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*Lee Urban- Director of Planning and Development
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Pom Boobphachati
571 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

Re: 571 Congress Street – 037 A038 – B-3 – sign for Pom’s Thai Taste – Permit # 08-0223

Dear Ms. Boobphachati,

You have applied for a permit to place a 44” by 44” sign on the rear of the building at 571 Congress Street. Your business is located in the B-3 downtown business zone. Section 14-369.5, Table 2.8 of the ordinance states that an individual ground floor tenant in a multi-tenant building is allowed one building sign per street that the tenant’s space fronts on. Your tenant space only fronts on Congress Street, so you are only allowed one building sign. You were issued a building permit (#07-1153) on October 5, 2007 for a building sign on the front of your business on Congress Street. Since you already have a sign, we must deny your request for a second sign.

You have the right to appeal my decision. Section 14-368.5(g) of the ordinance states that an applicant who has been denied a permit or approval for failure to meet the signage regulations of section 14-369.5 “may apply to the planning authority for review of the denied signage pursuant to the standards set forth in section 14-526(a)(23)”. If the planning authority disapproves the application, then under section 14-527 of the ordinance you may appeal the decision to the Planning Board within ten (10) days of the decision being rendered. If you wish to exercise your right to appeal, you have thirty days from the date of this letter in which to appeal. If you should fail to do so, my decision is binding and not subject to appeal

If you choose not to apply to the planning authority for a review, you are entitled to get most of your money back if you bring in the original receipt you got when you applied for the permit. Please feel free to call me at 874-8709 if you have any questions.

Yours Truly,

Ann B. Machado, Zoning Specialist
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