

553-555 CONGRESS STREET

  
SHAK WALKER



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES  
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Date Jan. 26, 1987, 19  
Receipt and Permit number A88081

To the CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR Portland, Maine

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to make electrical installations in accordance with the laws of  
Maine, the Portland Electrical Ordinance, the National Electrical Code and the following specifications:

LOCATION OF WORK 555 Congress St.  
OWNER'S NAME Sun Savings & Loan ADDRESS

OUTLETS:		FEES
Receptacles 20	Switches 10 Plugmold 10 ft. TOTAL 30	3.00
FIXTURES (number of)		
Incandescent 10	Flourescent 17 (not strip) TOTAL 27	4.70
Strip Flourescent	ft.	
SERVICES:		
Overhead	Underground 100 Temporary TOTAL amperes	3.00
METEPS (number of) 1		.50
MOTORS (number of)		
Fractional		
1 HP or over		
RESIDENTIAL HEATING		
Oil or Gas (number of units)		
Electric (number of rooms)		
COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL HEATING		
Oil or Gas (by a main boiler)		
Oil or Gas (by separate units)		
Electric Under 20 kws	Over 20 kws	
APPLIANCES (number of)		
Ranges 1	Water Heaters	
Cook Tops	Disposals	
Wall Ovens	Dishwashers	
Dryers	Compactors	
Fans	Others (denote)	1.50
TOTAL		
MISCELLANEOUS (number of)		
Branch Panels 1		1.00
Transformers		
Air Conditioners Central Unit		
Separate Ur (windows)		
Signs 20 sq. ft. and under		
Over 20 sq. ft.		
Swimming Pools Above Ground		
At Ground		
Fire/Burglar Alarms Residential		
Commercial 1		5.00
Heavy Duty Outlets 220 Volt (such as welders) 30 amps and under		
over 30 amps		
Circus, Fairs, etc.		
Alterations to wires		
Repairs after fire		
Emergency Lights, battery		
Emergency Generators		
FOR ADDITIONAL WORK NOT ON ORIGINAL PERMIT		INSTALLATION FEE DUE: 18.70
FOR REMOVAL OF A "STOP ORDER" (304-16.b)		DOUBLE FEE DUE:
		TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: 18.70

INSPECTION:

Will be ready on 1987; or Will Call x  
CONTRACTOR'S NAME: A.B.C. Elec.  
ADDRESS: 56 Clinton St.  
TEL: 775-0903  
MASTER LICENSE NO.: on file  
LIMITED LICENSE NO.:  
SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR:

INSPECTOR'S COPY — WHITE  
OFFICE COPY — CANARY  
CONTRACTOR'S COPY — GREEN

PROGRESS INSPECTIONS:	1-27-82	/
	2-16-82	/
	3-1-82	/
CODE	3-4-82	/

DATE 3-4-8-

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS:

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS —

Permit Number	88881
Location	555 Congress St
Owner	Sam Savage
Date of Permit	1-26-82
Final Inspector	3-4-82
By Inspector	Widley
Permit Application Register Page No	109



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES  
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Date May 29, 1980, 19

Receipt and Permit number 4574

To the CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to make electrical installations in accordance with the laws of the City of Portland, Maine, the Portland Electrical Ordinance, the National Electrical Code and the following specifications.

LOCATION OF WORK: 553 Congress St.

OWNER'S NAME: Gene Martin Assoc. ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

OUTLETS:	Receptacles	Switches	Plugmold	ft. TOTAL	30	EES
FIXTURES (number of)	Incandescent	Flourescent	(not strip) TOTAL			3.00
SERVICES	Strip Flourescent	ft.				
METERS (number of)	Overhead	Underground	Temporary	TOTAL amperes		
MOTORS (number of)	Fractional					
	1 HP or over					
RESIDENTIAL HEATING:	Oil or Gas (number of units)					
	Electric (number of rooms)					
COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL HEATING:	Oil or Gas (by a main boiler)					
	Oil or Gas (by separate units)					
	Electric Under 2	Over 20 kws				
APPLIANCES:	Ranges	Water Heaters				
	Cook Tops	Disposals				
	Wall Ovens	Dishwashers				
	Dryers	Compactors				
	Fans	Others (denote)				
	TOTAL					
MISCELLANEOUS (number of)	Branch Panels					
	Transformers					
	Air Conditioners Central Unit					
	Separate Units (windows)					
	Signs 20 sq. ft. and under					
	Over 20 sq. ft.					
	Swimming Pools Above Ground					
	In Ground					
	Fire/Burgl. r Alarms Residential					
	Commercial					
	Heavy Duty Outlets, 220 Volt (such as welder)	30 amps and under				
		over 30 amps				
	Circus, Fairs, etc.					
	Alterations to wires					
	Repairs after fire					
	Emergency Lights, battery					
	Emergency Generators					
FOR ADDITIONAL WORK NOT ON ORIGINAL PERMIT	INSTALLATION FEE DUE:					3.00
FOR REMOVAL OF A "STOP ORDER" (304-16.b)	DOUBLE FEE DUE:					
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:					3.00

INSPECTION:

Will be ready on now 19; or Will Call \_\_\_\_\_  
CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Hannon Elec.  
ADDRESS: 51 Lawn Ave.  
TEL.: 767-2471  
MASTER LICENSE NO.: 2885 SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR: [Signature]  
LIMITED LICENSE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

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CONTRACTOR'S COPY — GREEN

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS -

Permit Number 51351  
Location 553 Congress St.  
Owner J. P. Sullivan  
Date of Permit 5-29-80  
Final Inspection 5-29-80  
By Inspector T. H. Kelly  
Permit Application Register Page No. 56

INSPECTIONS: Service \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_  
Service called in \_\_\_\_\_  
Closing-in \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRESS INSPECTIONS: 5-29-80

CODE  
COMPLIANCE  
COMPLETED  
DATE 5-29-80

DATE:

REMARKS:

City of Portland, Maine  
Fire Department

March 27, 1980

Mr. Gene Martin  
10 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine

Re: Fire @ 553 Congress Street

Dear Mr. Martin:

On 3-24-80 a fire occurred in the building listed above, of which you are reported to be the owner.

If permanent repair work is required for this building, you must obtain a permit from the Building & Inspection Dept. in City Hall before starting such work.

Very Truly Yours,

*Donough*

Joseph E. McDonough  
Chief  
Portland Fire Department

cc: Building & Inspection Dept. ✓  
Corporation Counsel  
Health Dept. (Housing Div.)  
City Assessor's (Mr. Lucci)

NOTE: Fire started in a light fixture and spread across the ceiling.

March 28, 1980

Gene Martin & Assoc.  
10 Congress Square  
Portland, Maine

Re: 553 Congress St.

On March 24, 1980, the above address sustained the third fire caused by florescent fixture ballasts burning out and setting fire to the combustible ceiling materials.

Under Article 304, Section 304.16.C of the Portland Electrical Ordinance, this fixture installation is condemned and must be immediately changed by one of the following methods.

1. Install new fixtures with thermal cutout protection in ballasts.
2. Change all ballasts in existing fixtures to thermal cutout protected ballasts.
3. Space all fixtures at least 1½" from the combustible ceiling.

Very truly yours,

Richard I. Libby  
Chief Electrical Inspector



City of Portland, Maine  
Fire Department

8-1-79

Mr. Robert Benoit

553 Congress Street

Portland, Maine

Re: Fire @ 553 Congress Street

Dear Mr. Benoit:

On 7-3-79 a fire occurred in the building listed above, of which you are reported to be the owner ( ).

If permanent repair work is required for this building, you must obtain a permit from the Building & Inspection Dept. in City Hall before starting such work.

Very Truly Yours,

*Joseph E. McDonough*

Joseph E. McDonough

Chief

Portland Fire Department

cc: Building & Inspection Dept.  
Corporation Counsel  
Health Dept. (housing Div.)  
City Assessor's (Mr. Luc...)

NOTE: The fire was confined to a small area at the rear of the basement.



PERMIT TO INSTALL PLUMBING

Date  
Issued **7-13-78**  
**Portland Plumbing Inspector**  
By **ERNOLD R. GOSWAMI**

App. First Insp.

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

App. Final Insp. 1978

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

**JUL 17 1964**

**WILLIAM R. GOODWIN**  
FIRE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Type of Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_  
Commercial \_\_\_\_\_  
Residential \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Bldg.

Commercial  
Residential  
Single  
Multi Family  
New Construction  
Remodeling

Address 553 Congress Street PERMIT NUMBER 1641  
 Occupancy one family  
 Owner's Name Gene Martin Associates  
 Owner's Address 10 Congress Square  
 Planner Rudy Ho Plumber-1231 Forest Ave. 7-13-7

XX	TOILET	1	2.00
XX	TOILET	1	2.00
XX	TOILET	1	2.00
XX	TOILET	1	2.00

[illegible]

TOTAL 11.00

Building and Inspection Services Dept.; Plumbing Inspection

Contractor - KENNETH J. DUGIN INC  
Lampighter Lane  
SARASOTO, ME 783-6237

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DEC 30 1976  
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.  
CITY OF PORTLAND

22 ±

Job. Description

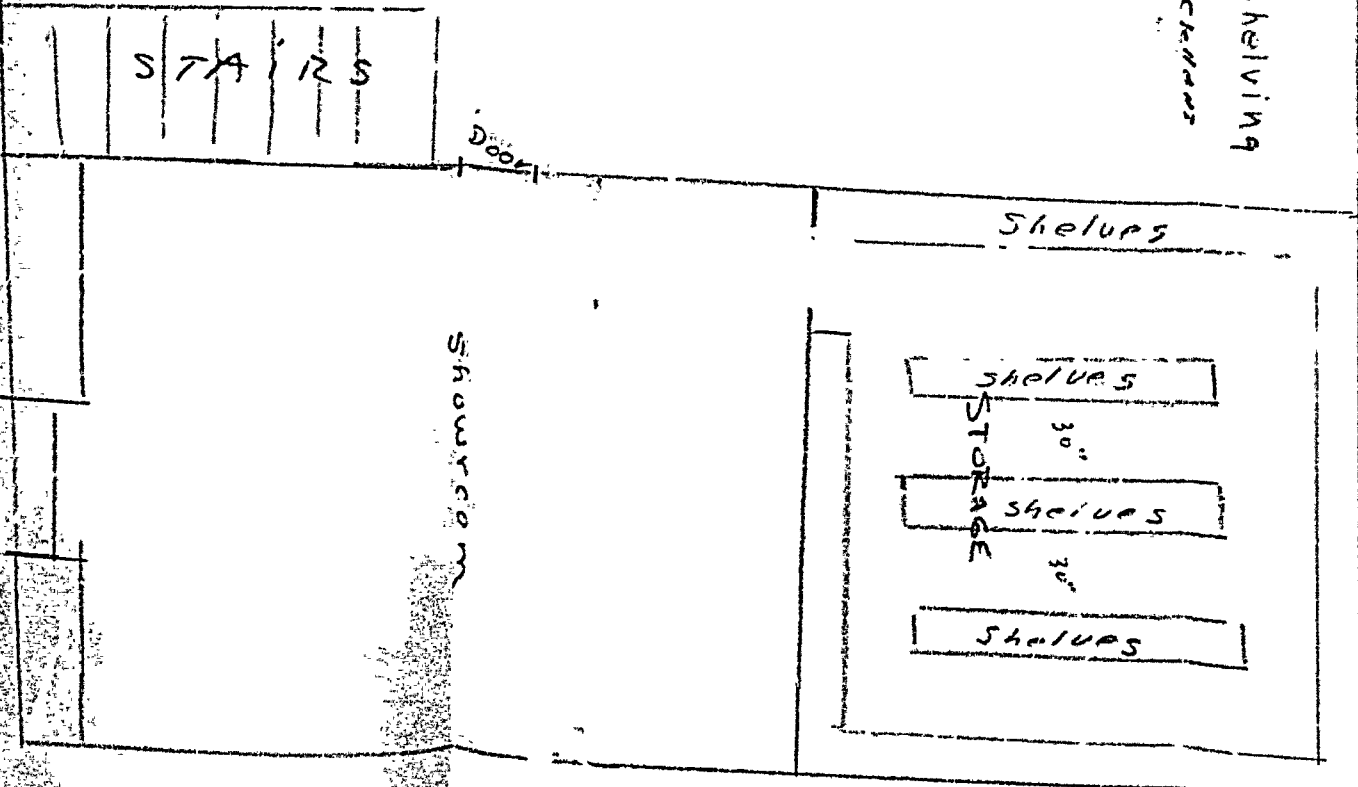
EXPANDING - 08  
Partition + shelving  
ports into mechanics

cutting Door through Brick wall  
by JAMES GALLI.CO

EXISTING

OSCAR BENoit  
Clothing Store

555 CONGRESS ST



OAK ST.

37' ±



# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

B.O.C.A. USE GROUP

B.O.C.A. TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION

ZONING LOCATION

PORTLAND, MAINE, Dec. 30, 1976

CITY of PORTLAND

To the DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect, alter, repair, demolish, move or install the following building, structure, equipment or change use in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Portland B.O.C.A. Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland with plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

LOCATION 553-555 Congress St.

1. Owner's name and address Oscar Benoit Clothing - same Fire District #1 ☐, #2 ☐  
2. Lessee's name and address Telephone  
3. Contractor's name and address Kenneth I. Durgin-Lamplighter Lane Telephone 883-6237  
4. Architect Specifications Scarboro, Me. Plans No. of sheets  
Proposed use of building No. families  
Last use No. families  
Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing  
Other buildings on same lot  
Estimated contractual cost \$ 3,000 Fee \$ 12.00

FIELD INSPECTOR—Mr. Mangin

This application is for:

Dwelling  
Garage  
Masonry Bldg.  
Metal Bldg.  
Alterations  
Demolitions  
Change of Use  
Other clothing

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

make  
Permit to partition, shelves,  
and opening between the two stores  
as per plans. 1 sheet of plans

Stamp of Special Condition:

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Separate permits are required by the installers and subcontractors of heating, plumbing, electrical and mechanicals.

PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED TO 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐  
Other:

## DETAILS OF NEW WORK

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?  
Is connection to be made to public sewer? If not, what is proposed for sewage?  
Has septic tank notice been sent? Form notice sent?  
Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof  
Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?  
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar  
Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering  
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel  
Framing Lumber—Kind Dressed or full size? Corner posts Sills  
Size Girder Columns under girders Size Max. on centers  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O.C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof  
On centers. 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof  
Maximum span: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

## IF A GARAGE

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated  
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

## APPROVALS BY:

BUILDING INSPECTION—PLAN EXAMINER  
ZONING:  
BUILDING CODE: O.K. E.S. 12/30/76  
Fire Dept.:  
Health Dept.:  
Others:

DATE

## MISCELLANEOUS

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street?

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining to the work are observed?

Signature of Applicant Alan Durgin Phone # same  
Type Name of above Alan Durgin

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐  
Other  
and Address

FIELD INSPECTOR'S COPY

NOTE

1-26-77 work started - HQ  
2-1-77 completed

Per in the 57/1  
Location 6-13 5-15-77  
Owner 1-2-77  
Date of permit 6-2-76  
Approved 1-3-77



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT  
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED  
FEB 24 1976  
0097  
CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, Feb. 19 19 76

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 555 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached C.H. Pachios  
Name and address of owner of sign MacDonald's same  
Contractor's name and address Coyne Sign Co 66 Cove St. Telephone 772-4144  
When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1976

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes  
Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 5' Horizontal 3'  
Weight 60# lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes  
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material plastic  
No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes  
No. through bolts 2 Size 3/8 xx 5" Location, top or bottom both  
No. guys 2 material steel cable Size 3/16  
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'  
Maximum projection into street 3'

Fee \$ 5.90

Signature of contra. or

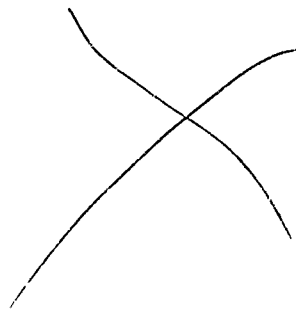
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2.11.16 OK 3/19/76 M.C.C. O.K.-E.B. 2/19/76

2-24-76 Not up yet - M&S

3-3-76 installed as per plans except there  
is no arrow on the sign - instead it says  
"McDonald's" M&S

SSS Congress St.  
McDonald's  
sign





WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED  
TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE  
PREMISES AT 554 Congress St IN PORTLAND, MAINE

C. H. PACHIOS being the owner of the  
premises at 554 Congress St in Portland, Maine hereby  
gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by  
McDonald's Corp projecting over the public sidewalk  
from said premises as described in application to the Inspector  
of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit to cover erection  
of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit  
\_\_\_\_\_, owner of said premises,  
in event said sign shall cease to serve the purpose for which  
it was erected or shall become dangerous and in event the owner  
of said sign shall fail to remove said sign or make it permanently  
safe in case the sign still serves the purpose for which it was  
erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his heirs,  
its successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove  
said sign within ten days of notice from said Inspector of  
Buildings that said sign is in such condition and of order from  
him to remove it.

In Witness whereof, the owner of said premises has signed  
this consent and agreement this 17th  
day of February 1976 .

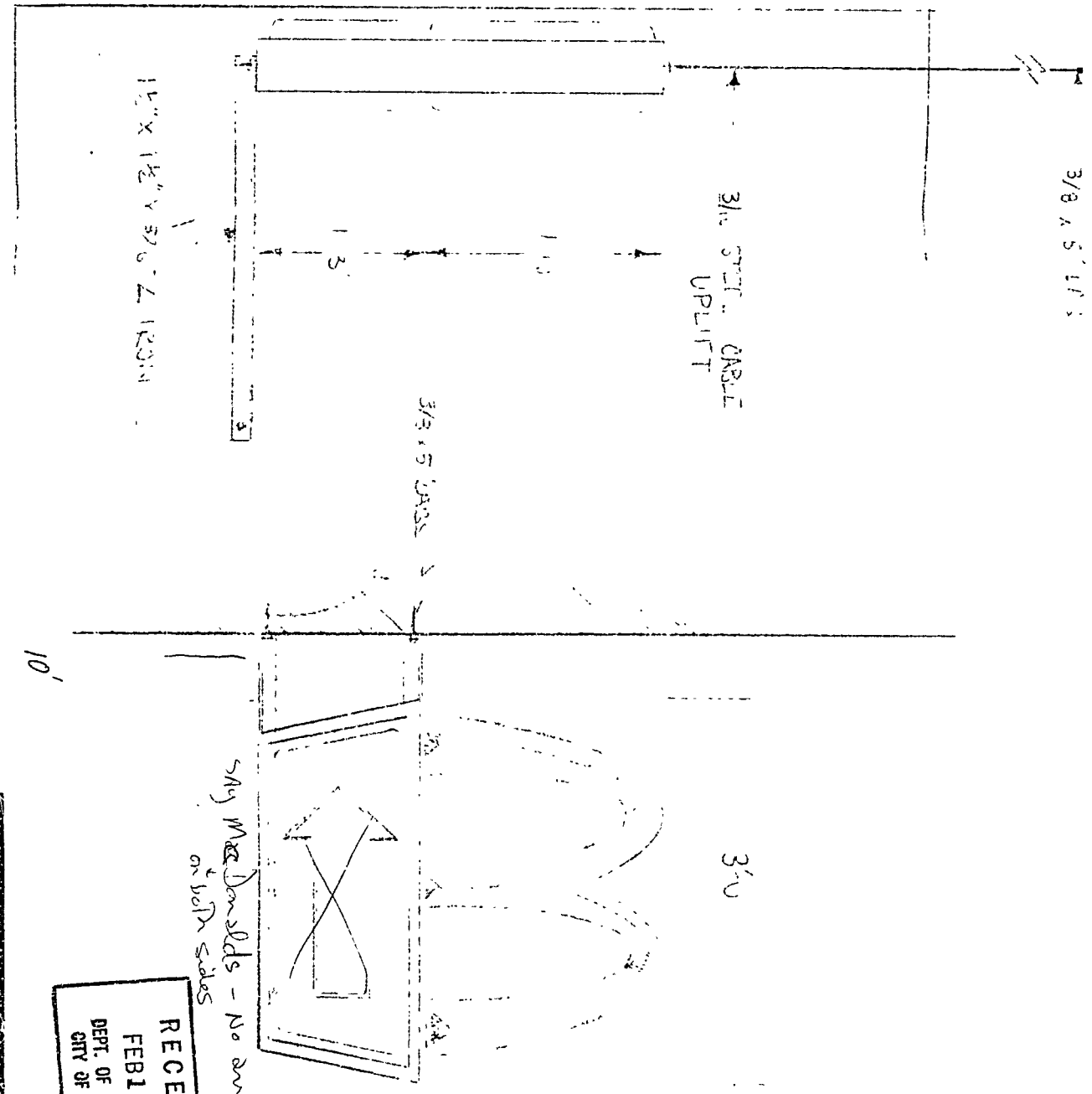
Donald F. Mullen  
Witness

X Baxter Blatz Inc  
Chickens per  
Owner



McDonalds Restaurant  
D. F. H. L. L. L. L.

CORNER of BUS.



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FEB 19 1976  
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.  
CITY OF PORTLAND

**COYNE**  
SIGN INC.  
66 COVE STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE  
04104  
AREA CODE 207  
772 4144 - 774 4330

CUSTOMER	McDonalds Restaurant	SCALE	1" = 10'	LOCATION	554 CONGRESS ST PORTLAND	DATE	2-18-76
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# CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

## Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 2012  
 Issued 7-19-74  
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To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, \$1.00)

Owner's Name and Address 10 Congress Square Tel.  
 Contractor's Name and Address Ballard Oil & Equip. Co. Tel.  
 Location 555 Congress St., Use of Building Store  
 Number of Families Apartments Stores Number of Stories 2  
 Description of Wiring: New Work Additions Alterations X  
 Wiring of High Pressure Gun Type Burner and controls  
 Pipe Cable Metal Molding BX Cable Plug Molding (No. of feet)  
 No. Light Outlets Plugs Light Circuits Plug Circuits  
 FIXTURES: No. Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet)  
 SERVICE: Pipe Cable Underground No. of Wires Size  
 METERS: Relocated Added Total No. Meters  
 MOTORS: Number 1 Phase 1 H. P. 1/8 Amps 3.0 Volts 115 Starter  
 HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil) No. Motors Phase H.P.  
 Commercial (Oil) No. Motors Phase H.P.  
 Electric Heat (No. of Rooms)  
 APPLIANCES: No. Ranges Watts Brand Feeds (Size and No.)  
 Elec. Heaters Watts  
 Miscellaneous Watts  
 Transformers Air Conditioners (No. Units) Extra Cabinets or Panels  
 Will commence 19 Ready to cover in 19 Signs (No. Units)  
 Amount of Fee \$ 19 Inspection 19

Signed Ballard Oil & Equipment Co.

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SERVICE  
 VISITS: 19-11-74 2  
 7 8  
 REMARKS:  
 METER  
 3 4 5 6  
 9 10 11 12  
 GROUND

CS 283

INSPECTED BY

(OVER)

LOCATION  
 INSPECTION DATE  
 WORK COMPLETED  
 TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS  
 REMARKS:

# FEE S FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

## WIRING

1 to 30 Outlets	\$ 2.00
31 to 60 Outlets	3.00
Over 60 Outlets, each Outlet	.05
(Each twelve feet or fraction thereof of fluorescent lighting or any type of plug molding will be classed as one outlet).	

## SERVICES

Single Phase	2.00
Three Phase	4.00

## MOTORS

Not exceeding 50 H.P.	3.00
Over 50 H.P.	4.00

## HEATING UNITS

Domestic (Oil)	2.00
Commercial (Oil)	4.00
Electric Heat (Each Room)	.75

## APPLIANCES

Ranges, Cooking Tops, Ovens, Water Heaters, Disposals, Built-in Dishwashers, Dryers, and any permanent built-in appliance — each unit	1.50
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## MISCELLANEOUS

Temporary Service, Single Phase	1.00
Temporary Service, Three Phase	2.00
Circuses, Carnivals, Fairs, etc.	10.00
Meters, relocate	1.00
Distribution Cabinet or Panel, per unit	1.00
Transformers, per unit	2.00
Air Conditioners, per unit	2.00
Signs, per unit	2.00

## ADDITIONS

5 Outlets, or less	1.00
Over 5 Outlets, Regular Wiring Rates	



FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR  
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT 00684

PERMIT ISSUED

CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine,

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 555 Congress St. Use of Building Store No Stories 2 New Building  
Name and address of owner of appliance American Realty Investors Inc. 10 Congress St. Existing "  
Installer's name and address Ballard Oil & Equip. Co. Telephone 772-1991

General Description of Work

To in all Replacing oil burner

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance basement Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? No  
If so, how protected? Kind of fuel? #2  
Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace 14" to plaster ceiling  
From top of smoke pipe 6" From front of appliance None From sides or back of appliance 30"  
Size of chimney flue 12 x 14 Other connections to same flue None  
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour  
Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion?

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Esso Gun Type Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? Yes  
Will operator be always in attendance? No Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? Bottom  
Type of floor beneath burner Concrete Size of vent pipe 1 1/4"  
Location of oil storage basement Number and capacity of tanks 1-275  
Low water shut off Yes Make MDM # 67 No.  
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? Yes How many tanks enclosed? None  
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?  
If so, how protected? Height of Legs, if any  
Skirting at bottom of appliance? Distance to combustible material from top of appliance?  
From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smokepipe  
Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue  
Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented? Forced or gravity?  
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed?

APPROVED.

OK - 7-22-74-NK

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

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Signature of Installer

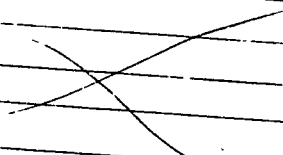
H. J. Eldridge

NOTES

Permit No. 74/684  
Location 555 Empire St  
Owner American Realty  
Date of permit 7/22/74  
Approved \_\_\_\_\_

*Nelson*

E-12-74 (Completed)



Date  
Issued **Nov. 19, 1970**  
Portland Plumbing Inspector  
By **ERNOLD R. GOODWIN**

App. First Insp.  
Date **11/19/70**  
By **WALTER C. WALLACE**  
**DEPUTY PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

App. Final Insp.  
Date **11/19/70**  
By **WALTER C. WALLACE**  
**DEPUTY PLUMBING INSPECTOR**

Type of Bldg.  
☐ Commercial  
☐ Residential  
☐ Single  
☐ Multi Family  
☐ New Construction  
☐ Remodeling

# PERMIT TO INSTALL PLUMBING

Address **553 Congress St.**  
Installation For  
Owner of Bldg **store (big center)**  
Owner's Address

PERMIT NUMBER **11178**

Plumber **Arjensen, 28 Merrill Rd., Falmouth**  
Date **11-19-70**

NEW	REPL.		NO	FILE
1		SINKS		
		LAVATORIES		
		TOILETS	1	2.00
		BATH TUBS		
		SHOWERS		
		DRAINS FLOOR SURFACE		
		HOT WATER TANKS		
		TANKLESS WATER HEATERS		
		GARBAGE DISPOSALS		
		SEPTIC TANKS		
		HOUSE SEWERS		
		ROOF LEADERS		
		AUTOMATIC WASHERS		
		DISHWASHERS		
		OTHER		
TOTAL			1	2.00

Building and Inspection Services Dept., Plumbing Inspection



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 53272

Issued

Portland, Maine JUNE 17, 1965

To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, \$1.00)

Owner's Name and Address *HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP* Tel. *774 3967*

Contractor's Name and Address *TEMPERATURE CONTROLS INC* Tel. *773 8650*

Location

Use of Building

Number of Families

Apartment

Stores

Number of Stories

Description of Wiring: New Work

Additions

Alterations

*ADDITION OF 3 PHASE SYSTEM - PICKUP-UP EXISTING LEAD*

Pipe

Cable

Metal Molding

BX Cable

Plug Molding (No. of feet)

No. Light Outlets

Plugs

Light Circuits

Plug Circuits

FIXTURES: No.

Light Switches

Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet)

SERVICE: Pipe

Cable

Underground

No. of Wires

Size

METERS: Relocated

Added

*100 AMP*

Total No. Meters

*1 3 PHASE*

MOTORS: Number

Phase

H. P.

Amps

Volts

Starters

HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil)

No. Motors

Phase

H.P.

Commercial (Oil)

No. Motors

Phase

H.P.

Electric Heat (No. of Rooms)

APPLIANCES: No. Ranges

Watts

Brand Feeds (Size and No.)

Elec. Heaters

Watts

Miscellaneous

Watts

Extra Cabinets or Panels

Transformers

Air Conditioners (No. Units)

Signs (No. Units)

Will commence

*6/18/65*

Ready to cover in

19

Inspection

*7/1/65*

Amount of Fee \$

Signed *Lee K. Horton*

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SERVICE

METER

GROUND

VISITS: 1

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REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY

*W. J. Hubert*

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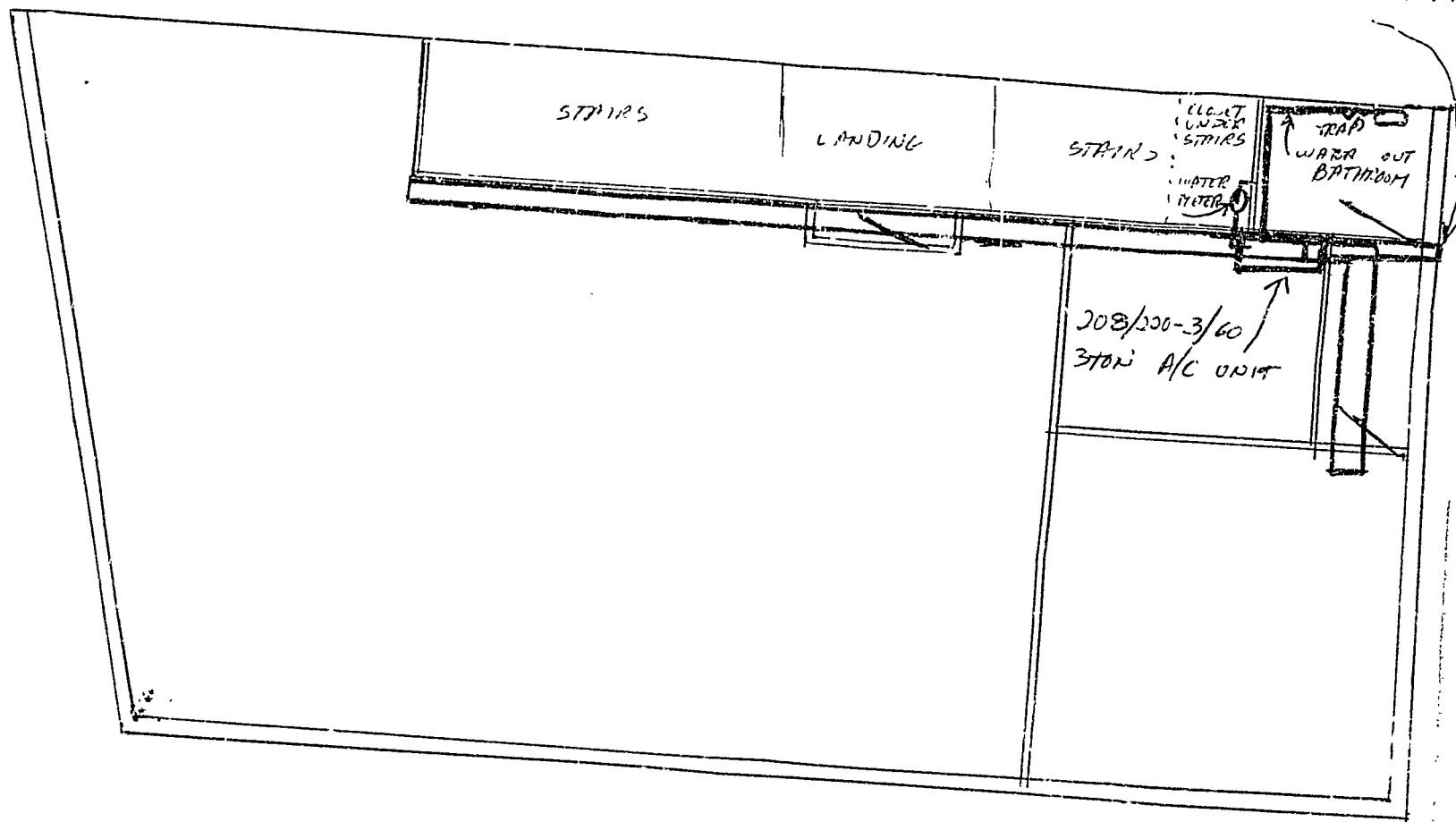
LOCATION Congress St 553  
 INSPECTION DATE 7/6/65  
 WORK COMPLETED 7/6/65  
 TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS 1  
 REMARKS:

#### FEES FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

<b>WIRING</b>		
1 to 30 Outlets	(including switches)	\$ 2.00
31 to 60 Outlets	(including switches)	3.00
Over 60 Outlets, each Outlet	(including switches)	.05
(Each twelve feet or fraction thereof of fluorescent lighting or any type of plug molding will be classed as one outlet).		
<b>SERVICES</b>		
Single Phase		2.00
Three Phase		4.00
<b>MOTORS</b>		
Not exceeding 50 H.P.		3.00
Over 50 H.P.		4.00
<b>HEATING UNITS</b>		
Domestic (Oil)		2.00
Commercial (Oil)		4.00
Electric Heat (Each Room)		.75
<b>APPLIANCES</b>		
Ranges, Cooking Tops, Ovens, Water Heaters, Disposals, Dishwashers, etc. -- Each Unit		1.50
<b>TEMPORARY WORK</b> (Limited to 6 months from date of permit)		
Service, Single Phase		1.00
Service, Three Phase		2.00
Wiring, 1-50 Outlets		1.00
Wiring, each additional outlet over 50		.02
Circuses, Carnivals, Fairs, etc.		10.00
<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>		
Distribution Cabinet or Panel, per unit		1.00
Transformers, per unit		2.00
Air Conditioners, per unit		2.00
Signs, per unit		2.00
<b>ADDITIONS</b>		
5 Outlets, or less		1.00
Over 5 Outlets, Regular Wiring Rates		

HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORP  
553 CONGRESS ST, PORTLAND

25' FRESH AIR





## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure

Installation

Portland, Maine, June 17, 1965

PERMIT ISSUED

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 553 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? ☐ Dist. No.       
Owner's name and address Household Finance Corp., 553 Congress St. Telephone       
Lessee's name and address      Telephone       
Contractor's name and address Temperature Controllers, Inc., Box 56 Limington, Maine Telephone       
Architect      Specifications      Plans yes No. of sheets 1  
Proposed use of building Office No. families       
Past use      No. families       
Material      No. stories      Heat      Style of roof      Roofing       
Other buildings on same lot       
Estimated cost \$      Fee \$ 5.00

### General Description of New Work

To install air conditioning system as per plan

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO Temperature Controllers, Inc.

### Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? ☐ Is any electrical work involved in this work? ☐  
Is connection to be made to public sewer? ☐ If not, what is proposed for sewage?       
Has septic tank notice been sent? ☐ Form notice sent? ☐  
Height average grade to top of plate      Height average grade to highest point of roof       
Size, front      depth      No. stories      solid or filled land?      earth or rock?       
Material of foundation      Thickness, top      bottom      cellar       
Kind of roof      Rise per foot      Roof covering       
No. of chimneys      Material of chimneys      of lining      Kind of heat      fuel       
Framing Lumber—Kind      Dressed or in" size?      Corner posts      Sills       
Size Girder      Columns      girders      Size      Max. on centers       
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor     , 2nd     , 3rd     , roof       
On centers: 1st floor     , 2nd     , 3rd     , roof       
Maximum span: 1st floor     , 2nd     , 3rd     , roof     

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls?      height?     

### If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot     , to be accommodated      number commercial cars to be accommodated       
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? ☐

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*

### Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no  
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Temperature Controllers, Inc.

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Signature of owner By:

*[Signature]*

*PH*

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**Abstract**

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**Keywords:** *Self-esteem, self-esteem threat, self-esteem threat sensitivity, self-esteem threat sensitivity scale, self-esteem threat sensitivity scale-2*

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Permit No 62/343  
Location 553 Cuyahoga St  
Owner Shirley R. Brown  
Date of permit 4/17/62  
Notif closing in \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspn closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Notif \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Inspn \_\_\_\_\_  
Cert of Occupancy issued \_\_\_\_\_  
Staking Out Notice \_\_\_\_\_  
Form Check Notice \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES

5/2/62 Work done





**G. GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE**

**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT  
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET**

**PERMIT ISSUED**  
**01221**

**JUN 29 1955**

**CITY OF PORTLAND**

Portland, Maine, July 27, 19 55

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 553 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached American Realty Co. Investors

Name and address of owner of sign Household Finance Corp., 553 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm St. Telephone 2-6695

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1955

**Information Concerning Building**

No. stories 4 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick **Permit Issued with Memo**

**Details of Sign and Connections**

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 7' 10" Horizontal 6'

Weight 510 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material metal

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 1 Size 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 2 material galvanized iron pipe Size 1 1/2"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 16' 6"

Maximum projection into street 6' United Neon Display Fee \$ 2.00

Signature of contractor by: Thomas J. Kelly

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Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

553 Congress St. - erection of projecting sign for Household Finance Corp. by United  
Sign Display—7/29/55

Permit is issued upon the assurance that the through-bolt already installed  
is no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch in diameter; also that the expansion bolts to be used  
in the brick wall will be no less than five inches in length.

WMC/3

Copies to: Household Finance Corp.  
553 Congress St.  
American Realty Co. Investors  
602 Congress St.

(Signed) Warren McDonald  
Inspector of Buildings

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~~9/13/55~~

Permit No. 55/1221

Location 553 Congress St.

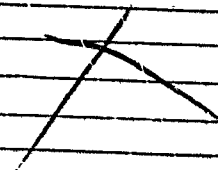
Owner Household Finance Corp

Date of permit 7/29/55

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 9/13/55

9/13/55 - NOTES  
Work done  
P 88,



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## APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 2

Portland, Maine, Dec. 17, 1954

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 12,245 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location 551-553 Commercial St. Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1  
Owner's name and address American Trust Investors, Inc., 100 Commercial St. Telephone  
Lessee's name and address Telephone  
Contractor's name and address Telephone  
Architect Plans filed No. of sheets  
Proposed use of building ~~STORES, GARAGES and APARTMENTS~~ No. families  
Last use ~~STORES and APARTMENTS~~ No. families  
Increased cost of work \$00. Additional fee 50

### Description of Proposed Work

*requesting*  
to rearrange partitions in apartments on fourth floor as per plan filed Sept. 24, 1954.

Permit Issued with Letter

### Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work?	Is any electrical work involved in this work?
Height average grade to top of plate	Height average grade to highest point of roof
Size, front depth	No. stories
Material of foundation	Thickness, top bottom
Material of underpinning	Height
Kind of roof	Rise per foot
No. of chimneys	Material of chimneys
Framing lumber—Kind	Dressed or full size?
Corner posts	Sills
Girders	Size
Columns under girders	Size
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions)	2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
Joists and rafters:	1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
On centers:	1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
Maximum span:	1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

Approved:

*Harry A. Marr* Chief Insp. Dept.  
December 31, 1954

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Signature of Owner:

Approved:

*Harry P. Stewart*  
3/7/55 *Wahne*  
Inspector of Building

March 7, 1955

BF - 553-553, Congress St.  
Alterations on fourth floor—Amendment #2

Mr. Sidney P. Schwartz  
American Realty Investors, Inc.  
602 Congress St.

Copy to Fire Chief

Dear Mr. Schwartz:-

Amendment to building permit to authorize re-arrangement of partitions on the fourth floor is approved and issued herewith subject to the following conditions, about which we have talked over the phone, these being established by the Chief of the Fire Department whose approval is on the amendment. If these conditions are not understood or if you are unable or unwilling to comply with them, please notify this office immediately with further explanation as to how the Chief's requirements are to be met.

1. The door on the fourth floor leading from the small public hall to the rear apartment (through this door it would be necessary for the occupants of the front apartment to pass in order to reach the fire escape) is to be provided with a thin glass panel of such thickness, size and arrangement that in case of emergency any person on the outside can break the glass and reach in and open the door, the hardware on the door to be of such a usual nature that the person outside will have no doubt as to how to open the door. A suitable sign is to be lettered on the door or panel, giving instructions how to proceed to open the door, and a suitable hammer is to be fastened near the door to make it easy to break the glass. This glass panel is to be only large enough to accomplish its purpose, and any other glass in the door is to be wire glass.

2. The door on fourth floor between stairhall and public hall is to be a solid wood door or may have a wire glass panel, and is to be equipped with a liquid door closer.

3. All of the windows in the rear wall of the building at third story level are to be glazed with wire glass.

4. The window from the kitchenette of the rear apartment leading to the fire escape is to be either a casement sash or swinging window not less than 24 inches wide and 36 inches high; or may be a double hung window if the lower half when pushed way up will afford an opening at least 28 inches high.

Please note that before the third floor is actually used for business or office purposes, a certificate of occupancy from this office is required. When all features controlled by the Building Code have been completed, notice should be given of readiness for final inspection.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald  
Inspector of buildings

WHD/G

I, Joseph M. A. Dagneau, of Portland in the County of Cumberland and State of Maine, certify that I occupied the front apartment on the fourth floor of building #553-553 1/2 Congress Street, Portland Maine, continuously from August, 1926 to May, 1954, when I vacated the premises because of proposed alterations to the building; that during this period, there were two apartments on the third floor and two apartments on the fourth floor of the building; that Mary S. Rackleff occupied the rear apartment on the fourth floor continuously from 1919 until her decease in 1946; that during my occupancy of the front apartment on the fourth floor from 1926 to 1954, there was no access to the fire escape in the rear of building without going through the Rackleff apartment; and that the exits from my apartment consisted of the front stairs, fire escape from corridor on third floor and ladder to skylight.

Dated at Portland, Maine this twenty-fourth day of December, 1954.

In presence of

Francis W. Sullivan      Joseph M. A. Dagneau  
State of Maine

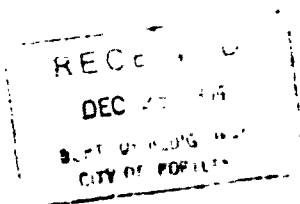
Cumberland, SS

Portland, December 24, 1954

Personally appeared the above named Joseph M. A. Dagneau, and made oath that the foregoing statement is true.

Before me,

Thomas D. Laidley  
Notary Public



November 19, 1954

BP 553-553 1/2 Congress Street

Owner-Contractor—American Realty Investors, Inc.      Architect—William B. Millward  
602 Congress St.      48 Fessenden St.

We are unable to issue an amendment covering rearrangement of partitions in the fourth story of the building at the above location because the front apartment would have access to the fire escape at the rear of the building only by passing through the quarters of the rear apartment, such a situation being contrary to Section 212el.4 of the Building Code.

Warren McDonald  
Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G





APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, Sept. 24, 1954

PERMIT ISSUED

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CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 54/246 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Loc. 553-553 1/2 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1  
Owner's name and address American Realty Investors Inc., 602 Congress St. Telephone  
Lessee's name and address Telephone  
Contractor's name and address owners Telephone  
Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 3  
Proposed use of building stores and offices No. families  
Last use " " No. families  
Increased cost of work 300. Additional fee 2x80 1.00

Description of Proposed Work

To relocate stairs from second to third floors, as per plans.  
To replaster third floor hall with metal lath and plaster.  
To rebuild stairs from 1st to 2nd floors as per plans.

Permit issued with Memo

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?  
Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof  
Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land earth or rock?  
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar  
Material of underpinning Height Thickness  
Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering of lining  
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys  
Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?  
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size  
Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof  
On centers: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof  
Maximum span: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

Approved:

Signature of Owner by:

Approved:

Inspector of Buildings

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Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

.553-553½ Congress St. - Amendment #1 to Permit #54/346 covering changes in stairway in building for and by American Realty Investors Inc. - 9/28/54

Amendment #1 to Permit #54/346 covering changes in stairway from first to fourth floors of the building at the above location is issued herewith based on plans filed with the application for permit, but subject to the following conditions:-

1. Handrails are to be provided on at least one side of new and existing stairways and on both sides if stairway is more than 40 inches wide.

2. This amendment does not cover any work in the third story except that involving the stairway. The arrangement of exits shown for the two apartments possibly proposed in that story does not satisfy Building Code arrangements.

AJS/G

(Signed) Warren McDonald  
Inspector of Building



## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure

Portland, Maine, March 26, 1954

PERMIT ISSUED

00348  
APR 1 1954

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~repair~~ ~~maintain~~ ~~improve~~ the following building structure ~~and~~ ~~in~~ accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 553-553 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.  
Owner's name and address American Realty Investors Inc., 602 Congress St. Telephone 3-4141  
Lessee's name and address Telephone  
Contractor's name and address Nat. Int. Telephone  
Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1  
Proposed use of building stores and offices No. families  
Last use " " No. families  
Material brick No. stories 4 Heat Style of roof Roofing  
Other buildings on same lot  
Estimated cost \$ 800. Fee \$ 4.00

### General Description of New Work

To change three windows on front of building on second floor to one window as per plan. ✓  
To enlarge window on Oak St. side of building on second floor as per plan. ✓  
To remove four non-bearing partitions and replaster on second floor. ✓

Permit issued with memo

CREATED BY  
PERMIT

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO owners

### Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?  
Is connection to be made to public sewer? If not, what is proposed for sewage?  
Has septic tank notice been sent? Form notice sent?  
Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof  
Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?  
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar  
Material of underpinning Height Thickness  
Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering  
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys Kind of heat fuel  
Framing lumber—Kind Proposed or full size?  
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size  
Girders Size Columns and girders Size Max. on centers  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4 16" O.C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof  
On centers: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof  
Maximum span: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

### If 2. Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated  
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

### Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no  
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

American Realty Investors Inc.

APPROVED:

with memo by AGS

Signature of owner by:

Edmund P. Shuman

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NOTES

7/14/54 - It has been  
 8/13/54 - I find that the  
 are working on third and  
 fourth floors. The last  
 second floor. All the  
 not covered by the ground.  
 Closures on all three floors  
 about the same time. I  
 told the person that they  
 work and to fill for an  
 even about the same time.  
 any more work. - Allen

9/4/54 - Only tearing  
 out has been done  
 so far. Mr. Schwartz  
 will apply for an  
 amendment in  
 about a week for  
 the wall job  
 when he knows  
 just what is to  
 be done. - Wm.

8/14/54 - B. P. ...  
 wall ...  
 the ...  
 Allen

10/13/54 - ...  
 11/10/54 - ...  
 Allen

12/8/54 - ...  
 12/24/54 - Third floor all started  
 off for the ...  
 are more ...  
 after that. - Allen

Permit No.	544346
Location	553-553 1/2 Cambridge St.
Owner	James J. O'Connell
Date of permit	4/1/54
Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. closing-in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	2/17/55
Cert. of Occupancy issued	2/19/55 for 3rd
Staking Out Notice	James J. O'Connell
Form Check Notice	Wm.

1/21/55 - Decision on 4th floor after ...  
 3/4/55 - Same ...  
 4/18/55 - ...  
 5/12/55 - ...  
 6/22/55 - 10' partitions, 2nd  
 floor, facing Congress ...  
 8/12/55 - ...  
 10/24/55 - ...

Second Sheet

Complaint No. \_\_\_\_\_

Permit No. 54/346

Location 55-55th Street

12/15/55 - 4th floor removed  
a little bit of the structure  
to the 5th floor. The  
structure was removed  
and the 5th floor was  
left in place. The  
structure was removed  
on the 5th floor.

12/15/55 - 5th floor removed  
to the 6th floor. The  
structure was removed  
and the 6th floor was  
left in place. The  
structure was removed  
on the 6th floor.

1/16/56 - 6th floor removed  
to the 7th floor. The  
structure was removed  
and the 7th floor was  
left in place. The  
structure was removed  
on the 7th floor.

2/6/56 - 7th floor removed  
to the 8th floor. The  
structure was removed  
and the 8th floor was  
left in place. The  
structure was removed  
on the 8th floor.

2/12/56 - Job completed -  
Allan

CS-154-5C-Marks

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
Department of Building Inspection

## Certificate of Occupancy

LOCATION 773-553 1/2 Congress St.

Issued to American Realty Investors Inc.

Date of Issue Feb. 28, 1956

**This is to certify** that the building, premises, or part thereof, at the above location, ~~part~~—altered—changed as to use under Building Permit No. 54/346, has had final inspection, has been found to conform substantially to requirements of Zoning Ordinance and Building Code of the City, and is hereby approved for occupancy or use, limited or otherwise, as indicated below.

PORTION OF BUILDING OR PREMISES

Third Floor

APPROVED OCCUPANCY  
Offices

Limiting Conditions:

This certificate supersedes  
certificate issued

Approved:

2/27/56

(Date)

*A. Allan Soule*  
Inspector

*Warren G. M. [Signature]*  
Inspector of Buildings

Notice: This certificate identifies lawful use of building or premises, and ought to be transferred from owner to owner when property changes hands. Copy will be furnished to owner or lessee for one dollar.



Each plastic face contains 7 square feet and each piece of plastic bear the word Plexiglass



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT  
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED  
01769  
OCT 14 1954  
CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, October 11, 1954 19

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 555 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1  
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Sidney P. Schwartz  
Name and address of owner of sign O. L. Benoit Co., 555 Congress St.  
Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm Street Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
When does contractor's bond expire? January 1955

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 4 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes  
Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 11'6" Horizontal 5'10"  
Weight 250 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes  
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2, material metal and plastic  
No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes  
No. through bolts 2, Size 3/4", Location, top or bottom top  
No. guys 4, material cable, Size 5/16"  
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 13'  
Maximum projection into street 5'10"  
United Neon Display Fee \$ 2.00

Signature of contractor

By: Thomas J. Keaney

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Permit No. 54/1769

Location 555 Congress St.

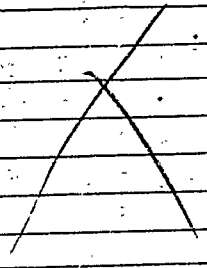
Owner O. L. Benoit Co.

Date of permit 10/14/54

Sign Cont. United Neon Display

Final Inspn. 3/25/55

3/25/55 NOTES  
W. L. S. L.

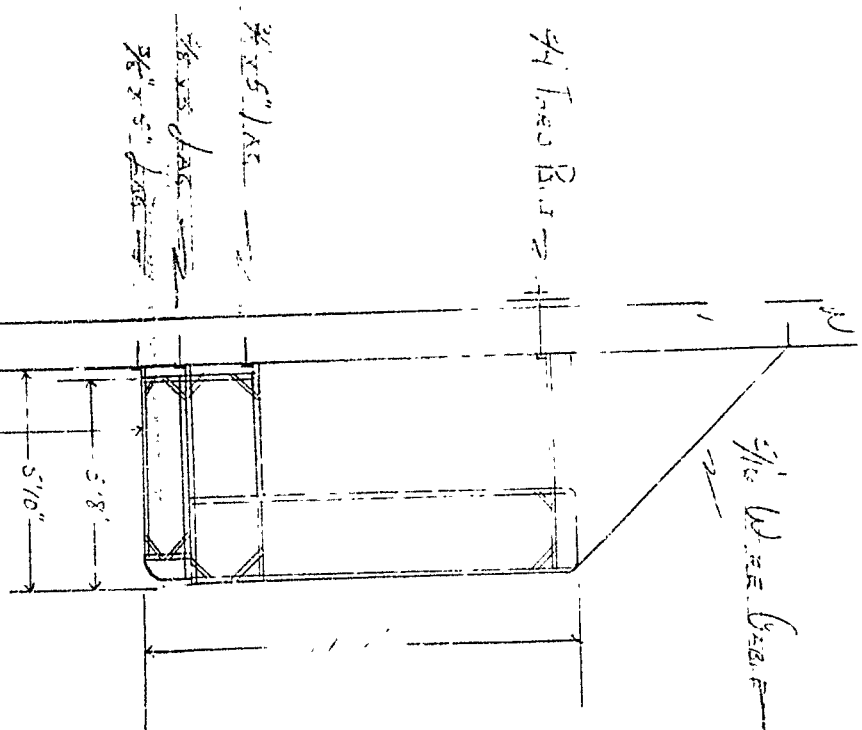
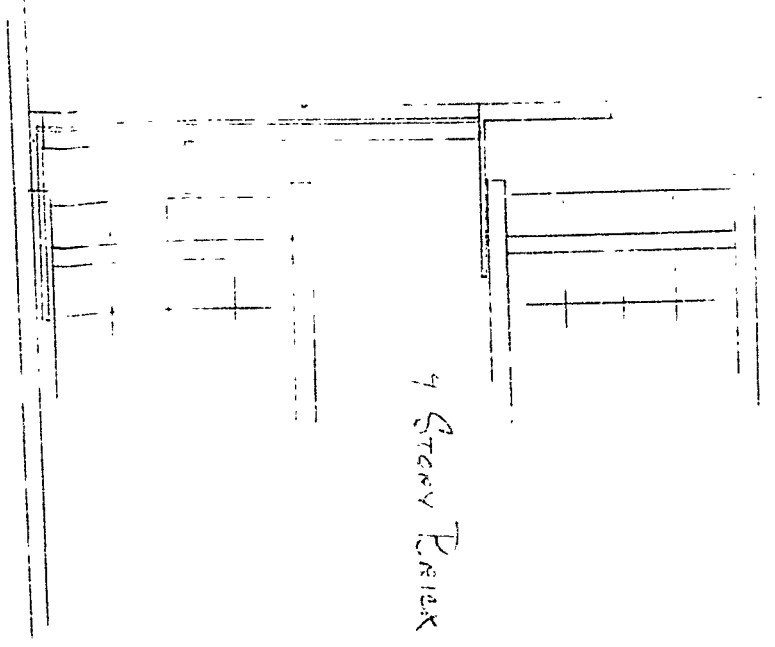


4 x 1 1/2 x 7/16 L. Guy  
TOP + BOTTOM

1 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 7/16 L. Guy - Top  
of Bottom Box

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3/8 x 5/8 L. AS  
3/4 In. Box + LATE

C. L. BENNET Co.  
505 CONGRESS ST PORTLAND, ME  
APPROX. Wt of Sign. 550 lbs  
SCALE 1" = 1'-0"  
7-1/2 Sq Ft. Inside Box face



1" x 1 1/2 x 1/2 L. WIDE FRAMES  
+ CORN. & PANELS

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OFFICE OF THE  
COMMISSIONER OF  
THE STATE OF  
MAINE

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO  
BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES  
AT 555 Congress St. IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Hutchinson Shoe Company, being the owner of the  
premises at 555 Congress St. in Portland, Maine hereby gives  
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by C. L. Russett Co.  
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in  
application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit  
to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit Hutchinson  
Shoe Company, owner of said premises, in event said sign shall  
cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall become dangerous  
and in event the owner of said sign shall fail to remove said sign or make  
it permanently safe in case the sign still serves the purpose for which it  
was erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his heirs, its  
successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove said sign within  
ten days of notice from said Inspector of Buildings that said sign is in  
such condition and of order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed this consent  
and agreement this 6th day of October 1954

Thomas J. K...  
Witness

Hutchinson Shoe Company  
By Levin P. Shaw Treas.  
Owner



## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure . . . Second Class

Portland, Maine, . . . Sept. 28, 1954

PERMIT ISSUED  
61849

CCF

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish or alter the following building structure and appurtenances in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location . . . 553 Congress St. . . Within Fire Limits? . . . yes . . . Dist. No. . . 1  
Owner's name and address . . . American Realty Investors Co., 602 Congress St. . . Telephone . . .  
Lessee's name and address . . . . . Telephone . . .  
Contractor's name and address . . . Megquier & Jones Co., 33 Pearl St. . . Telephone 3-5471  
Architect . . . . . Specifications . . . Plans . . . yes . . . No. of sheets . . . 1  
Proposed use of building . . . stores and offices . . . No. families . . .  
Last use . . . " . . . " . . . No. families . . .  
Material . . . brick . . . No. stories . . . 4 . . . Heat . . . . . Style of roof . . . . . Roofing . . . . .  
Other buildings on same lot . . . . .  
Estimated cost \$ . . . 900. . . . . Fee \$ . . . 4.00

### General Description of New Work

To erect metal fire escape fourth floor to ground on rear of building as per plan.

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO Megquier & Jones Co.

### Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? . . . Is any electrical work involved in this work? . . .  
Is connection to be made to public sewer? . . . If not, what is proposed for sewage? . . .  
Has septic tank notice been sent? . . . Form notice sent? . . .  
Height average grade to top of plate . . . Height average grade to highest point of roof . . .  
Size, front . . . depth . . . No. stories . . . solid or filled land? . . . earth or rock? . . .  
Material of foundation . . . Thickness, top . . . bottom . . . cellar . . .  
Material of underpinning . . . Height . . . Thickness . . .  
Kind of roof . . . Rise per foot . . . Roof covering . . .  
No. of chimneys . . . Material of chimneys . . . of lining . . . Kind of heat . . . fuel . . .  
Framing lumber—Kind . . . Dressed or full size? . . .  
Corner posts . . . Sills . . . Girt or ledger board? . . . Size . . .  
Girders . . . Size . . . Columns under girders . . . Size . . . Max. on centers . . .  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.  
Joists and rafters: . . . 1st floor . . . 2nd . . . 3rd . . . roof . . .  
On centers: . . . 1st floor . . . 2nd . . . 3rd . . . roof . . .  
Maximum span: . . . 1st floor . . . 2nd . . . 3rd . . . roof . . .  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? . . . height? . . .

### If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot . . . to be accommodated . . . number commercial cars to be accommodated . . .  
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? . . .

APPROVED:

ON-10/1/54-*[Signature]*

### Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? . . . no . . .  
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? . . . yes . . .

American Realty Investors Co.  
Megquier & Jones Co.

Signature of owner . . . *[Signature]*

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NOTES

Permit No. 541640  
Location 553 Congress St  
Owner Amirac Property Investors  
Date of permit 10/1/54  
Notif. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
Inspn. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Notif. \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Inspn. \_\_\_\_\_  
Cert. of Occupancy issued \_\_\_\_\_  
Staking Out Notice \_\_\_\_\_  
Form Check Notice \_\_\_\_\_

11/10/51 - Work completed  
Allen

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FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR  
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, SEP 27, 1954

PERMIT ISSUED

SEP 27 1954

CITY OF PORTLAND

A-1-1-1

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 55 Congress St. Use of Building stores and offices No. Stories 3 New Building  
Name and address of owner of appliance Oscar Benoit, Inc., 555 Congress St. Existing "  
Installer's name and address Donald Stanley, 150 New York Ave., So. Portland Telephone

General Description of Work

To install gas-fired high pressure steam boiler in connection with pressing machine.  
Manufactured by New York Pressing Machine Co.

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance boiler room Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? no  
If so, how protected? Kind of fuel? gas  
Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace  
From top of smoke pipe From front of appliance From sides or back of appliance  
Size of chimney flue 24x24 Other connections to same flue 2 oil-fired boilers  
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour  
Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? yes

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled by underwriter's laboratories?  
Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank?  
Type of floor beneath burner Size of vent pipe  
Location of oil storage Number and capacity of tanks  
Low water shut off Make No.  
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? How many tanks enclosed?  
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?  
If so, how protected? Height of Legs, if any  
Skirting at bottom of appliance? Distance to combustible material from top of appliance?  
From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smokepipe  
Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue  
Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented? Forced or gravity?  
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

\* No combustible material.  
Boiler to be equipped with device which will automatically shut off all gas supply  
in case pilot flame is extinguished.

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 (\$2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED:

OK- 9/29/54- aal

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Signature of Installer

Donald Stanley

INSPECTION COPY



Permit No. 541607  
Location 535 Congress St.  
Owner Oscar Benoit, Inc.  
Date of permit 9/29/54  
Approved 10/28/54

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