

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 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:~~

REMARKS:

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS —

Permit Number	8888/1
Location	555 Carnegie St
Owner	Sun Savings
Date of Permit	1-26-82
Final Inspector	3-4-82
By Inspector	Tealby
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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OFFICE COPY — CANARY
CONTRACTOR'S COPY — GREEN

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS -

Permit Number 51351
Location 553 Congress St.
Owner G. S. Sullivan Assoc.
Date of Permit 5-29-80
Final Inspection 5-29-80
By Inspector Trudley
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

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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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CITY OF PORTLAND

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Job. Description

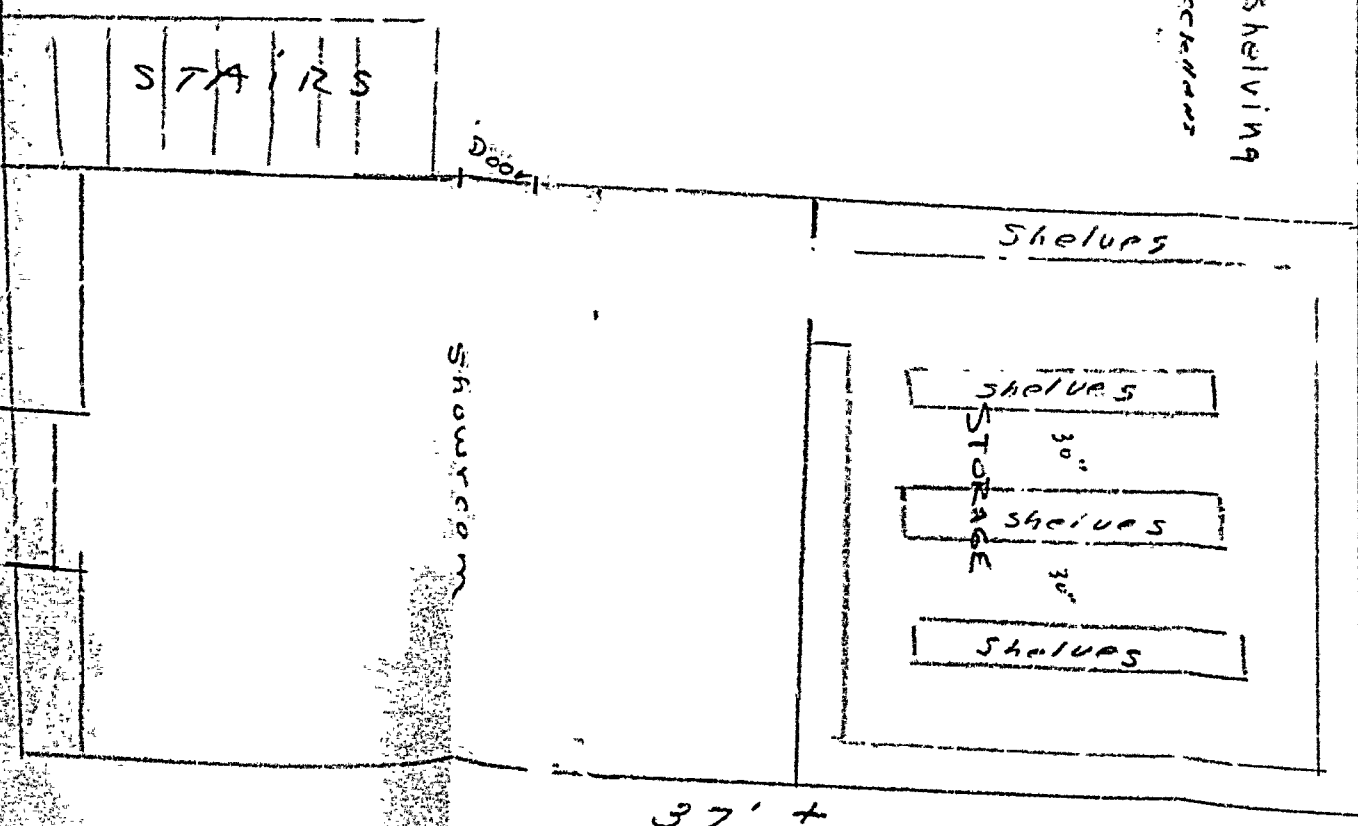
EXPANDING - 08
Partition + shelving
ports into mechanics

cutting Door through Brick wall
by JAMES GALLI.CO

EXISTING

OSCAR BENoit
Clothing Store

555 CONGRESS ST



OAK ST.



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 @ 775-5451

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This application is for:

Dwelling

Garage

Masonry Bldg.

Metal Bldg.

Alterations

Demolitions

Change of Use

Other clothing

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:

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

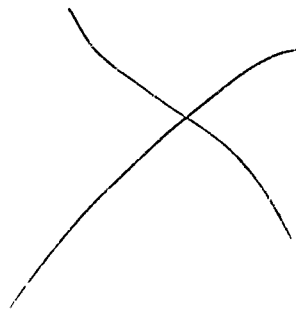
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2.11.16 OK 3/19/76 M.C.C. O.K.-E.B. 2/19/76

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.

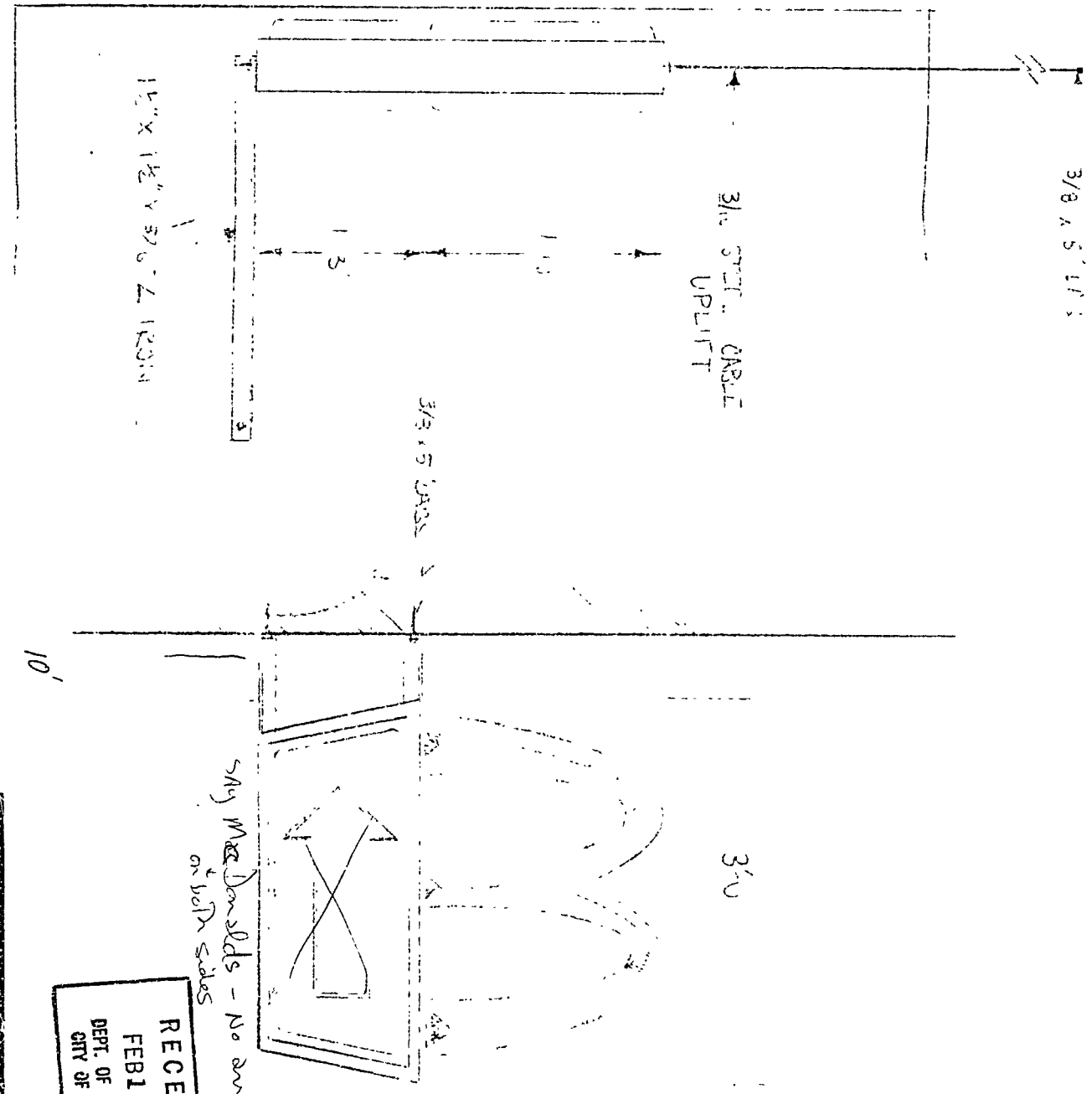
In Witness whereof, the owner of said premises has signed
this consent and agreement this 17th
day of February 1976 .

Donald F. Mullen
Witness

X Baxter Blatz Inc
Chickens per
Owner

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

CORNER of BUS.



Sally McDonalds - No answer
on both sides

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Side Walk

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

Portland, Maine,

PERMIT ISSUED

CITY OF PORTLAND

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

Signature of Installer

H. J. Eldridge

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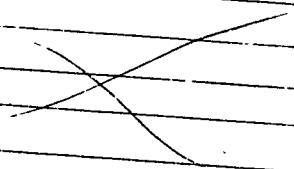
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NOTES

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.			
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

Office ☒

Number of Stories

Description of Wiring: New Work ☒

Additions

Alterations

ADDITION OF 3 PHASE SYSTEM - PICKUP-UP EXISTING LEAD

Pipe

Cable *2.16 TH*

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 *4*

Size *#*

METERS: *OLD ONE REMOVED*

Relocated

Added *100 AMP*

Total No. Meters *1*

3 PHASE

MOTORS: Number *1*

Phase *3*

H. P. *3*

Amps *15*

Volts *208/230*

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) *1 - 37000*

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

2

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10

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REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY *FW. Schubert*

(OVER)

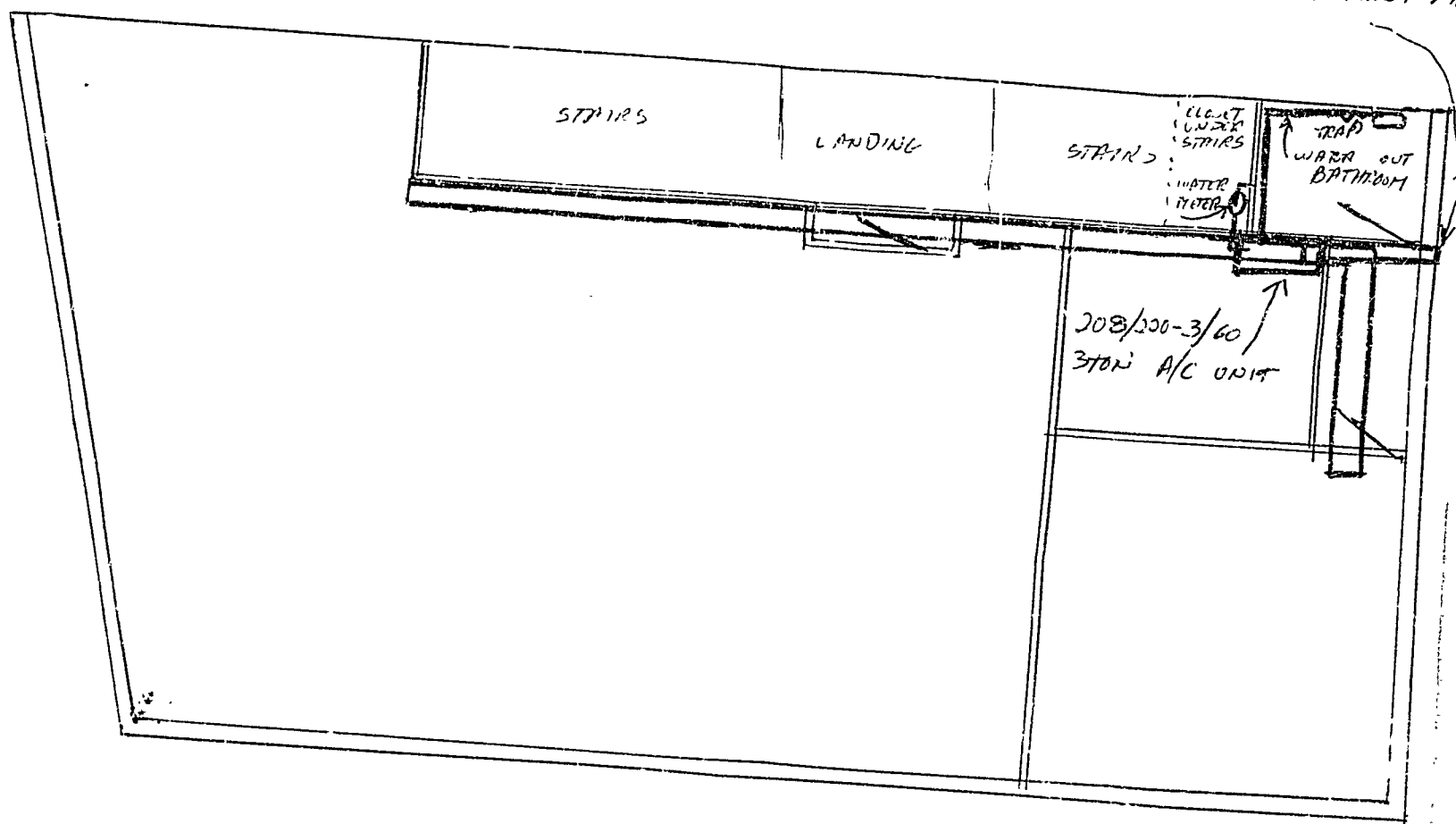
LOCATION Congress St 553
 INSPECTION DATE 7/6/65
 WORK COMPLETED 7/6/65
 TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS 1
 REMARKS:

FEES FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

WIRING		
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).		
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, Dishwashers, etc. -- Each Unit		1.50
TEMPORARY WORK (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
MISCELLANEOUS		
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		

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]

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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

**CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

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~~

9/13/55 Permit No. 55/1221

Location 553 Congress St.

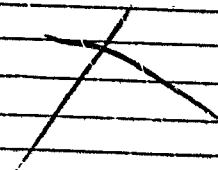
Owner Household Finance Corp

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~~ stores, offices and apartments No. families
Last use stores and offices in 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
Inspector of Buildings

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

WHCD/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

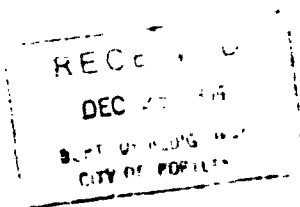
Cumberland, SS

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. Ladd
Notary Public



November 19, 1954

BP 553-5534 Congress Street

~~Owner-Contractor~~ American Realty Investors, Inc.
602 Congress St.

Architect—William B. Millward
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 212a1.4 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: James P. Alvord

Approved: 9/25/54

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~~ ~~construct~~ ~~in~~ the following building ~~structure~~ ~~and~~ ~~erect~~ 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
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 even about the same time.
 any more work. - Allen

9/4/54 - Only tearing
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 amendment in
 about a week for
 the wall job
 when he knows
 just what is to
 be done. - Wm.

8/14/54 - B. H. ...
 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. ...
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. ...
Form Check Notice	Wm. J. ...

1/21/55 - ...
 3/4/55 - ...
 4/18/55 - ...
 5/12/55 - ...
 6/22/55 - ...
 8/12/55 - ...
 10/24/55 - ...

Second Sheet

Complaint No. _____

Permit No. 54/346

Location 55-5002-1-1-1-1

12/5-58 - The ...

2-18-1906

Edward J. Kane

1911

See also last page

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Jan 1st 1900

Handwritten signature

Mr. J. L. Smith

Walter Deane Smith

11. 11. 1911

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Carl Gustaf Malmgren

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_____ *Allen*

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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. 51/346, 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 (E) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET



PERMIT ISSUED
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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:

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Permit No. 54/1769

Location 555 Congress St.

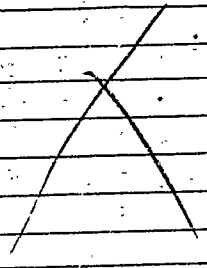
Owner O. L. Benoit Co.

Date of permit 10/14/54

Sign Cont. United Neon Display

Final Inspn. 3/25/55

3/25/55 NOTES
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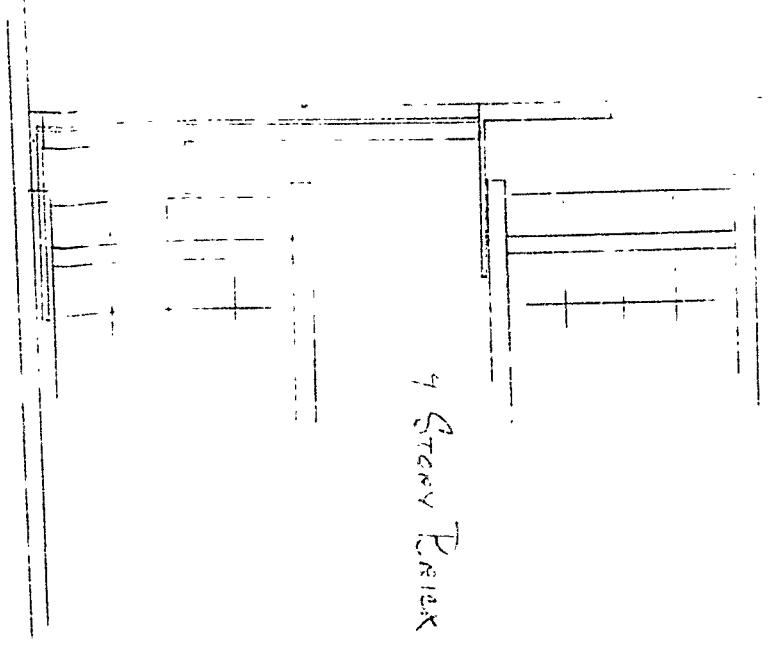


4 x 1 1/2 x 7/16 L. Guy
TOP + BOTTOM

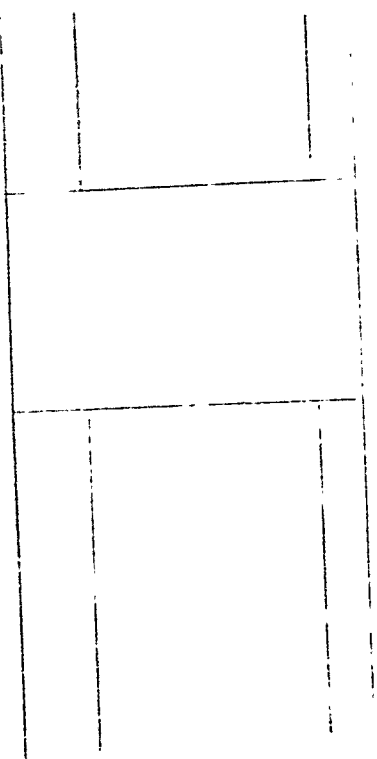
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of Bottom Box

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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. FLOORING FACE

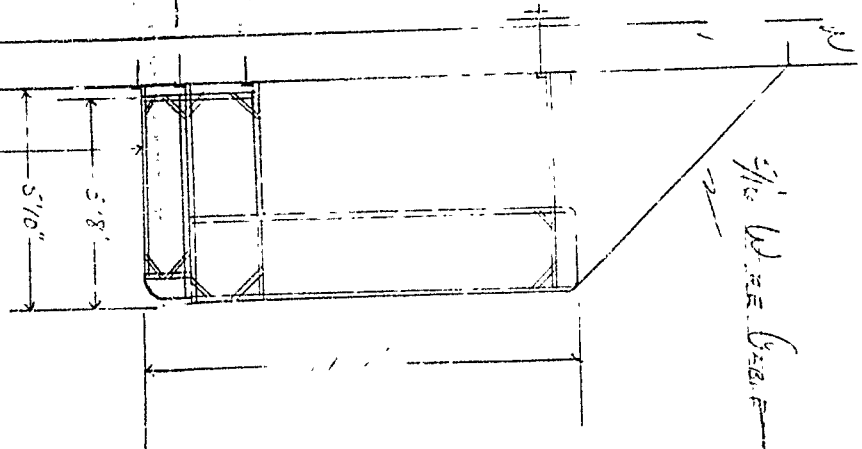


4 STEEL PLATE



3/4 x 5" L. AS
3/8 x 5" L. AS
3/8 x 5" L. AS

3/4 In. Box



3/16 L. W. L. L. AS

1" X 1 1/2" X 1/4" W. L. L. AS
+ CORN. X PLATES

10' S

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DEPT. OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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 LeRoy P. Shaw Treas.
Owner



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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

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

PERMIT ISSUED
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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 Amicaal Realty Trust
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

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

NOTES

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

553-553½ Congress St. - Building permit for alterations in second story of building
for American Realty Investors Inc. - 4/1/54

Building permit for alterations in the second story of the building at 553-553½ Congress St., corner of Oak St., is issued herewith. We understand that it is believed that the floor timbers in this building extend in one length from wall to wall and are of such a size as to provide the required carrying capacity on this total span. On this basis the lengthwise partition, as well as those running crossways of the building, are non-bearing and may be removed without installation of beams or headers to replace them. The permit is issued on the basis that should conditions other than this be found when tearing out is started, an amendment will be filed, together with information indicating what changes are proposed, for checking and approval by this department before that part of the work is done.

We understand that certain alterations not shown on the plan filed with the application for this permit are to be made to the stairway from first to second story and that an amendment together with a plan showing details of the changes will be filed before this work is started.

AJS/G

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

AP 553 Congress Street-I

February 17, 1948

Mr. Ernest C. Soule
75 Edwards Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Inquiry as to change of
swing of entrance door of store
of W. L. Douglas Shoe Company
at 553 Congress Street

Dear Sir:

A check of the plan filed with the above inquiry shows that the theoretical capacity of the store in persons determined as provided in Section 212a1 of the Building Code is much less than fifty. Section 212a2.1 of the Code provides that a door serving as part of a means of egress need not swing in direction of exit travel unless designed for the use of more than fifty persons.

Under these circumstances it is allowable under the Building Code to remove the double acting hinges now on the entrance door at the above location and rehang the door so that it will only swing inward.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/s

CC: W. L. Douglas Shoe Company
553 Congress Street

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ZONE G

FIRE DIST. 1

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Verbal
By Telephone

Date 2/16/48

LOCATION 553 Congress Street OWNER W. S. Thomas, Inc.

MADE BY Ernest O. Smith TEL.

ADDRESS 75 Commercial Street

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING store

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION wood NO. OF STORIES 2

REMARKS: floor plan store submitted

INQUIRY: 1- May the existing hinges on double-acting
entrance door to W. S. Thomas, Inc. store be
removed and replaced with ordinary hinges
so that the door will only swing in.

ANSWER: 1- See letter

DATE OF REPLY 2/17/48 REPLY BY egs



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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR
HEATING COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, JULY 11, 1946

PERMIT ISSUED
0121
JUL 12 1946

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 53 CONGRESS ST Use STORE Building STORE No. Stories 3 New Building
Name and address of owner of appliance W.L. DOUGLAS SHOE CO. Existing " "
Installer's name and address BALLARD OIL EQUIP CO. 135 MARGINAL WAY Telephone 2-1991

General Description of Work

To install OIL BURNER IN EXISTING GRAVITY HOT WATER SYSTEM

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat BASEMENT Type of floor beneath appliance CEMENT
If wood, how protected? Kind of fuel OIL
Minimum distance to wood or combustible 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 Other connections to same flue
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner ESSO EBI Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? YES
Will operate, be always in attendance? NO Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? TOP
Type of floor beneath burner CEMENT
Location of oil storage BASEMENT Number and capacity of tanks 2 - 275
If two 275-gallon tanks, will three-way valve be provided? NO
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? YES How many tanks fire proofed? NONE

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Kind of fuel Type of floor beneath appliance
If wood, how protected?
Minimum distance to wood or 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?
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed? 1.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED:

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

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Signature of Installer

Ballard Oil & Equip Co
by [Signature]

Permit No. 46/1242
Location 553 Congress St.
Owner V.L. Douglas Shoe Co
Date of permit 7/12/46
Approved 4-2-46, 15116

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1	Fill Pipe	
2	Vent Pipe	
3	End of H. P.	
4	Barrel Regulator Support	
5	Same as Loc. 1	
6	St. & Cond. L.	
7	High Pressure	
8	Remote	
9	Piping	
10	Valve	
11	Object	
12	Truck	
13	Truck	
14	Oil	
15	Instruction	
16		
7-22-46	Work	Wharf
9-16-46	Sub.	15116
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Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

March 10, 1947

Dear Sir:

Having a full understanding of the application of
FEDERAL WAR PRODUCTION BOARD CONSERVATION ORDER L-41 to the
construction work which I propose at _____, _____,
in the City of Portland, I DESIRE THAT YOU ISSUE THE
BUILDING PERMIT to cover that work.

Mr. E. J. Jeffrey *new*



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Permit No. 6000

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, March 30, 1912

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

Location 553 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Maine General Hospital Telephone
Contractor's name and address W. L. Douglas Shoe Co. Telephone 25523
Architect C. G. Bailey Co., 76 Free St. Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Stores and offices No. families
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 300. Fee \$ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing
Last use Stores and offices No. families

General Description of New Work

To change store front as per plan submitted - shorten show windows 14" at bottom

ALL WOODWORK OTHERWISE EXPOSED IN THE OPEN AIR WILL BE COVERED WITH INCOMBUSTIBLE MATERIAL (glass)

Phoned Mr. John Dana of Hosp. Board, told him applicant had shown me his permission from W.P.B., and he said to issue 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.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS FULFILLED
OK 3/31/12 J. J. J.

Is any plumbing work involved in this work?
Is any electrical work involved in this work? Height average grade to top of plate
Size, front depth No. stories Height average grade to highest point of roof
To be erected on 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 Type of fuel Is gas fitting involved?
Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size
Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
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
Total 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 above work require removal or disturbing of any shade 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

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Signature of owner By W. L. Douglas Shoe Co.
E. O. Foster Co.

Permit No 43/290

Location 555 Congress St.

Owner Mr. Gen. H. W. L. Dodge
S. J. Co.

Date of permit 4/5/43

Notif. closing-in

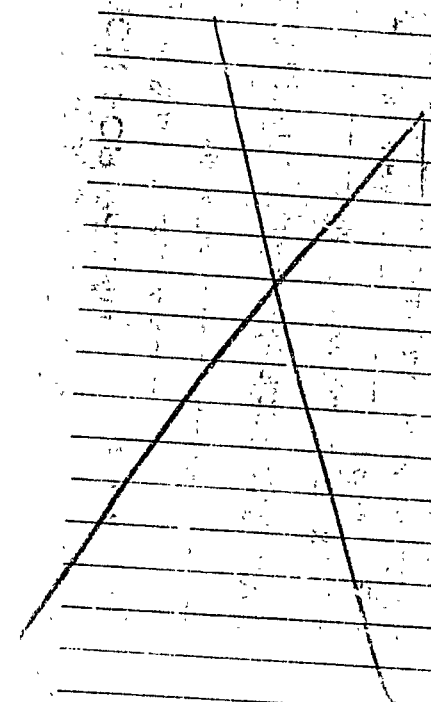
Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 4/23/43

Cert. of Occupancy issued name

Card No. 23/43
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Rept. 5010L-I

March 21, 1945

Mr. P. M. Payson,
c/o H. M. Payson Co.
93 Exchange Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Minor alterations to stone front
of H. M. Douglas Shoe Co. in building owned
by Maine General Hospital at 55 Cong. St.

Dear Mr. Payson:

The building permit has been applied for to cover the above work by
F. J. Bailey Co. as agent for the lessee, H. M. Douglas Shoe Co. There is
no conflict with the building Code, but this matter is concerned with the
relationship of the job to WPA Conservation Order 4-41.

As the job includes raising the platform inside the show windows 14
inches and correspondingly shortening the show windows themselves, it evidently
represents a change in design although not a very large one.

While it is not my duty to interpret or enforce the Conservation Order,
I am bound to report to WPA the issuance of permits for jobs that seem to fall
outside of the allowance limits of the order. On this basis this job would
have to be reported to both Boston and Portland offices of WPA as soon as the
permit is issued. Naturally I do not want to report any job without the full
knowledge of everyone concerned. Accordingly I am enclosing our form letter
explaining the relationship of this department to the entire proposition and
also a form post card to be signed by the owner if the owner desires the
issuance of the permit after receiving notice that the job has to be reported.

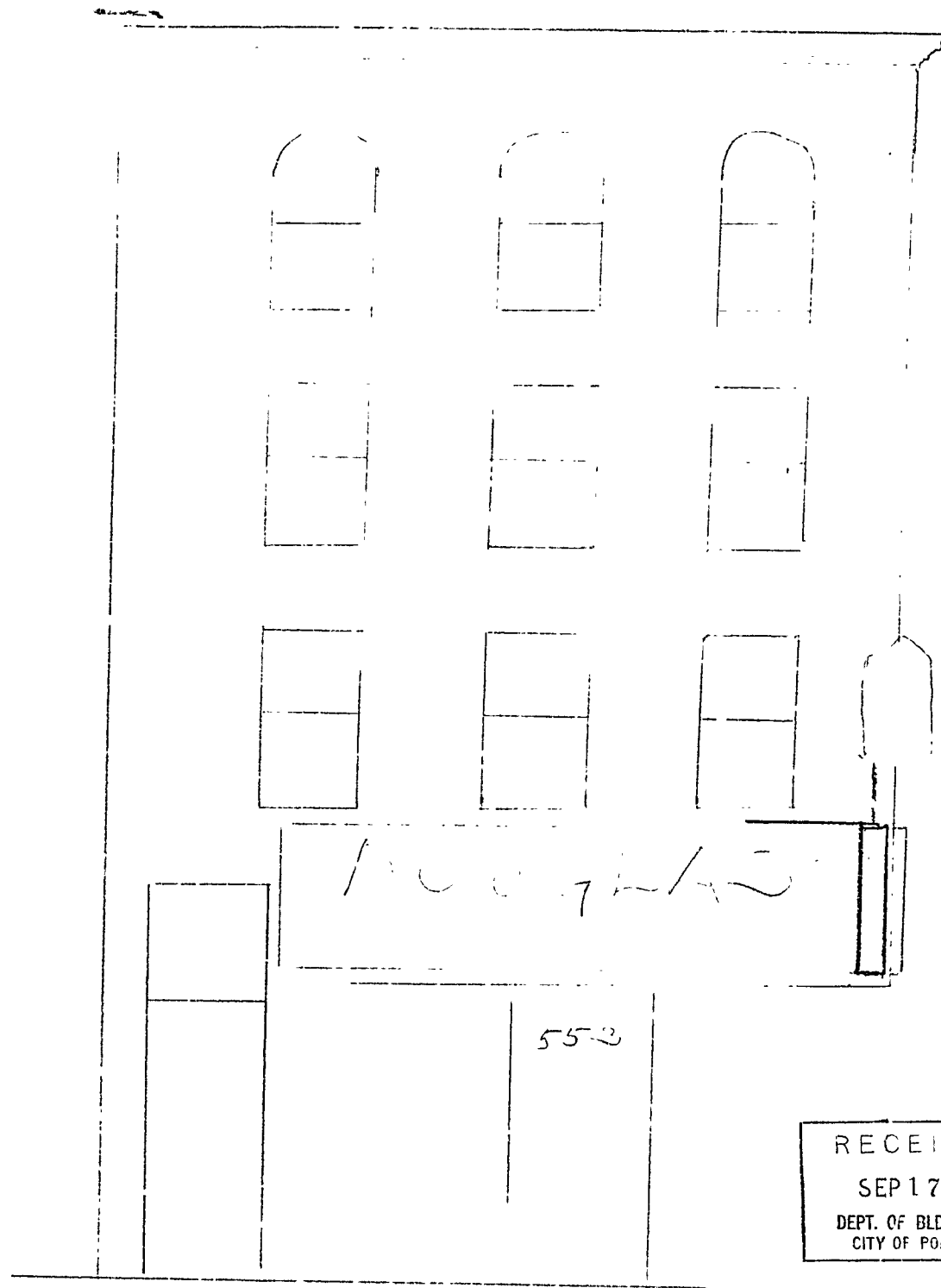
In case you are in doubt I suggest you consult with Mr. Johnson of
the F. J. Bailey Co. who is familiar with the details of the work and perhaps
he will go over the matter with the local WPA office at 144 High Street and
either find out from them that you are safe in having the job reported or filing
with them the application for special permission to proceed beyond the limits
of the order.

Very truly yours,

WMCB/H

CC: F. J. Bailey Co.
10 Cross St.

Inspector of Buildings



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CITY OF PORTLAND