12-inch cast iron and 80 feet of 12-inch ductile iron water main on the north east side of Forest Avenue and a public fire hydrant located 170 feet from the site. Recent flow data is not available in this area. The most recent static pressure reading was 80 psi on 9/15/2015.

# Public Fire Protection

The installation of new public hydrants to be accepted into the District water system will most likely not be required. It is your responsibility to contact the Portland Fire Department to ensure that this project is adequately served by existing and/or proposed hydrants.

#### **Domestic Water Needs**

The data noted above indicates there should be adequate pressure and volume of water to serve the domestic water needs of your proposed project. Based on the high water pressure in this area, we recommend that you consider the installation of pressure reducing devices that comply with state plumbing codes.

#### Private Fire Protection Water Needs

You have indicated that this project will require water service to provide private fire protection to the site. Please note that the District does not guarantee any quantity of water or pressure through a fire protection service. Please share these results with your sprinkler system designer so that they can design the fire protection system to best fit the noted conditions. If the data is out of date or insufficient for their needs, please contact MEANS to request a hydrant flow test and we will work with you to get more complete data.

If the District can be of further assistance in this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Portland Water District

Gordon S. Johnson

**Engineering Services Manager** 

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