



(B) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT 1330

01311

OCT 7 1955

CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, Oct. 6, 1955

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 79 Oak Street (See 551 Congress St.) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

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

Name and address of owner of sign Inc., 79 Oak St.

Contractor's name and address Perley G. Roberts, 189 Anthoine St., So. Portland Telephone 2-5390

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

(Sign originally hung under permit 48/2163)

Information Concerning Building

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

To take sign down and paint and provide new metal face.

Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes no

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 2' Horizontal 4'

Weight 85 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 none Size 1/2" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 2 material angle iron Size 1 1/2 x 3/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'

Maximum projection into street 4 1/2'

Signature of contractor P. G. Roberts

Fee \$ 2.00

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Permit No. 55/1811
Location 79 Oak St.
Owner Hearing Aids Inc.
Date of permit 10/6/55
Sign Contractor _____
Final Inspn. 10/20/55

10/17/55 NOTES

OTB side fare shop
inspected by RB
10/17/55 - shop pump
made, E. 8. 8.
10/20/55 - work done
E. 8. 8.



GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED
00256
FEB 27 1953
PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, Feb. 25, 1953

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 77 Oak St. (see 551 Congress St.) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

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

Name and address of owner of sign C. DiBiase Co., 77 Oak St.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm St.

Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1953

To take sign down and paint
(see permit 46/1964)

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 2 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

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS MET

Electric? YES NO Vertical dimension after erection 31 1/2"

Horizontal 49 1/2"

Weight 30 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? no

Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame wood

No. advertising faces 2

material metal

No. rigid connections 2

Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts none

Size

Location, top or bottom

No. guys 2

material

angle iron

Size 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 3/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 14'

Maximum projection into street 49 1/2"

United Neon Display

Fee \$ 2.00

Signature of contractor by: Thomas J. Keady

2-26-53. O.K. C.D.

RE-SECTION COPY

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Permit No. 53/256
Location 77 Oak St.
Owner C. Di Biase Co.
Date of permit 2/27/53
Sign Contractor United Non Display
Final Inspn. 3-4-53. E

NOTES

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WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED
TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES
AT 77 Oak St. IN PORTLAND, MAINE

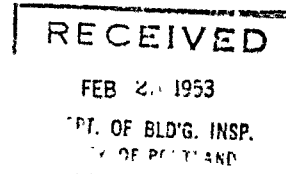
Congress Realty Co., being the owner of the
premises at 77 Oak St. in Portland, Maine, hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by C. DiMase Co.
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described
in application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine
for a permit to cover erection of said sign:

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit Congress Realty Co., 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, 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 17 day of February, 1953

Mary A. Conaway
Witness

Robert J. Montez
Owner
Congress Realty Co.





GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED

052829/2

CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, December 1 19 52

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned heret, 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 551A Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Percival P. Baxter

Name and address of owner of sign Personal Finance, 551A Congress St.

Contractor's name and address Bert Sign, 171 Main St., Lewiston Telephone _____

When does contractor's bond expire? December 31, 1952

Information Concerning ding CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 4' Horizontal 4'

Weight 400 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material porcelain enamel
no aluminum

No. rigid connections 6 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 123 Size 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys none material _____ Size _____

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 21'

Maximum projection into street 4' Fee \$ 2.00

12-16-52 O.K. 06

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Signature of contractor By: Bert Sign Curtis Mahan

Permit No. 52/2329

Location 55th Congress St.

Owner Personal Finance.

Date of permit 12/17/52

Sign Contractor Best Sign

Final Inspn. 12-30-52. *OK*

NOTES

12/29/52 - *Shop inspection*

OK - AG

12-30-52. *Through both checked.*

OK

NEON SIGNS
SIGN HANGING
SCREEN PROCESS WORK

JACK MALONEY

BERT SIGNS

171 MAIN STREET

DIAL 3-1121

BRONZE PLAQUES
BRONZE and STAINLESS
STEEL LETTERS
WOOD LETTERS

LEWISTON, MAINE Dec. 12 52 19

Mr. Warren McDonald
Building Inspector
Portland Me.

Dear Sir;

Enclosed are the revised plans, for the
Personal Finance Co. 501 Congress St.

If it is possible, I would like to eliminate any side
guys. Mr. Baxter stated, he did not want any, on the
building. That is why I made the sign V type. I consider Mr.
Baxter a very broad minded man, and he probably
would give permission, rather than to have me lose
the money I have already put in the job.

This is not my first experience, hanging signs
in Portland. I hung DAYS JETORY and the Boston SHOP Store,
for Mack the Signist, and many others. I wish the State
would copy your specifications, and insist that all
signs be erected safe.

You never spoke a truer word, when you said some of
these signs are up, for forty years, without any structural
repairs or overhaul. One coat of good paint would add ten
years to the life of the frame, and of course Galvanized
iron is better. No matter how well they are put up, if the frame
and bolts rust out, you are no better off than here in
Lewiston, where you can put them up with SCOTCH tape.

Although Mr Potter from the PERSONAL FINANCE has
waited for years, for permission to put this sign up. the
copy of the letter he received from you made him feel
exceptionally good. He said, it seems good, to have one man
that is really on the job.

Hoping this compliment will not make your hat fit tighter

RECEIVED

DEC 13 1952

DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

I remain
Yours Truly
Jack Maloney

Jack Maloney

AP 551A Congress Street

December 8, 1952

Bert Sign
171 Main St.,
Lewiston, Maine
Personal Finance Co.,
551A Congress St.,

Copy to Congress Realty Co.,
c/o Hon. Percival P. Baxter
555 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

As far as I can recollect the application for a permit to erect a projecting sign at 551A Congress St., is the first on the part of Bert Sign, and the efforts to make the plan to meet our needs for checking before a permit is issued, is much appreciated. However, there are several details of the plan and some of the entire proposal which are so questionable that it is felt that the permit cannot be issued until adjustment has been made.

To rely on the brick parapet wall for the support and bracing of this sign is not a good and safe structural proposition. Our inspector reports that this parapet wall is about 15 inches in thickness and extends to a height of nearly 6 feet above the roof level. As a general rule a parapet wall like this with the top of it unbraced ought to have a thickness of at least $1/4$ of its height, and, even so, it should not be called upon to support any loads other than those which normally come upon it from exposure to the weather. This parapet appears to be deficient in thickness in relation to its height, and we have no information to show that it has been reinforced in any manner. As near as our inspector can tell, also, you would likely be relying upon the cap of the parapet wall to support the sign's uplift guy.

It is also our belief that the sign requires side guys, both top and bottom. These could be cable in which case one would be required on both sides of the sign at top and bottom; or they could be rigid angle guys in which case one would be required on one side only at both top and bottom. In any case the guys should connect very close to the outside end of the horizontal members supporting the sign and run at an angle of 45 degrees with the face of the wall of the building.

Your plan is not sufficiently in detail in the usual manner of making plans so that we can make sure what is intended as to some of the essential details. You must show more clearly precisely how the through bolt at the top of the sign is to fasten the sign to the building. A cross section at this point showing the actual lines of the members in the frame of the sign, how these angles are to be connected one to the other and just how the through bolt is to connect the rigid frame to the building, should cover this point. The present plan gives the impression that access to this through bolt would be through the interior of the sign. We usually figure the top and the bottom angles of such a sign as simple beams, positively supported and fastened to the building at the building end and supported at the outer end by side guys.

We also need a cross section through the sign looking toward the building, thus to show whether or not there are three structural members in the top of the sign and three in the bottom or only two, also to show what supports the angles which in turn support the transformers.

Your plans should be precisely to definite scale, the scales marked on the plan and also the name and address of the maker of the sign should appear on the original and be printed on the prints filed here. Some of the information on the print is in

Bert Sign
Personal Finance Co.,-----2

December 8, 1952

pencil. That should all be shown on the original so that it will appear on the fresh print. filed here.

The present plan is not precisely to scale. For instance the parapet wall is shown to be 16 inches thick in one place, but it scales only 8 and the height of the parapet above the roof appears to scale about 7 feet while our inspector says that it is less than 6.

It is hoped that you will have successful business in this City, but now that you are starting on the proposition of erecting projecting signs, it is important that you have your plans prepared by someone who can reason these things out for himself and show them on the plan in the same manner as plans all over the world. We are held responsible for checking against building Code requirements and the standards of good structural practice before a permit is issued. If we do not have information we cannot check the plans. It is to be borne in mind that these projecting signs are hung over the public sidewalks of the City and get very little later attention, if any, whether they stay up one year or forty. This regulatory business becomes a very important matter, therefore, to the pedestrians who walk beneath the signs and the owners of the signs and the buildings to which they are attached.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMC/S

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WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO
BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES
AT 551 1/2 Congress St. IN PORTLAND, MAINE

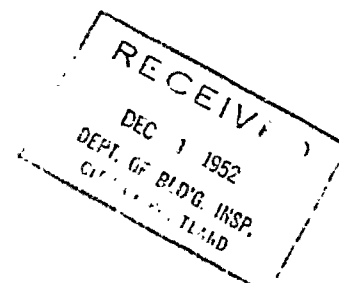
Parcival Baxter, being the owner of the
premises at 551 1/2 Congress St. in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Parsonal Finance Co.
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in
application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit
to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit _____
_____, 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 21- day of November 1952.

John H. Fitch
Witness

Parcival Baxter (BAXTER)
Owner



WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE
ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 551 A Congress St. IN PORTLAND, MAINE

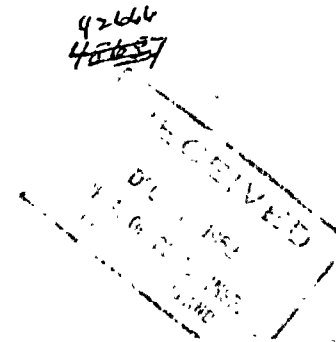
Percival Baxter, being the owner of the
premises at 551 A Congress St. in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by National Finance Co.
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in
application to the Inspector of Building of Portland, Maine 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 _____
consent and agreement this 21 day of January, 1957

John H. Fitch
Witness

Robert M. Baxter (BAXTER)
Owner



Red Porcelain



White
Fluorescent

50"
Blue Porcelain

STANDARD - 50" SQUARE
"PERSONAL - FINANCE CO. LOANS" - Red or Ruby Fluorescent
"ARROW WORD ENTRANCE" - Green Fluorescent



**(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT**

Class of Building or Type of Structure Masonry

Portland, Maine, July 10, 1952

PERMIT ISSUED

**01034
UL 11 1952**

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~repairs~~ ~~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 551 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's name and address P. P. Baxter, 562 Congress Street Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address C. DiBiase Co., 551 Congress Street Telephone 3-1023
Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Stores and offices No. families _____
Last use _____ " " No. families _____
Material masonry No. stories 2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 450. Fee \$ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To change one large window to four windows on second floor on Oak Street side of building as per plan.

**CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

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** C. DiBiase 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? _____
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:

O.K. 7/11/52 - AJS

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

P. P. Baxter
C. DiBiase Co.

Signature of owner by:

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NOTES

7-29-52 Part of a tied off

7-29-52 Ret attached

Location 551

Location 551

Owner Dr. J. R. +

Date of permit 7/7/52

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 9.4.52. 236

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

551 Congress Street - Alterations to Building at 551 Congress Street for P. F. Baxter
by C. DiBiase Co.

July 11, 1952

Building permit for alterations to a large window opening in the second story wall on the Oak Street side of the building at 551 Congress Street is issued herewith based on the plan filed with the application for permit, but subject to the condition that the arched panel above the new sash be constructed of 2x4 studs spaced 16" on centers and covered both sides with metal lath and plaster, instead of the exposed woodwork shown on the plan.

C.C. P. F. Baxter
562 Congress Street

AJS/G

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings



(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET CITY OF PORTLAND

PERMIT NO. 00604
APR 17 1951
Permit No. 00604

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 79 Oak Street (See 551 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? Dist. No.
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Congress Realty Company
Name and address of owner of sign Hearing Aids Company, 79 Oak Street
Contractor's name and address Perley C. Roberts, 189 Anthoine Street, So. Portland Telephone 2-5390
When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1951
(Sign originally hung under permit 48/2163)

Information Concerning Building

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick
To take sign down and paint and re-lettered

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 2' Horizontal 4'
Weight 85 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material galvanized iron
No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes
No. through bolts none Size Location, top or bottom
No. guys 2 material angle iron Size 1x1x3/16
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'
Maximum projection into street 4 1/2'

4-16-51, O.K.

Insp
ORIGINAL

Signature of contractor

Perley C. Roberts

Fee \$ 1.00

Permit No. 51/604

Location 79 Oak St.

Owner Hearing Aids Co.

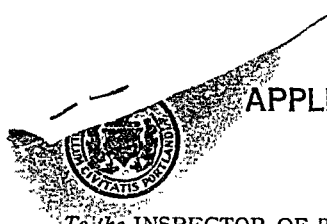
Date of permit 4/17/51

Sign Contractor Percy C. Roberts

Final Inspn. 3-14-51 a.m.

NOTES

4-21-51. Shop insp. O.K. etc.



APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, July 14, 1950

PERMIT ISSUED

JUL 14 1950

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 50/1072 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 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Percival Baxter Telephone _____

Lessee's name and address Singer Sewing Machine, 21 Forest Avenue Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address George Fichera, 3 Maple Street, Lawrence, Mass. Telephone _____

Architect _____ Plans filed no. _____ No. of sheets _____

Proposed use of building Stores and offices No. families _____

Last use _____ No. families _____

Increased cost of work _____ Additional fee \$25

Description of Proposed Work

To remove all of the show windows along Oak Street front of former Lerner Store except one nearest Congress Street and fill in openings with brick masonry at least 8" thick using ordinary masonry bond, or galvanized steel ties no less in thickness than wire of No. 6 gauge (5/16")—be laid one to every other joint in every fifth courses or closer.

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 _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____

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:

Percival Baxter
Singer Sewing Machine

Signature of Owner by: [Signature]

Approved: 7/14/50 - Wm D

Inspector of Buildings

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 6, 1950

01072
JUL 6 1950

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish or extend 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 551 Congress Street, corner of Oak Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's name and address Percival Baxter Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address Singer Sewing Machine, 21 Forest Avenue Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address George Fichera, 3 Maple Street, Lawrence, Mass. Telephone _____
Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans no No. of sheets _____
Proposed use of building Stores and offices No. families _____
Last use _____ " " No. families _____
Material masonry No. stories 2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 50

General Description of New Work

To tear out store front only, not including any structural supports.

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** George Fichera

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 _____
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:

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

Percival Baxter
Singer Sewing Machine Co.

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Signature of owner by: Geo Fichera

NOTES

7-19-50 Work for you 3 days 100%

Location: 571

Owner Albert J. Davis

7/6/51

notl. closing-in

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Cert. of Occupancy issued

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(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class
Portland, Maine, July 10, 1950

PERMIT ISSUED
01243
JUL 27 1950
CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE *Plans rec'd 7/25/50*

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 551 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's name and address P. P. Baxter, 562 Congress St. Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address Singer Sewing Machine Co., 55 Temple Place, Boston Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address George Fichera, 3 Maple St., Lawrence, Mass. Telephone _____
Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Stores No. families _____
Last use _____ No. families _____
Material masonry No. stories 2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 60.00 Fee \$ 6.00

General Description of New Work

To make alterations to store front as per plan.

Permit Issued with Letter **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

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**

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 _____
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:

with letter by AGS

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

Singer Sewing Machine Co. *PH*

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner BY:

Geo Fichera

8-3-50. Gave P.T. subject its electrical work being inspected and found them outside wall but inside the ceiling level. C. H.

8/23/50 - gave permission
to Kinoshita to enter - Mr. C. S.
10/25/50 - Mr. C. S.

10/25/50 - No extra signs
necessary to reach means of
evasion.

The new exit door is
unusable because there
are two steel bars across doors
10/1

10/2.9.50 - Better about 2.50
above deficiency

114150 - Work done. Mrs. Seon said the
exit signs over the two rear doorways
were all right. E. S. S.

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At 551 Congress Street-I

11/10/50/SSS

October 28, 1950

Singer Sewing Machine Company
551 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Copies to: Hon. Percival P. Baxter
502 Congress Street
Singer Sewing Machine Company for
headquarters office

Gentlemen:

Two discrepancies appear as to compliance with the Building Code in connection with your new store fitted out at 551 Congress Street.

Please have these matters fully taken care of before November 10, 1950 and notify this office of readiness for another inspection.

Refer to Paragraph numbered 2 in my letter of July 27 copy of which was sent to you with issuance of the building permit; and provide the standard exit signs, directional or otherwise as may appear necessary so that all persons in the parts of the store likely to be used by the public will know unerringly what direction to take to reach the rear exit. These signs are required to have letters in the word exit no less than 6" high on an appropriate background and to be adequately externally illuminated during the dark hours.

The door from the rear of the store, required as an emergency means of egress had two steel bars across it on October 25, evidently for security purposes, which defeats the clear intent and purpose of the law that the door shall be equipped with such locks and hardware as only such that any person on the inside of the door can quickly open the door without requiring a key or any special knowledge, merely by turning the usual knob or pressing on the usual thumb piece. We are sympathetic with all the efforts on the part of the proprietors of stores for security from theft, but there are ways of having full security without using such devices as these bars or anything else but the usual and required lockset on the door.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WVc2/3

At 301 Congress Street-I

July 27, 1930

Alfred Downing Machine Company
21 West Avenue
Mr. William A. Smith
22 Church and
Boston, Maine

Copies to: Mr. Harry A. Fisher
5 Maple Street, Weymouth, Massachusetts
Alfred Downing Machine Company
22 Church Street, Boston, Massachusetts
Hon. Charles F. Carter, 363 Congress St.

Attention:

The following alterations to the store at 301 Congress Street, corner of
street, is hereby made to the plans based on the plans of July 27, 1930 and
subject to the conditions as indicated below. If the alterations are made, the
are unable to provide details as indicated, the same shall be omitted, and the result
is to be returned to the architect. Conditions under which the permit is
issued are as follows:

1. The width of the existing window in the partition between the two back rooms
near the foot of the stairs, which are used as a closet, shall be increased to
be at least three feet wide. The new partition in the rear of the store
indicated as a new one shall be removed and a new one shall be built of
the same material.

2. A new exit door shall be built in the partition between the two back rooms
and shall be clearly marked and shall be used to allow the rear
exit as provided.

3. If the store is to be used for the purpose of a fireproof safe, it
will be permitted to use wood for the walls and floor and also over
the narrow space between the two back rooms. The new partition shall be built
This does not apply to the new partition of the rear of the store. The new
door shall be built of the same material as the old one. The new door
is to be built between the two back rooms and shall be used as a
fireproof safe.

4. Any fireproofing on existing beams or columns which is removed in connection
with the alterations is to be replaced.

5. All parts of the cornice or all eaves on the store front are to be
kept at least 12' above the sidewalk at all points. On the side of the store at the
end farthest from the street the bottom of this belt shall be at least 12' above
the sidewalk. Because of the side of the side of the store the new
front, it is necessary to keep the belt 10' above the sidewalk at this location and
let the rest of the belt down where it is any more than 10' above the sidewalk. The permit is issued
on this basis.

6. The building code specifies that no part of an awning shall be less than 7'
above the sidewalk at any point when in the lowered position nor shall it be less than 12'
vertical clearance. This rule shall be considered in connection with the
awning support and attachment. The code is important in the design of the
awning particularly on the side of the store front where the side of the store is narrow.

7. The lat and plaster base on the building shall be above the sidewalk
on for the base of the structural steel frame to have a minimum clearance
of one inch instead of the 1/2" clearance shown on the plans. Installation of the

Singer Sewing Machine Company
Mr. William C. Arnold

July 17, 1939

structural glass is to be made in all respects in accordance with the recommendations on this Yarns for Building Materials of the Building Officials Conference of America, of which a copy has been previously sent to you.

8. Although not indicated on the plans, the net entrance door is required to be equipped with a vestibule latchset and to have no other locks of any kind on it. This latchset is one whereby any person on the inside can readily open the door without a key merely by turning the usual knob or by pressing on the usual thumb piece. If the entrance door to the ground story is to be a new one or if the swing of it is to be changed, it, too, requires a vestibule latchset if not already so equipped. It is also understood that the construction of the partition in which this latter door is located is not to be changed from that existing and the permit is issued on this basis.

9. An access panel to the space over the lowered ceiling of store front is to be provided in a convenient location.

10. No bath or wall card is to be applied to any of the new work until notice for an inspection has been given this office and authorization to "close-in" the work has been given as a green tag left at the job.

Very truly yours,

Warren F. Ford
Inspector of Building

W/F

551 Congress Street,
Corner of Oak Street-1

July 12, 1950

Mr. George Fichera
551 Congress Street (Former Lerner Bldg.)
Singer Sewing Machine Company/
Construction Department
55 Temple Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Copy: Hon. Marcelino E. Saxter
502 Congress Street

Mr. George Fichera
5 Temple Street
Lawrence, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

Lyman S. Moore, City Manager

I am unable to issue the building permit, applied for with the sheets of plans on July 10, intended to cover alterations to store front of the former Lerner Building at 551 Congress Street, corner of Oak Street, because the plans fall far short of showing either the extent and details of the work and also short of fulfilling some requirements.

Since the morning of July 10, I have been repeatedly urged by the representative of the Singer Company and the contractor to issue a permit for these alterations without any comprehensive idea as to the extent of the job, estimated by Mr. Fichera to cost six thousand dollars, and without detailed plans of the work, although the proposed job is of considerable importance not only to the safety of the building itself, but especially from the standpoint of exposing the public to traffic of both Congress Street and Oak Street. At the request of these men and to be of some assistance as possible, I have issued a permit authorizing tearing out only, and also have personally visited the job, and I tell you that as need detailed, I am.

At our conferences they have considered whether or not they would close the large show windows facing on Oak Street, and what kind of construction work they would use inside of these windows; also what will be done as to finishing off the brick wall opposite Oak Street. With regard to closing the show windows on Oak Street, they originally planned to fill in the window ends, sheath them outside and lay up brick veneer, a type of construction in exterior walls which they have been told does not comply with our Building Code in this district No. 1. The plan filed on July 10, however, still shows the veneer proposal, and he must then assume that the brick veneer is to be on masonry backing to a total thickness of 8". It is also clear to me that if the show window openings are not closed they are not permitted to use combustible construction within the store just inside of the window openings.

It seems certain that after a little consideration all concerned will understand that building permits may not be issued from this department under the provisions of law until examination of application and plans shows substantial compliance with Building Code requirements. To that end it is necessary that some competent persons make detailed original plans with sufficient plan views, cross sections, elevations etc. so that the job may be built from them, and that these plans be filed here by way of blueprints with all of the information on them printed from the originals. These plans should show the store front both on Congress Street and Oak Street, the new ceiling construction, the fill-in proposed in the show window openings, the interior new construction whether finishing off the brick walls or new partitions, new ceilings and their supports.

Because you propose structural glass veneer above the show window level on both street fronts, because experience everywhere shows that this type of veneer must be firmly supported and backed up in such manner as to avoid vibration or loading, and because of the particular situation where the exterior corner of the building at Congress and Oak Streets is cantilever construction with no column beneath the corner to help support the glass veneer valances, it is important that these details be worked out

Mr. George Fichera
Inger-Solberg Machine Company

July 12, 1953

by a competent designer who is informed as to the present construction work and how it can best be utilized and supplemented to make a permanent and safe job. These details ought to be arrived at by such a man by the usual methods of engineering design because this location exposing the public sidewalks is too important to be approximated. The designer should be a registered designer under some recognized governmental unit and should attach to the prints of the plans furnished here his signed statement of design called for by Section 104-b-3 of the Building Code. For his convenience a blank statement is enclosed to each of you, or it would be still better to have him type or letter the statement and sign it on the original of the plans.

For his guidance let me say that we are involved here with the district rules as to combustible construction in exterior walls, and the Building Code allows the use of a limited amount of combustible material in exterior walls in cases such as this where the proposed arrangement will be an improvement as to fire hazard and exposure hazard over the existing arrangement. Although the plans do not show it, I understand that the front part of the arched ceiling of the present store is to be torn out and replaced with a plastered ceiling at a level approximating the new back window heads and somewhat below the present arched ceiling. The existing arched ceiling looks from the street like all combustible material—plaster or metal lath, attached to metal runners which are supported by metal hangers.

The large scale plan shows this ^{new} ceiling to be against 2x4 ceiling joists which are supported by 2x4 hangers from the floor construction above, although this detail is not clear. It is not advisable to substitute this wooden frame ceiling construction for the present incombustible construction, but in view of the wooden stud construction intended to support the glass veneer, the ceiling construction must be incombustible as at present.

Because of reported failure of so-called "thin Veneers" in the past, our Board has set up as a standard for such construction work the recommendations of Thin Veneers for Building Interiors of the Building Officials Conference of America, and a copy of this standard is enclosed to each of you with the part referring to structural glass and glass products (classification no. 3) specifically named. Even after the detailed plans have been found to comply with other City Code requirements, the permit will have to be issued subject to full compliance with this standard.

It is to be noted that the backing of the glass veneer is required to provide rigidity and stability ^{equal} or greater than that provided by one inch thick cement mortar or wire lath secured to studs spaced 12" or less on centers. The plaster shown on the plan scales less than one inch thick and thickness is not shown in inches.

It is my belief that the arrangement shown for the backing partition of this glass veneer with the intermediate bracket arrangement shown on the cross section of the Congress Street front, is not equivalent in rigidity and stability to that provided by the usual wooden stud partition described in the standard which, of course, is usually firmly anchored at the base. The plan indicates that your partition is to be supported merely by steel rods, 4" from center to center to be hung upon the steel lath. There is no detail whatever as to what is intended to be the arrangement at the cantilevered main corner of the building.

Mr. Fichera and I had some discussion about the arrangement at the awning box and to make up for the fact that the metal lath and plaster face of the partition is to stop at the top of the awning box, he was to have the partition "back-plastered" in such a manner that the two plastered surfaces would overlap and prevent exposure of wood clear through the fire resistive partition. None of this is shown on the plan. In fact the 2x8's at the awning box would have to penetrate such back-plastering.

Mr. George Fichera
Singer Sewing Machine Company

July 12, 1950

It is my belief that the simplest and surest way to support this overhead work is to use structural steel at the bottom running the length of the Congress Street front and engaging another member running the length of the existing show window on Oak Street, the latter to be securely fastened to the existing steel column which is about 4' from the corner of the building, this steel to be firmly supported at each bearing end to be of such a character as to give lateral stiffness of its own, the wooden stud partitions to be built on this. I am not attempting to say this is the only way to do it, but it is one way that would appear to be simple and certain as to its stability and safety.

I have the essential plans of the original building when built, and they are at your disposal to examine and trace whenever the office is open. They were made about 1927 by Charles H. Robinson and Brother then of 2 Columbus Circle, New York City. Perhaps the owner also has copies.

Most original plans show that the steel column in exterior wall of Oak Street and the steel beams were to be fireproofed with 2" of concrete. I thought that was actually done I am not sure, but if it was done and one of the fireproofing has been removed in the current work it must be replaced, and if attachment is made to this steel work, the fireproofing of course must be patched to give the requisite fire resistance.

Mr. Fichera's application merely states "to have alterations to store front as per plan". When the permit is issued it will include only the work mentioned in the application and shown on the plans, so that it would be well to specify the statement of work shown on the application to include the interior work as requiring a building permit, such as closing up the show windows, construction of interior partitions, wall finish, ceilings etc. The plans should also indicate clearly about the new entrance door to the store and that this door will be equipped with a vestibule latchset which is one whereby any person on the inside can quickly open the door without special knowledge and without a key, merely by turning the usual knob or pressing on the usual push piece. I understand the entrance door to the second floor is also to be relocated. This should be shown on the plan, and if this door is to be a new one or if the existing one is to be changed, it, too, requires a vestibule latchset if not already so equipped.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WHD/5

Enclosure to each addressee: Blank statement of design and standards for Thin Veneers

Dear Gov. Baxter:

Since you were interested enough to come down and talk over the changes in this building, and since I have always found you determined to get safe construction in your buildings, especially where public sidewalks are concerned, I am giving you a copy of this letter so that you may understand under what difficulties we are trying to help your prospective tenant.

Warren McDonald



GENERAL BUILDING ZONE
CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION
COMPLAINT

COMPLAINT NO. C-50-5

INSPECTION COPY

Location 551 Congress Street Date Received 1/16/50
Owner's name and address Congress Realty Co., c/o Percival P. Baxter, 655 Congress St., Use of Building _____
Tenant's name and address Lerner Shop, 551 Congress St., Telephone _____
Complainant's name and address _____ Telephone _____
Description: Explosion in cellar of undetermined origin sometime Saturday, Jan. 14, 1950.

*See letter to [unclear]
charge of [unclear]*



G. GENERAL BUILDING ZONE
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Charge off 1/17/50
(6)*

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

Complaint No. 551 Congress St.,

Date Received 1/16/56

Date Disposed of

NOTES

C-50-5-1
(551 Congress Street)

January 17, 1950

Congress Realty Company
c/o Mr. Percival L. Baxter
655 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Explosion in connection with heating
plant at 551 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

In view of the explosion in connection with the heating plant at the above location, we shall appreciate receiving from you information as to the cause of the explosion, when that has been determined, and also as to what steps have been or are to be taken to prevent its happening again. An inspector from this department noted that there appears to be little or no way provided for supplying fresh air to the boiler room for combustion purposes and it is possible that this may have had something to do with setting up conditions causing the explosion.

Before any repairs are made to the incinerator flue which was damaged by the explosion, a permit therefor is required from this department. We suggest that expert advice be secured as to whether or not the arrangement of the incinerator with its horizontal brick flue entering the chimney at a point below the smokepipe from the heater may not set up a hazardous condition responsible for the explosion.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

AJB/G

CC: Lerner Shops
551 Congress Street



(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
00865

JUN 16 1949

Permit No.

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET
CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, June 14, 1949

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 75 Oak Street (See 551 Congress St.) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

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

Name and address of owner of sign Central Yarn Shop, 75 Oak Street

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

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1949

Information Concerning Building 6-15-49 6-15-49 6-15-49
REQUIREMENT IS W. L. E. D

No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? no Vertical dimension after erection 2' 6" Horizontal 5' 6"

Weight 80 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

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

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

No. through bolts 3 Size 1/2" Location, top or bottom bottom

No. guys 3 material angle iron cable 1/2" Size 1 1/2 x 3/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 12' 6"

Maximum projection into street 5' 6"

United Neon Display

Fee \$1.00

Signature of contractor by:

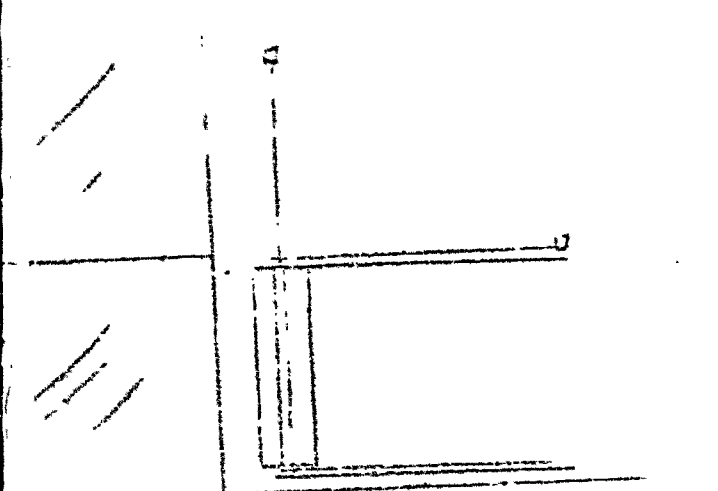
J. J. Coyne

Snip
ORIGINAL

Permit No. 49/864
Location 75 Oak St.
Owner Central Warm Shop
Date of permit 6/16/49
Sign Contractor
Final Inspn. 6-20-49. S.C.

NOTES

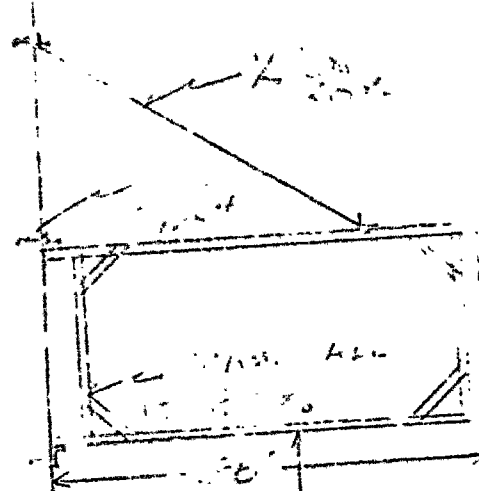
6-20-49 Shop insp. O.K.
S.C.



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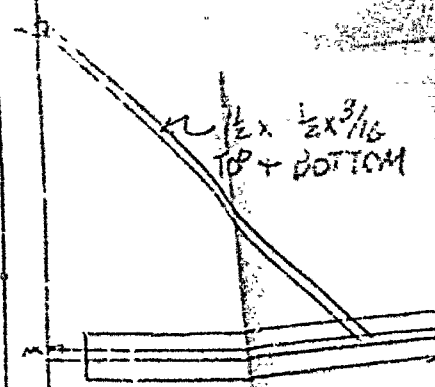
7.5
OAK
ST.

ST. 12 / LYARN SHOP
7.5 OAK ST.
12.5 TO 13.5
(NO THINNING REQUIRED)



2'-6"

12'-6"



QUARTER SECTION

SIDEWALK 10'

RECEIVED
JUN 14 1930
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE
ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 75 Oak Street (2255 Congress St) PORTLAND, MAINE

_____, being the owner of the
premises at _____ in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Central Yarn Shop
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 10 day of June, 1949.

CONGRESS REALTY CO.

E. W. Johnson
Witness

Anna M. Bates
Owner

(COPY)



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Department of Building Inspection

Certificate of Occupancy

LOCATION: 551 Congress St.

Issued to **Valle's**
646 Forest Ave.

Date of Issue **November 1, 1962**

This is to certify that the building, premises, or part thereof, at the above location, built—altered—changed as to use under Building Permit No. **62/1175**, 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

First floor

APPROVED OCCUPANCY

Restaurant

Limiting Conditions:

This certificate supersedes
certificate issued

Approved:

11/1/62 *A. Allen*
(Date) *Saul*
Inspector

Albert J. Sears
Inspector of Buildings

CS 147

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.



B3 BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure

2nd class

Portland, Maine,

August 28 1962

PERMIT ISSUED
01173
CITY OF PORTLAND

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:

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Owner's name and address Drees Realty, 599 Congress St. Snyder's Men's Store Telephone
Lessee's name and address Valle's (551 Congress St.) mailing add. 646 Forest Ave. Telephone
Contractor's name and address not set C & L Const Co Inc, Greenland, N.H. Telephone
Architect Bedar and Alpers, 105 Newbury St. Boston, Mass. Plans No. of sheets
Proposed use of building Restaurant (Sandwich Shop) No. families
Last use No. families
Material brick No. stories 2 Heat Style of roof Roofing
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 17,600.00 Fee \$ 36.00

General Description of New Work

To Change Store Front and make alterations inside of building as per plans and specifications.

Permit Issued with Letter

Sent to Health Dept. 8/31/62Rec'd. from Health Dept.

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 contractor

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
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APPROVED:

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
Valle's (551 Congress St.)

CS 301

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by:

Thomas Alpers
Agent for Valle's

V/L front door

NOTES

- ✓ Amendment - store front & rear
- ✓ Rear exit door - 3' wide, swing
- ✓ int. corridor - V.L.
- ✓ Exit light near rear
- ✓ White light near exit in lobby
- ✓ Hardware to be put in working
- ✓ order
- ✓ Work work from hand not included
- ✓ in this permit -
- ✓ Permits -
- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Ventilation - Hood
- ✓ 2 plans need layout

10/4/62 - Work started -

Spoke to foreman about

2 plans needed - Allan

① 10/24/62 - Spoke again about

needing 2 plans of layout -

② Rear exit light needed - Rear

③ exit hardware needs to be

fixed - white light needed

④ Outside of rear exit - Dead

⑤ door must be removed from

second set of doors on side

front. - Allan

10/31/62 - Job completed -

Allan

Permit No.	654/1173
Location	551 Chugwater St.
Owner	Walle's
Date of permit	9/17/62
Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. closing-in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	10/31/62
Cert. of Occupancy issued	
Staking Out Notice	
Form Check Notice	



APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. #1
September 27 1962
Portland, Maine,

PERMIT ISSUED

SEP 28 1962

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 62/1173 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 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? Dist. No.
Owner's name and address Drees Realty, 599 Congress St. Telephone
Lessee's name and address Valle's 646 Forest Ave. Telephone
Contractor's name and address C & L Construction Co. Inc. Greenland New Hampshire Telephone
Architect Plans filed YES No. of sheets
Proposed use of building Restaurant (Sandwich Shop) No. families
Last use No. families
Increased cost of work Additional fee 50

Description of Proposed Work

To make alterations to store front as per revised plans.

Details of New Work permit to contractor

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
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining
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:

Valle's
C & L Construction Co. Inc.
Signature of Owner

Approved: Albert J. Sears Inspector of Buildings

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CS. 105



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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENTPortland, Maine, September 25, 1962PERMIT ISSUED
01412
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 551 Commercial St. Use of Building Restaurant No. Stories 1 New Building
Name and address of owner of appliance McGraw-Edition Co. Existing "
Installer's name and address McGraw-Edition Co., 1200 Broadway St., Boston, Mass. Telephone

General Description of Work

To install (1) Electric range (2) Electric refrigerator (all as per plan.)
McGraw-Edition Co. Model A

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?
If so, how protected? Kind of fuel?
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 Other connections to same flue
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 Labelled by underwriters' 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 1st floor - serving line Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? none
If so, how protected? Height of legs, if any none
Skirting at bottom of appliance? none Distance to combustible material from top of appliance? 10'
From front of appliance From sides and back 2'-side s From top of smokepipe
Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue back - 8" brick wall
Is hood to be provided? yes by others If so, how vented? Forced or gravity? forced
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

*Appliances set on 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" steel platform

Amount of fee enclosed? 4.00 (\$2.00 for one heater, etc., \$1.00 additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED:

9/25/62 - O.K. - Allen

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

Peters & Company, Inc.

by: Joseph A. Tuller

Signature of Installer

CS 300

INSPECTION COPY

W.F.

No. 62/1412
Location 551 Congress St.
Owner Hall's
Date of perm. 10/25/62
Approved _____

NOTES

AP-551 Congress St., corner of Oak Street

Sept. 17, 1962

Valle's, Inc.
646 Forest Avenue
C. & L. Construction Co., Inc.
Portsmouth Ave., Greenland, N.H.

cc to: Bedar S. Alpers
105 Newbury Street
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Building permit for alterations in portion of first story of building at the above named location to change its use from retail store to restaurant is issued herewith based on plans and specifications filed with application for permit, but subject to the following conditions:

1. It is understood that canopy proposed is not to be erected and that alterations on store front are to be materially changed from those shown on plans. Any work on store front on both Congress and Oak Streets is therefore excluded from the work covered by this permit, and is to be covered by an amendment thereto, with application for which is to be filed revised plans for checking and approval. No store front work is to be started until this amendment has been issued.
2. A single door at least 3 feet wide swinging into the corridor and equipped with a vestibule latch set or equivalent is to be installed in rear exit opening as originally shown on plans.
3. Hardware on outside exit door to Oak Street is to be put in operating condition. A white light on same circuit as exit light is to be provided in rear corridor.
4. Work on enclosure in second story for duct from hood is excluded from this permit until information has been furnished as to how required clearances are to be provided from the duct to the combustible second floor and roof framing.
5. Separate permits issuable only to the actual installers are required for the installation of cooking and ventilating equipment.
6. Since the capacity of this establishment is to be such as to come under requirements of the Public Assembly Ordinance, it is necessary that two copies of the final approved layout showing all tables, booths, stools, etc., exit and entrance doors including type of hardware, exit lights, etc. be furnished, one for the files of this department and the other for those of the Fire Department. Under the provisions of this Ordinance any combustible draperies or similar accessories will need to be flameproofed in a manner satisfactory to the Fire Department.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Building Inspection Director

AJS:m

B E D A R a n d A L P E R S . A r c h i t e c t s
ONE HUNDRED FIVE NEWBURY STREET • BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS • GOpIey 7-1777

PHINEAS ALPERS, A.I.A.
RUDOLPH BEDAR, A.I.A.

MAYHEW D. SEAVEY, R.A.

September 17, 1962

Mr. Sears
Building Commissioner
City of Portland
Maine

Re: Valle's
Corner Oak & Congress Streets
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Sears:

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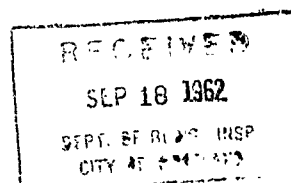
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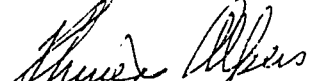
Mirraspan panels have been changed to Cemestoboard 11/16" thick, Cemesto panels contained in the aluminum frames as revised on the drawings.

Please note that we have retained the masonry work at the entrance on the Congress Street elevation. However, we have increased the size of the masonry to an 8" block.

If this is not satisfactory, please call our office collect so that we may send on to you any change that you may request. Also, if you have any other comments, please call us immediately.

Very truly yours,

BEDAR and ALPERS


Phineas Alpers

Enc.

BEDAR and ALPERS . Architects
ONE HUNDRED FIVE NEWBURY STREET . BOSTON . MASSACHUSETTS . COpley 7-1777

PHINEAS ALPERS, A.I.A.
RUDOLPH BEDAR, A.I.A.

MAYHEW D. SEAVEY, R.A.

September 14, 1962

Mr. Sears
Building Commissioner
City Hall
Portland, Maine

Re: Valle's
Corner Oak and Congress Streets
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Sears:

Enclosed please find signed statement by myself covering the
plans and specifications for the above mentioned project.

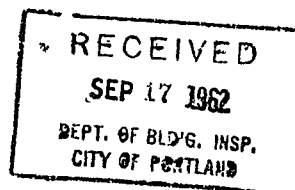
Should you have any further requests, please do not hesitate
to contact us.

Very truly yours,

BEDAR and ALPERS

Phineas Alpers
Phineas Alpers

Enc.



AP- 551 Congress St., corner of Oak Street

Sept. 6, 1962

Bedar & Alpers
105 Newbury Street
Boston, Mass.

cc to: Valle's, Inc.
646 Forest Avenue

Gentlemen:

Check of plans filed with application for permit for alterations to first story of building at the above named location discloses the questions as to compliance with Building Code requirements as listed below. Before the permit can be issued, information indicating compliance with requirements will need to be furnished:

1. Wood construction shown back of Miraspan panel at top of new show window in Oak Street wall is not permissible. *all in concrete*
2. Masonry wall at Oak Street end of new store front is required to have a minimum thickness of 8 inches. *out*
3. How is brickwork of enlarged pier near corner to be tied or anchored to existing construction? *out*
4. Specifications for anchorages of thin granite veneer apparently do not meet Building Code requirements as specified Appendix B thereof. *out*
5. The double doors specified in addenda at rear exit in place of the single door originally shown cannot be approved. A single door swinging as first shown will be acceptable, but cannot be as wide as shown unless recessed because corridor is only about 36 inches wide. *single door*
6. Hardware on existing outside doors opening onto Oak Street needs to be repaired or adjusted so that it cannot be locked against exit. *will be case of*
7. A white light on same circuit as exit light is needed in rear corridor. *will do*
8. The Municipal Officers have indicated their unwillingness to approve a permit for the erection of the canopy or marquee at the front entrance in the form shown. If a marquee is to be provided, it is suggested that one be developed of a more conventional design and presented for consideration. The Building Code specifies that a structure such as a marquee projecting over the public sidewalk shall be of incombustible materials throughout. Thus the use of the wood studs, decking and other elements shown in *Canopy out*

Sept. 6, 1962

the design submitted is not allowable. Information is also needed as to the nature of the Armstrong F.A. roofing specified.

9. A statement of design (blank copy enclosed) is needed for affixing to the plans. — *for mail*.
10. Details will be needed before issuance of the separate permit required for installation of hoods and mechanical ventilating system for kitchen as to how clearances are to be provided as required by the Building Code from the combustible second floor and roof framing where duct passes up through building. — *Come later.*

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Building Inspection Director

AJS:m



(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET CITY OF PORTLAND

JAN 11 1949
Permit No. 700051

Portland, Maine, December 31, 1948

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 81 Oak Street (see 551 Congress St.) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Congress Realty Co.
Name and address of owner of sign William E. Kamber, 81 Oak Street
Contractor's name and address Metro Neon, R 96 Exchange Street Telephone 3-3052
When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1949 Permit Issued with no

Information Concerning Building

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 3' Horizontal 5'
Weight 150 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes
Material of frame angle iron 1 1/2" x 3/8" No. advertising faces 2, material sheet 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 4, material wire rope, Size 3/8"
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'
Maximum projection into street 5' 4"

OK'd by C.B.N.

Metro Neon

Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor by: Thomas J. Kamber

ORIGINAL

Permit No. 49/51

Location 81 Oak St.

Owner William E. Gamber

Date of permit 1/11/49

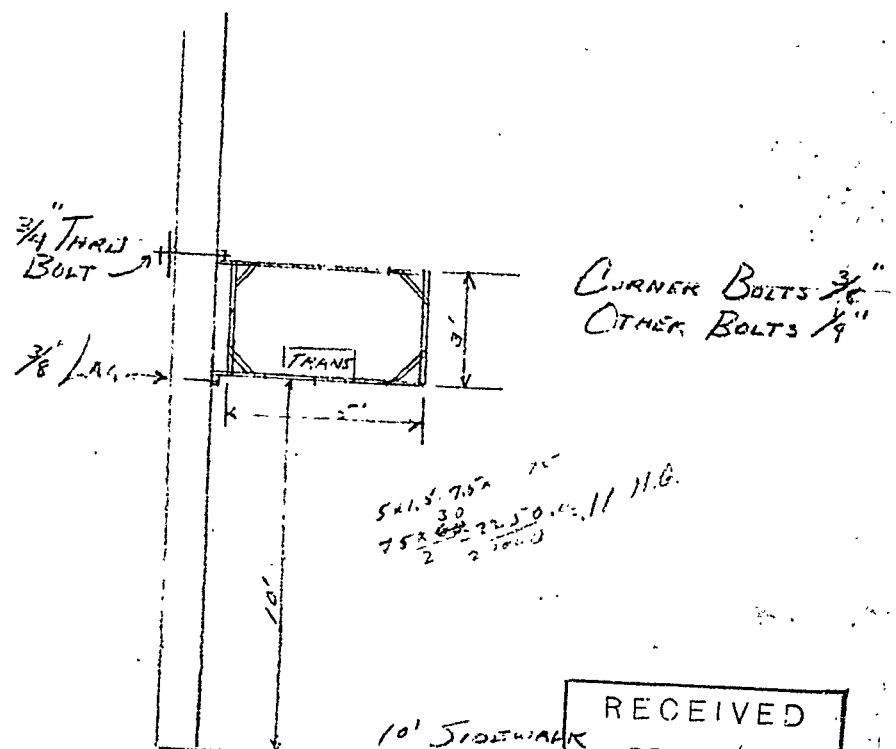
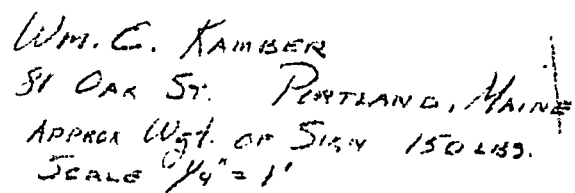
Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 7-19-50, J.C.

NOTES

4/9/49. Notification furnished
superintendent for work
at approximately 11:00 AM.
on 4/9/49. signed by J.C.
7-19-50. The work was not
checked. J.C.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

81. Oak Street—Erection of projecting sign for William E. Kember by Metro-Rocn

The sketch filed with the application for the permit leaves some doubt as to whether or not the location of the proposed sign or braces or guys would not interfere with Fire Department access to the window at second floor level. Such interference with access by the Fire Department in case of fire should be avoided for the benefit of efficient action by the Fire Department and for the benefit of the owner of the building in case of fire of it.

Should substantial change in location of the sign or its guys or bracing become necessary, installer should first apply for amendment to the permit now issued and with the application file a revised plan showing the true location.

ATH/S

CC: Mr. William E. Kember
81 Oak Street

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief
of the Fire Department

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO
 ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES
 AT 81 Oak St; IN PORTLAND, MAINE

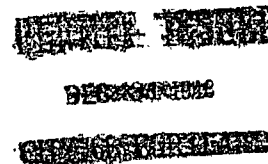
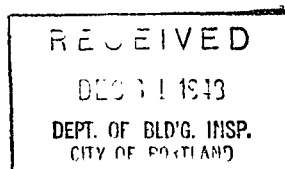
Congress Realty Co., being the owner of the
 premises at 81 Oak St; in Portland, Maine hereby gives
 consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Wm. E. Kamber
 projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in
 application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit
 to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit Congress Realty Co., 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 30th day of Dec., 19 48.

W B McLaughlin
 Witness

Congress Realty Co.
 Owner
T M Baxter Treas.





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

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 10-1948

CITY OF PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, November 17, 1948

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 79 Oak Street 5/1/1948 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Congress Realty Company
Name and address of owner of sign Hearings Aids Company, 79 Oak Street
Contractor's name and address Metro Neon, 96 Exchange Street (rear) Telephone 3-3052
When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1948

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick 11/18/48, O.K. 8-0

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 2' CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
Weight 85 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Horizontal 4' REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 Any rigid frame? yes Permit Issued with Memo
No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes material galvanized iron
No. through bolts none, Size , Location, top or bottom
No. guys 2, material angle iron Size 1 1/2 x 1 1/2 x 3/16
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'
Maximum projection into street 1 1/2'

Stamp
ORIGINAL

Metro Neon
Signature of contractor by: Thomas J. King Fee \$ 1.00

Permit No. 48/2163

Location 79 Oak Street

Owner Shering-India Co.

Date of permit 11/19/48

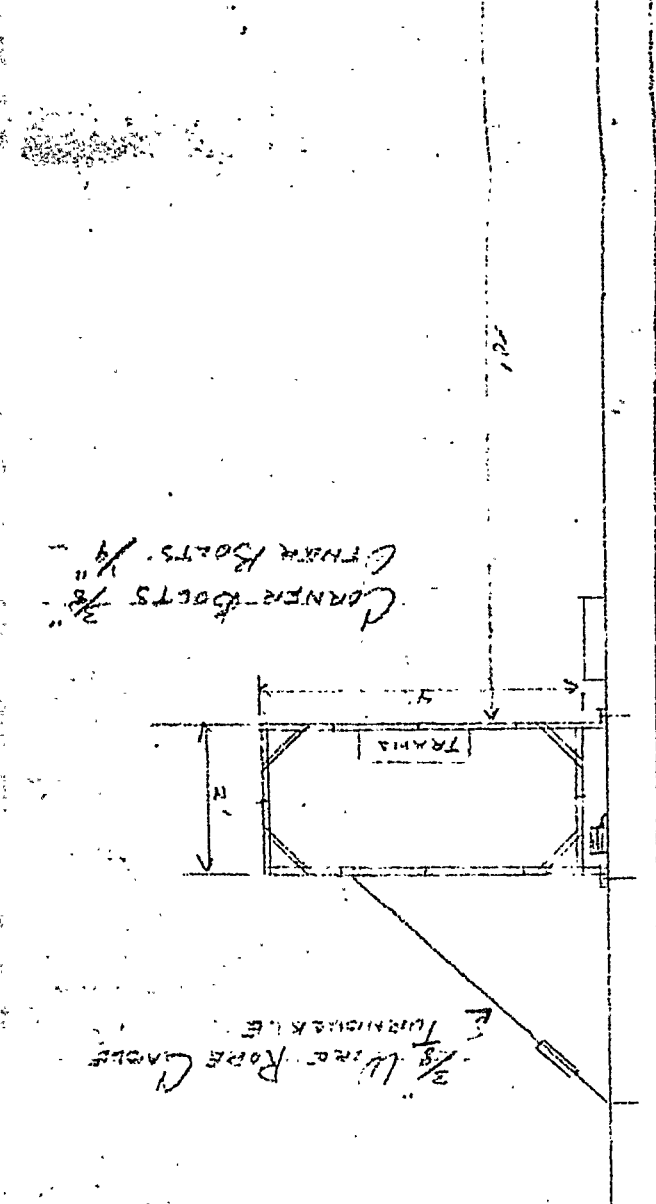
Sign Contractor

Final Insp. 12/8/48. J.C.

11/24/48 Shering-India Co. BK. 226.

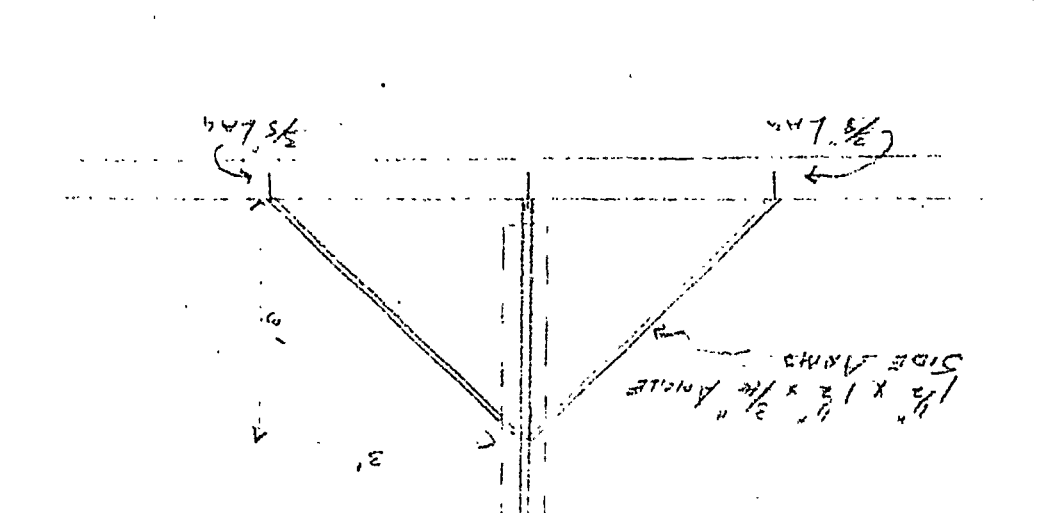
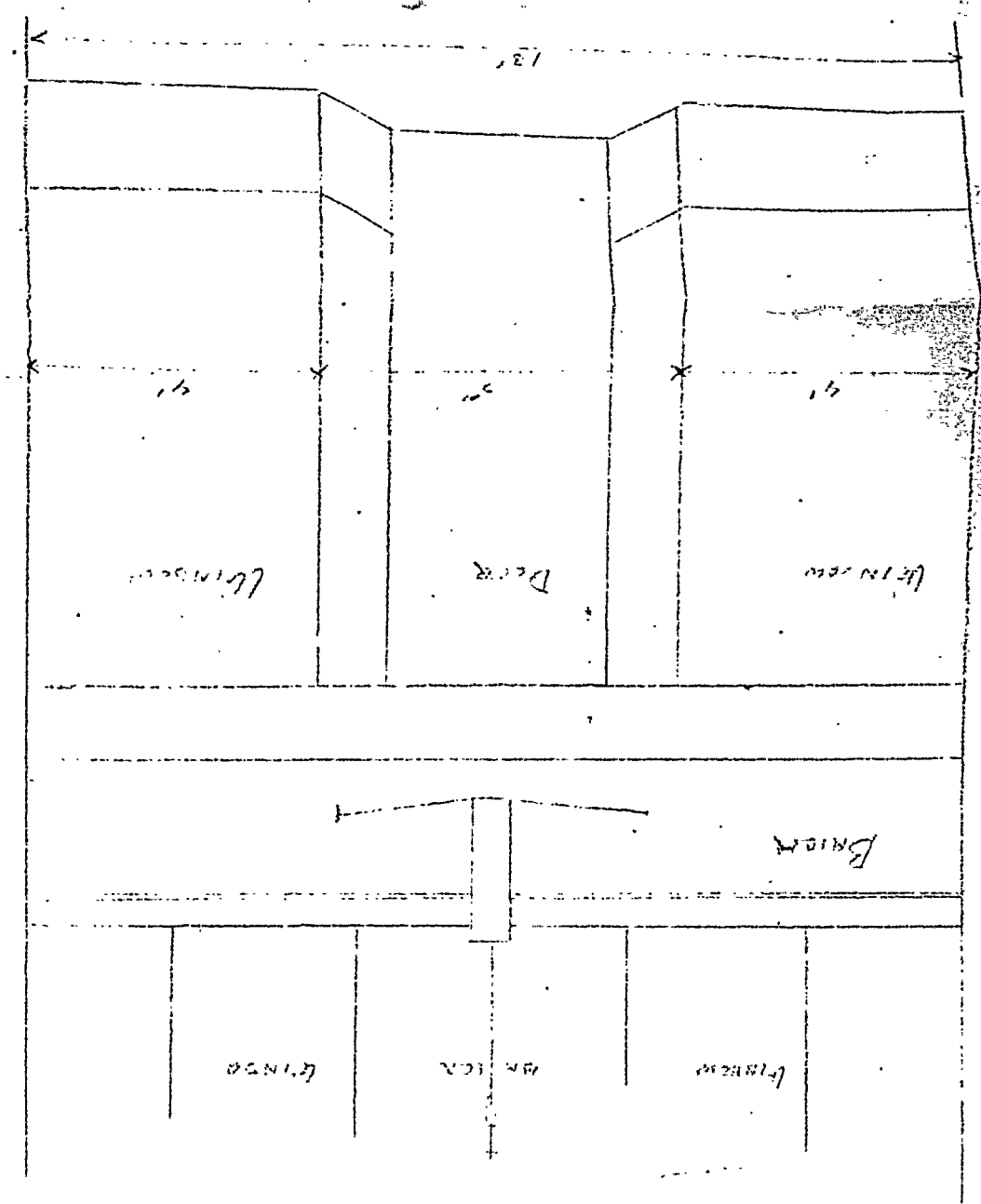
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Corner Bolts $\frac{3}{8}$ "
Corner Bolts $\frac{1}{4}$ "
2" Wire Rope Cable
FURNISHABLE
Scale $\frac{1}{2} = 1'$
App. Wgt. of Sign 85 lbs

Herring Arms Co
79 Oak St Portland Me.



Side Arms
 $\frac{1}{2} \times 1 \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{16}$ Angle
3'

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

79 Oak Street—Erection of projecting sign for Hearing Aids Company by Metro
Neon—11/19/48

To Owner & Contractor:

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ATH/C

CC: Congress Realty Company
c/o Mr. Percival P. Baxter
655 Congress Street

Hearing Aids Company
79 Oak Street

Oliver T. Sanborn
Chief of the Fire Department

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE
ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 89 Oak St: IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Congress Realty Co., being the owner of the
premises at 89 Oak St: in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Hearing Aids 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 _____
Congress Realty Co., owner of said premises, in event said sign
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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 12th day of Nov., 1948.

1073 Melanagh
Witness

Congress Realty Co.
Owner
717th Street

