517-519 CONGRESS STREET

515-517 Congress Street

September 26, 1978

Portland Mechanics Association
515-517 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

The chimney on the westerly side of the building (Corner of Congress and Casco Street) appears to need pointing up, and there appears to be a crack on the northerly side of the chimney.

Inasmuch as this chimney borders a public sidewalk and street, it would appear imperative that you have someone, competent in masonary construction, investigate the chimney and certify it as to whether or not it needs pointing and the crack repaired.

Very truly yours,

Earle S. Smith
Building Inspection Supervisor

ESS/r

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 55827
Issued
Portland, Maine 5/26, 1967

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 Maine Charitable Mechanic Assn. Tel.
Contractor's Name and Address Owen B. Luke Tel. 799-6587
Location 519 Congress St Use of Building Offices
Number of Families Apartments Stores Number of Stories 3
Description of Wiring: New Work Additions ✓ Alterations

Pipe Cable Metal Molding BX Cable Plug Molding (No. of feet)
No. Light Outlets Plugs 10 Light Circuits Plug Circuits 10
FIXTURES: No. Light Switches Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet)
SERVICE: Pipe Cable Underground No. of Wires Size
METERS: Relocated reinstalled Added Total No. Meters
MOTORS: Number Phase H. P. Amps Volts 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 Water Heater Watts 650 Extra Cabinets or Panels 12 cir fuse
Transformers Air Conditioners (No. Units) Signs (No. Units)
Will commence 5/23 1967 Ready to cover in 19 Inspection 5/29 1967
Amount of Fee $ 5.00

Signed Owen B. Luke

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SERVICE METER GROUND
VISITS: 1 2 3 4 5 6
7 8 9 10 11 12
REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY F. W. Hubbard

CS 233

(OVER)

LOCATION Congress ST 519
INSPECTION DATE 6/11/67
WORK COMPLETED 6/11/67
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
[illegible] unit	2.00
	2.00

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES AT 517 Congress St. IN PORTLAND, MAINE

MAINE CHARITABLE MECHANICS ASSN being the owner of the premises at 517 Congress St. in Portland, Maine hereby gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Bicknell Photo Service 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 Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn, 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 8 day of JUNE 1965.

Sandra R. Rosenblad
Witness

Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn
Phillip C. Lapell
Owner Secretary

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JUN 1 1 1965
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

B3 BUSINESS ZONE

Plastic face-20 sq.ft. Plexiglass. Trade name on each Und.Label.

PERMIT ISSUED
006059
JUN 15 1965
CITY OF PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, June 11, 1965 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 517 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc.517 Congress St.

Name and address of owner of sign Bicknell Photo Service, 517 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address Coyne Sign Co.195 St.John St. Telephone _____

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1965

Information Concerning Building Steady Lighting

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

Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 5' Horizontal 4'2"

Weight 100 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angleiron No. advertising faces 2 material plastic

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 5 material cable Size 5/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 14'

Maximum projection into street 5'8" Fee $ 2.00

Signature of contractor by: J. Flagel

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INSPECTION COPY

G. E. M.

Permit No. 651609

Location 517 Congress Street

Owner Brakwell Photo Service

Date of permit 6/15/65

Sign Contractor Cayne

Final Inspn. 7/9/65

NOTES

7/9/65 — Waldron

E.S.S.

Flexiglass- 7# 15 sq. ft., Und. Lab. B3 BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED
00731
JUL 3 1962
CITY OF PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, June 28, 1962 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 517 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Richard D. Picknell, 517 Congress St.

Name and address of owner of sign Picknell Photo Service, 517 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address Coyne Sign Co., 195 St. John St. Telephone 2-4144

When does contractor's bond expire? December, 1962

Information Concerning Building

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

Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 31 Horizontal 5'

Weight 75 lb. lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame ~~an iron & channel~~ No. advertising faces 2, material ~~plexiglass~~

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

No. through bolts 1, Size 7 3/4", Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 3, material ~~cable~~ ~~2 angle iron~~, Size cable- 5/16 angle Iron- 1½x1½x3/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 16'

Maximum projection into street 5'6" Fee $ 2.00

Signature of contractor [signature]

INSPECTION COPY

Approved H. E. B.

Permit No. 621 731

Location 517 Cypress St.

Owner Bicknell Photo Shop

Date of permit 7/3/62

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 7/10/62

NOTES

7/3/62 Ready for chip inspection.

7/5/62 - Chip inspection made. HP

7/10/62 - Will Sign off HP

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES AT 517 Congress Street IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Richard D. Bicknell, being the owner of the premises at 517 Congress St. in Portland, Maine hereby gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Bicknell Photo Service 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 Richard D. Bicknell, 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 28th day of June, 1962.

J. Hagne Witness

Richard D. Bicknell Owner

RECEIVED
JUN 28 1962
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

15 sq. feet Plastic - Flexiglass
Und. Lab.

B3 BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED
00209
MAR 14 1960
CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME. *Portland, Maine,* March 8 19 60

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 517 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc.

Name and address of owner of sign Bicknell Photo Service, 517 Congress St.

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

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1961 Telephone 2-0695

Information Concerning Building

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

Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 4' Horizontal 5'6"

Weight 125 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 1 Size 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 5 material cable Size 5/16"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 13'

Maximum projection into street 5'6"

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of contractor By: United Neon Display Fee $ 2.00

OK. 3/14/60 [illegible]

Permit No. 60/209

Location 517 Congress St.

Owner Bickwell Photo Service

Date of permit 3/14/60

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn 5/2/60

NOTES

5/2/60 — Wd. Gone

S.S.

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES AT 517 Congress St IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn, being the owner of the premises at 517 Congress St in Portland, Maine hereby gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Buckwalls 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 Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn, 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 Seventh day of March, 1960.

D. L. Coyne
Witness

Maine Charitable Mechanic Association
Owner
Alton W. Humphrey President

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

B3 BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
JAN 19 1960
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure 2nd class

Portland, Maine, January 18, 1960

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 517 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? ..... Dist. No. .....

Owner's name and address Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc. 517 Congress St. Telephone .....

Lessee's name and address ..... Telephone .....

Contractor's name and address Fels Company Inc. 42 Union St. Telephone 2-1939

Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Store &nAssembly Hall No. families .....

Last use " " No. families .....

Material masonry No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....

Other buildings on same lot .....

Estimated cost $ ..... Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To install air-conditioning and duct work as per plan.

Permit Issued with Letter

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 .....

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? .....

APPROVED:
with letter by AJ

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

The Fels Company Inc.

CS 301

INSPECTION COPY ..... *Signature of owner* ..... by: F. Lee Williams

Permit No. 60/633

Location 617 Pierce St

Owner Mrs. Whitell Wedemeyer

Date of permit 1/29/60

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

1/29/60 - Work done

Allen 1960

AP-517 Congress Street

January 19, 1960

cc to: Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc.
517 Congress Street
cc to: Beal-DePeter-Spaulding, Inc.
465 Congress Street

Fels Company, Inc.
42 Union Street

Gentlemen:

Permit for installation of air-conditioning system in store at the above named location is issued herewith on basis that all details of the installation are to comply with the standards of Pamphlet 90A of the National Fire Protection Association, including the use of incombustible material in lining of ducts.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Inspector of Buildings

AJS/jg

B3 BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
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JAN 18 1960
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure 2nd class

Portland, Maine, January 18, 1960

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 517 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner's name and address Maine Charitable Mechanic's Assoc. 517 Congress St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Fels Company Inc. 42 Union St. Telephone 2-1939

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Store & Assembly Hall No. families

Last use " " No. families

Material masonry No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To install wet sprinkler 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*** 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

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?

APPROVED:
OK-1/18/60-ajf

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

Fels Company Inc.

CS 301

INSPECTION COPY *Signature of owner* by: G. Seth Williams

F.m

Permit No. 60/637

Location 517 Grove St.

Owner Vance Petit Allen

Date of permit 1/26/60

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

1/29/60 — Grade line — Allen

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
NOV 4 1959
01653
CITY of PORTLAND

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

Portland, Maine, November 3, 1959

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 517 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Maine Charitable Mechanic's Assoc., 517 Cong. Telephone .....

Lessee's name and address ..... Telephone .....

Contractor's name and address F. W. Cunningham & Son, 181 State St. Telephone .....

Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans yes & No. of sheets 8

Proposed use of building store and assembly hall No. families .....

Last use " No. families .....

Material masonry No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....

Other buildings on same lot .....

Estimated cost $ 6,000. Fee $ 6.00

General Description of New Work

To make alterations to store front as per plans

Permit Issued with Letter

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*** F. W. Cunningham & Son

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? .....

APPROVED:

with letter by AJP

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 Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc
F. W. Cunningham & Son

CS 301

INSPECTION COPY *Signature of owner* By: Thomas L. Peters

Permit No. 591 16653

Location 517 Cooper St.

Owner Marie Whitfield Mechanics Lien

Date of permit 11/4/59

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 2/15/60

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

V/L front & rear doors - Put sign to show e.g. to rear door -

11/13/59 - Need to finish steel & lumber - Allen

12/11/59 Unable to get, to make an inspection Allen

12/18/59 - Work progressing slowly - Allen

1/15/60 - Pitsign needed for rear door. V/L front door - Permit needed for dining ceiling, Permit needed for air-conditioning - Allen

1/29/60 - Check front door for vestibule latched - Allen

2/5/60 - Unable to get in. Allen

2/8/60 Toilets need to be checked - No one has a key today - Allen

2/12/60 - Toilet, Front door needs to be checked - Allen

2/15/60 - Toilet front door O.K. - Vestibule latched - Allen

B3 BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
JAN 15 1960
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, January 15, 1960

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 59/1653 *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 517 Congress Street ... Within Fire Limits? ... Dist. No. ...

Owner's name and address Maine Charitable Mechanic's Assoc., 517 Cong. ... Telephone ...

Lessee's name and address ... Telephone ...

Contractor's name and address F. W. Cunningham & Son, 181 State St. ... Telephone ...

Architect ... Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Store and assembly hall ... No. families ...

Last use " ... No. families ...

Increased cost of work $1,300. ... Additional fee 2.00

Description of Proposed Work

To provide new metal reflected ceiling over entire store as per plan

Details of New Work

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: Thomas S. Bates

Signature of Owner Maine Charitable Mechanic's Asso
F. W. Cunningham & Son
By: Albert J. Lewis

Approved: ... Inspector of Buildings

INSPECTION COPY
CS-105

AP-517 Congress Street

November 4, 1959

cc to: Maine Charitable Mechanic's Assoc.
517 Congress Street
cc to: Beal, DePeter, Spaulding Inc.
465 Congress Street

F. W. Cunningham & Son
181 State Street

Gentlemen:

Building permit for alterations to store front at the above named location is issued herewith based on plans filed with application for permit, but subject to condition that a vestibule latch set or equivalent is to be provided on new front entrance door and that similar hardware is to be installed on rear exit door unless it is already so equipped. Exit signs adequate in number and location to indicate location of rear exit door from all parts of the store are to be provided.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Inspector of Buildings

AJS/jg

B3 BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
Oct 14 1959
21468
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure 2nd class

Portland, Maine, Oct. 1, 1959

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 517 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner's name and address Maine Charitable Mechanics ~~Association~~ Association 519 Congress St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address F.W. Cunningham & Son, 181 State St. Telephone 3-0246

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Store No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $5,000.00 Fee $5.00

General Description of New Work

To change existing store front as per plan.

10-6-59 Permit issued for tearing out only.

Permit Issued with Lette

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating appa... 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

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

Size Girder Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Kind and thickness of outside sheathing of exterior walls?

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 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

Maine Charitable Mechanics Association
F.W. Cunningham & Son

by: Thomas J. Peters

INSPECTION COPY *Signature of owner*

Permit No. 59/2468

Location 519 Cypress St.

Owner Pierce Christiansen Construc

Date of permit 10/23/59

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

10/23/59 - Work started - Allen

1/15/60 - Work done under this permit - Allen

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

AR-517 Congress Street

October 14, 1959

F. W. Cunningham & Son
161 State Street
Seal-DePeter-Spaulding, Inc.
465 Congress Street

cc to: Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc.
519 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

Building permit is issued herewith for changes in existing store front at the above named location on the basis of plans filed with application for permit, but work authorized includes only the structural changes shown and does not cover other details of the store front nor any alterations inside the building, work which is to be covered by an amendment to the permit now being issued. It is understood that the new steel lintel and supporting columns are to be protected with poured concrete fire-proofing at least 2 inches thick or with such materials as to provide fire-proofing of at least 4-hour fire resistance.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Inspector of Buildings

AJS/jg

CS-27

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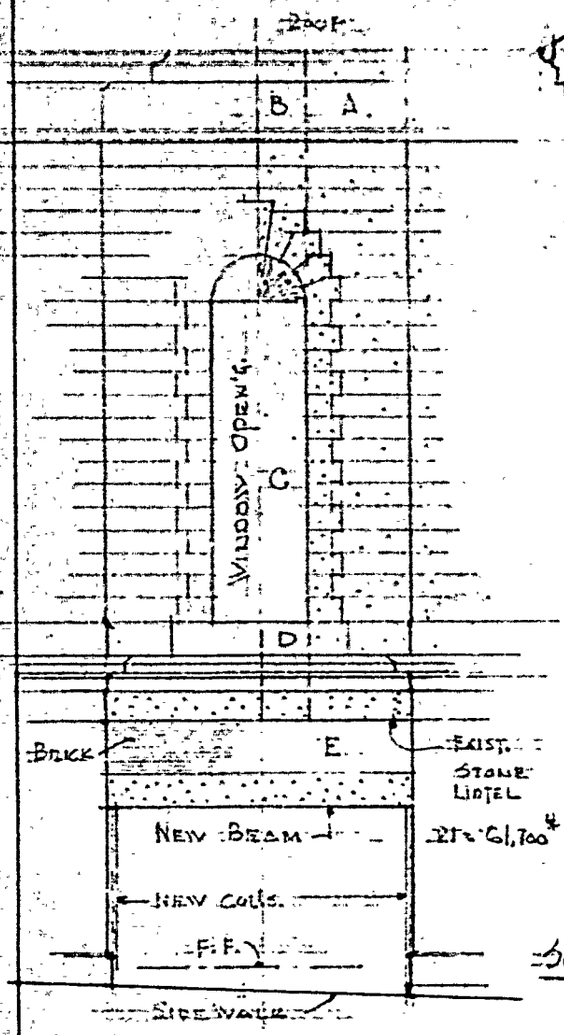
Inspector of Buildings

AJS/jg

CS-27

BEAL, DEPETER, SPAULDING, INC.
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
465 CONGRESS ST., PORTLAND 3, MAINE

SUBJECT: 517 CONGRESS ST.
BICKNELL'S
SHEET NO.: 1 OF 7 DATE: OCT. 59



ASSUMED DEAD LOADS

BRICK 120# C.F.
STONE 170# C.F.
L + P 8# S.F.

8" BRICK = 80# ↓
8" STONE = 112# ↓
L + P = 8# ↓
TOTAL 200# ↓

LOADS ON NEW BEAM

ROOF 3.5 x 8 x 60 = 4,000#
(A) 5.88 x 37 x 200 = 43,500
(B) 2.6 x 11 x 200 = 5,700
(C) 2.6 x 20 x 15 = 800
(D) 5.5 x 2.6 x 200 = 2,850
(E) 4.75 x 8.5 x 120 = 4,850
TOTAL AT R1 = 61,700#

TOTAL LOAD ON NEW BEAM = 123,400#

123,400/17 = 7260# L.F.

SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

DESIGN ANALYSIS
OF
BEAMS, COLUMN'S AND CONC. FLOOR
FOR
NEW STORE FRONT AT
517 CONGRESS ST. PORTLAND, MAINE.

STEEL BEAM

LOAD = 123,400#

SPAN = 17'-0" (16'-7" ±)

TRY 21" WF @ 96# (STEEL ON HAND) M-1.

UNSUPPORTED TOP FLANGE $\frac{L}{b} = \frac{17 \times 12}{9} = 22\frac{2}{3}$ SAY 23

ALLOWABLE f = SAY 17,400# □"

$M = \frac{W \cdot L}{8} = \frac{123{,}400^{\#} \times 17}{8} = 263{,}000^{\#'} \times 12 = 3{,}156{,}000^{\#''}$

S REQ'D = 3,156,000/17,400 = 181

21" WF @ 96# S = 197.6

ACTUAL STRESS = $\frac{M}{S}$ 3,156,000/197.6 = SAY 16,000# □"

$\Delta = \frac{c}{d} \quad \frac{4.78}{21} = .228''$

$c = \frac{16000}{20{,}000} = .8 \times 5.974 = 4.78$

SHEAR V = 123,400/2 = 61,700# $f = \frac{V}{d\,t}$

$\frac{61{,}700^{\#}}{21.14 \times .575} = 5{,}100^{\#}$ O.K.

12.15

O.K. USE 21" WF @ 96#

SEAL, DEPETER, SPAULDING, INC.
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
465 CONGRESS ST., PORTLAND 3, MAINE

SUBJECT: 517 CONGRESS ST.
BICKNELL'S
SHEET NO. 3 OF 7 DATE: OCT. 59

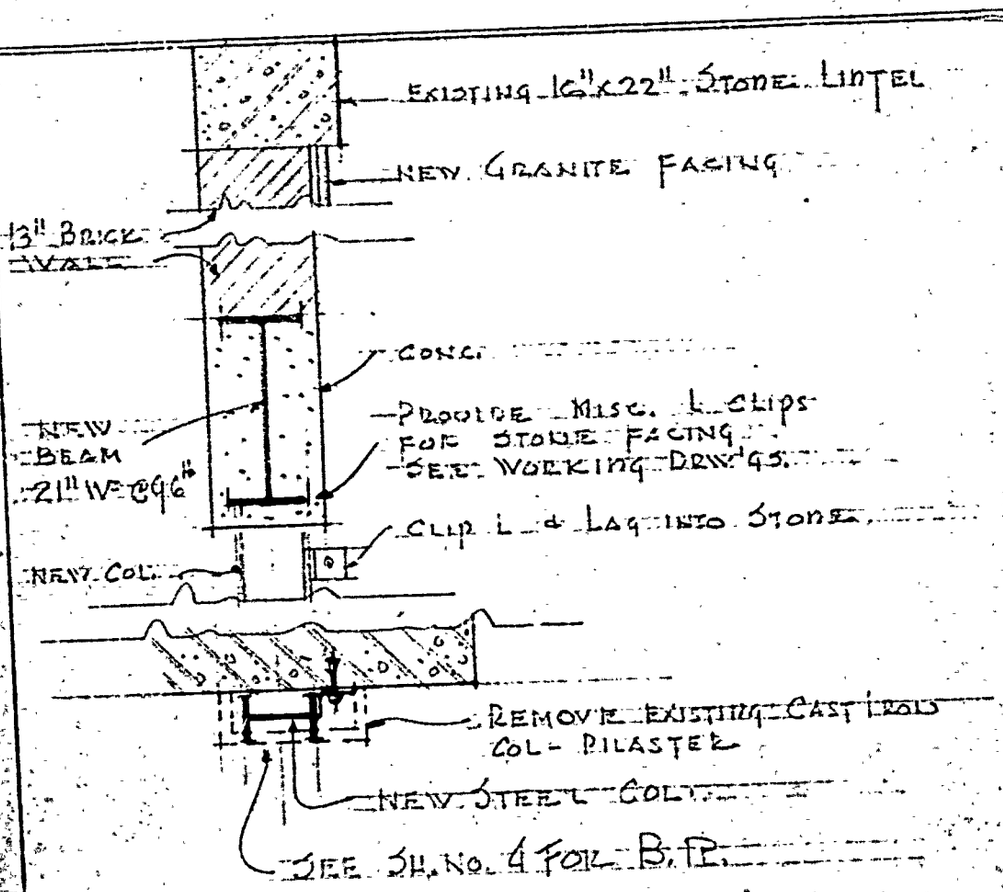
NEW COLUMNS 11'-0" LONG.±

TRY 8" WF @ 20# 8"x5¼" $\frac{l}{r} = \frac{132}{1.20} = 110$

ALLOWABLE UNIT STRESS = 11,130#/□"

11,130# x 5.88 = 65,444# OUR LOAD = 61,700#

USE 8"x5¼" WF @ 20#

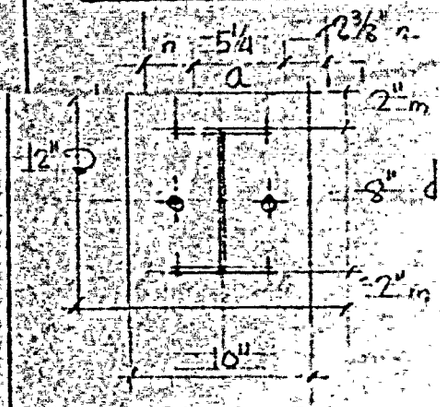


SEAL, DEPETER, SPAULDING, INC.
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
465 CONGRESS ST., PORTLAND 3, MAINE

SUBJECT 517 CONGRESS ST.
BICKNELL'S.
SHEET NO. 4 OF 7 DATE 021 59

B.R. SET ON CONC. ALLOWABLE BEARING
625# □"
2500# CONC.

H COL. BASE PLATES



61.3 x 8/120 = 515# □"

a = 5¼" x .80 = 4.2"
b = 8.14 x .95 = 7.7"

$t^2 = \frac{p m^2}{6000} = \frac{515 \times (2 \times 2)}{6000} = .31$

$\sqrt{.31} = .557"$

$t^2 = \frac{p n^2}{6000} = \frac{515 \times (.19 \times .19)}{6000} = .28$

$\sqrt{.28} = .532"$

USE 12" x 10" x 5/8" B.R.

CONC. FLOOR SLAB.

USE 4½" MIN. THICKNESS

300# ft TOTAL LOAD

ACTUAL LOAD = 170# ft

$M = \frac{wl}{8}$ Strip 1'-0" wide W = 7.5x300 = 2250#

$= \frac{2250 \times 7.5}{8} = 2100^{\#} \times 12 = 25{,}200^{\#}$

$d = \sqrt{\frac{M}{kb}} = \frac{25{,}200}{196 \times 12} = \sqrt{10.7} = 3.28 + 1.25 = 4\frac{1}{2}$" TOTAL

$A.S. = \frac{M}{fjd} = \frac{25200}{20{,}000 \times .866 \times 4.5} = .322^{\square"}$ #3 ϕ @ 4" = .33□"

$V = \frac{V}{jbd} = \frac{1125}{.866 \times 12 \times 3.25} = 33.2^{\#}$ □"

$u = \frac{V}{\Sigma jd} = \frac{1125}{3.53 \times .866 \times 3.5} = 107^{\#}$ □"

USE 4½" SLAB WITH #3 ϕ @ 4" o.c.

DEFORMED BARS.

SEAL, DEPETER, SPAULDING, INC.
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
465 CONGRESS ST., PORTLAND 3, MAINE

SUBJECT 511 CONGRESS ST.
BICKNELL'S
SHEET NO. 6 OF 7 DATE OCT. 59

STEEL BEAMS UNDER CONC. SLAB.

Span say 9'-0" W = 9 x 7.5 x 300 = 20,200 #

$M = \frac{20,200 \times 9}{8} = 22,800'\#$ x 12 = 274,000 "#

S REQ'D = 274,000 / 20,000 = 13.7

12" x 4" B @ 14# S = 14.8

$\Delta = \frac{c}{d} \cdot \frac{1.55}{12} = .13"$

Actual Stress $\frac{M}{S}$ = 274,000 / 14.8 = 18,500 #/□"

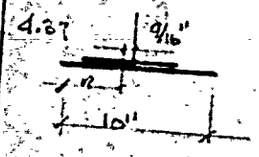
$c = \frac{18\,500}{20,000}$ .925 x 1.674 = 1.55

TOP FLANGE TO BE BRACED BY CONC. FLOOR SLAB.

USE 12" x 4" B @ 14#

B.R.

R = 10,100 / 130 = 77½ □" REQ'D. USE 8 x 10 = 80 □"



$r^2 = \frac{p\,n^2}{6000} = \frac{130 \times (4.37 \times 4.37)}{6000} = \sqrt{.37} = .61$ k = 9/16"

USE 10" x 8" x 5/8" B.R.

BEAL, DEPETER, SPAULDING, INC.
ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS
465 CONGRESS ST., PORTLAND 3, MAINE

SUBJECT 511 CONGRESS ST.
BICKNELL'S
SHEET NO. 7 OF 7 DATE OCT. 59

STEEL BEAM UNDER CONC. SLAB

SPAN 9'-0" W = SAY 4 x 9 x 200 = 10,800#

M = $\frac{10,300 \times 9}{8}$ = 12,100'# x 12 = SAY 146,000'#

S REQ'D = 146,000/20,000 = 7.3

8" x 4" B @ 10# S = 7.8

Δ = $\frac{C}{d}$ $\frac{1.57}{8}$ = .196" DEFLECTION

ACTUAL STRESS $\frac{M}{S}$ = 146,000/7.8 = 18,700# 0"

C = $\frac{18,700}{20,000}$ = .94 x 1.674 = 1.57

TOP FLANGE TO BE PLACED BY CONC. FLOOR SLAB

USE 8" x 4" B @ 10#

3½" STANDARD H.W. LALLY 8'-0" HIGH
GOOD FOR 30,800#
SAFE MAX LOAD = 20,200#

STATEMENT OF ELEVATOR TESTS

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 20, 1957

I, George L. Ward

as an employee of OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY, have personally supervised the installation or alterations to the elevator, hatchways and enclosures at 519 Congress Stre. under Building Permit _____, and have personally supervised tests of loading capacity and of all brakes, interlocking and all other safety devices, and I do here state that, according to my best knowledge and belief, the elevator will safely carry the maximum rated loading and all brakes, interlocking and other safety devices are in satisfactory condition.

as permitted

Geo L. Ward
(Signature)

RECEIVED
MAY 27 1957
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

PORTLAND, MAINE,

CUMBERLAND, SS: STATE OF MAINE

Personally appeared the above named George L. Ward and made oath the statements by him subscribed are true.

Notary Public Justice of the Peace

APPLICANT'S COPY

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR ELEVATOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00064
JAN 21 1957
CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, Jan. 18, 1957

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, Portland, Me.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install alter _____ *elevator* _____ *in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications submitted herewith, and the following specifications:*

Location 519 Congress St. Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Maine Charitable Mechanics Association, 519 Congress St.

Elevator contractor's name and address Otis Elevator Co., 495 Fore St. Telephone 3-8058

Plans filed as part of application yes No. sheets 1

Last use of building Hall

Proposed use of building " No. families _____

Material of outside walls of building masonry, interior frame wood and plaster No. families _____

No. of stories 3 Style of roof flat No. of existing elevators in building none

Remarks

Fee $2.00

Details of Proposed Work

CERTIFICATE OF [illegible] REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Extent of work by elevator contractor Install new elevator

Extent of work by owner New hatchway

Type of Elevator passenger elevator, in new or existing shaftway new

Shaftway enclosed or open enclosed No. elevator stops 3

Capacity of elevator 2000, Speed in feet per minute 100(

Material of cables steel No. and size of hoisting cables 5 ½"

Location of machinery overhead Material of supports steel of guides steel

Minimum diameter of sheaves [illegible] Minimum clearance counterweights and overhead beams 4'4"

Minimum clearance above car at topmost floor level 4'4"

Minimum clearance buffer plates and springs when car is at lowest floor level 12" x 1/8"

Type of power electric 208V ac Type of machine #1 single rap traction geared

Will elevator be equipped with the following safety devices:—governor? yes, car safety? yes, electric brakes? yes, automatic terminal stops at top and bottom? yes, slack cable stops? no, safety floor stops? yes

If Passenger Elevator

Passenger capacity? 10 Area of platform 4' 4" x 5'9" Material of enclosure steel

No. of entrances 1 Type of gates car doors, interlocked yes automatic closing device? yes

Will elevator be automatic or will operator be in attendance? automatic

Will doors in shaftway enclosure be interlocked? yes

If Freight Elevator

Area of platform _____ No. of sides enclosed _____ Height of enclosure _____

Will shaftway be enclosed? _____ Self-closing hatch gates? _____ Height? _____ Bi-parting doors? _____

No. outside entrances to shaftway? _____ Self-closing slatted gates? _____ Height? _____

O.K. - 1/21/57 - [illegible]

Signature of elevator contractor by: Otis Elevator Co. George E. Ward

STATEMENT OF ELEVATOR TESTS

PORTLAND, MAINE, _____

I, _____

as an employee of _____, have personally supervised the installation or alterations to the elevator, hatchways and enclosures at _____ as permitted under Building Permit _____, and have personally supervised tests of loading capacity and of all brakes, interlocking and all other safety devices, and I do here state that, according to my best knowledge and belief, the elevator will safely carry the maximum rated loading and all brakes, interlocking and other safety devices are in satisfactory condition.

George E. Ward
(Signature)

PORTLAND, MAINE, _____

STATE OF MAINE

CUMBERLAND, SS:

Personally appeared the above named _____ and made oath the statements by him subscribed are true.

INSPECTION COPY

Notary Public Justice of the Peace

Permit No. 57164

Location 519 Congress St.

Owner Claude Mulaine Assn.

Date of permit 1/21/57

Elev. Cont. Otis Elevator Co.

Statement of tests rec'd

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Certificate issued

NOTES

4/1/57 - Work on elevator started. Allen

5/7/57 - Work still going on. Allen

5/28/57 - Job finished - Allen

December 7, 195[illegible]

AP - 519 Congress Street

Copies to: Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc.
519 Congress Street
Miller & Beal, Inc.
465 Congress Street

Simonds Construction Co.
482½ Congress Street

Gentlemen:-

Building permit for construction of an elevator shaftway in building at the above location is issued herewith based on plans and specifications filed with application for permit, but subject to the following conditions:-

1. Since construction of the shaftway involves cutting down the width of main stairway, the aggregate width of available exit space will be reduced accordingly. Therefore this permit is issued without prejudice as to any question which may arise at a later date in regard to the allowable capacity of the third story assembly hall if or when it should again be put into use.

2. Fire doors on openings in shaftway enclosure are required to bear at least the Class "C" label of Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc., Factory Mutual Laboratories, or of the Material Approvals Committee of the Building Officials Conference of America.

3. The sprinkler system in the building is to be adjusted to cover satisfactorily the new partition arrangement, including a head at the top of the shaftway.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
021728
DEC 7 1956
CITY OF PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure _____

Portland, Maine, Dec. 6, 1956

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 ~~3268~~ 519 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn. 519 Congress St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone

Contractor's name and address Simonds Construction Co., 482½ Congress St. Telephone 3-5123

Architect _____ Specifications yes Plans yes No. of sheets 4

Proposed use of building offices and stores and library No. families

Last use " " " No. families

Material masonry No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost $11,000. Fee $ 11.00

General Description of New Work

To construct elevator shaftway as per plans.
(Elevator to be installed by Otis Elevator Co.)

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 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 _____

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 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

Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn:

Signature of owner by: John H. Simonds

Permit No. 56/2178

Location 519 Congress St.

Owner Mr. Christopher Mechanics Dat

Date of permit 2/7/56

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

— Class "C" fire done on elevator shaftway openings —

— Sprinkler system to be adjusted —

12/18/56 — Work not started. — Allen

1/8/57 — Same — Allen

1/22/57 — Work not started — Allen

2/11/57 — Work started on shaftway. Allen

2/25/57 — Shaftway wall all framed up. — Allen

3/11/57 — Work progressing. Allen

4/1/57 — Work started on the elevator shaftway is going the same as before. — Allen

4/16/57 — Work coming along. — Allen

5/7/57 — Job completed — Allen

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED
00157
FEB 9 1955
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, February 9, 1955

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 517 Congress St. Use of Building Mercantile No. Stories ~~New~~ Building Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Cressey & Allen, 517 Congress St.

Installer's name and address E. H. Cunningham Co., 363 Cumberland Ave. Telephone 3-9671

General Description of Work

To install electric hot water heater (replacement)

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? electric

Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace 3'

From top of smoke pipe From front of appliance Over 4' From sides or back of appliance 12"

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 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

Fowler Electric heater

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. 2-9-55. [illegible]

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

E. N. Cunningham Co.

Signature of Installer By: John C. Robinson, Jr. pH

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C17-254-1M-MARP

2-28
3-10

Permit No. 55/187

Location 517 Congress St.

Owner Cresseif + Allen

Date of permit 2/18/55

Approved 3-4/55

NOTES

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED
00840
JUN 22 1954
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, June 21, 1954

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 519 Congress St. Use of Building ..... No. Stories ..... New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Maine Charitable Mechanics Association, 519 Congress St.

Installer's name and address Mathews Sales & Service Co., 199 Fore St. Telephone 2-1401

General Description of Work

To install oil burning equipment in connection with existing steam boiler (Existing boiler to be raised)

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 Cleaver Brooks Labelled by underwriter's laboratories? yes

Will operator be always in attendance? ..... Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? bottom

Type of floor beneath burner concrete Size of vent pipe 1½"

Location of oil storage basement Number and capacity of tanks 2-275 gal.

Low water shut off yes Make McDonnell Miller No. 51-2

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks enclosed? .....

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners none

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

APPROVED: OK 6-21-54

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

Mathews Sales & Service

Signature of Installer by: R. L. Mathews

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 54/548

Location 358 Congress St.

Owner Maine Construction Materials

Date of permit 6/22/54

Approved 7/26/54

1 Fill Pipe ✓

2 Vent Pipe ✓

3 Kind of Heat Steam

4 Burner Rigidity & Supports ✓

5 Name & Label ✓

6 Stack Control ✓

7 High Limit Control ✓

8 Remote Control ✓

9 Piping Support & Protection ✓

10 Valves in Supply Line ✓

11 Capacity of Tanks ✓

12 Tank Rigidity & Supports ✓

13 Tank Distance ✓

14 Oil Guage ✓

15 Instuction Card ✓

16 Low Water Shut-off ✓

NOTES

6-30-54 Installation completed

7-2-54 Approved

Inspector

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
02518
DEC 28 1950
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Permit No. _____

Portland, Maine, December 21 1950

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 517 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc.

Name and address of owner of sign Cressey & Allen, 517 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm Street Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1, 1951

1-13-51. New plan filed showing change in location. ofc

Information Concerning Building

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENTS WAIVED

No. stories 4 ~~XXXX~~ Material of wall to which sign is to be attached granite

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 29" Horizontal 5'4"

Weight 150 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

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

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 3 or 5, material angle iron or cable, Size 1½x1½x3/16" - 5/16"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 13' plus

Maximum projection into street 5'10"

12-22-50. O.K. CE

Fee $ 1.00

Signature of contractor By: UnitedNeon Display J. L. Coyne

~~ORIGINAL~~

Permit No. 50/2518

Location 517 Congress St.

Owner Cready & Allen

Date of permit 12/28/50

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 1-19-51 [illegible]

NOTES

12-28-50 Step insp. O.K. [illegible]

1-13-51 Permit plan & location [illegible]

1-19-51 Through bolt [illegible]

Brackett and [illegible] when

fastening face through

bolts [illegible] with

granite [illegible]

BI FORM 52

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES AT 517 Congress St. IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Maine Charitable Mechanic Assn, being the owner of the premises at 517 Congress St. in Portland, Maine hereby gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Cressey & Allen 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 Maine Charitable Mechanic Assn., 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 November 1950.

J. S. Coyne
Witness

Maine Charitable Mechanic Association
By John H. Paine
Secretary
Owner

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CITY OF PORTLAND

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure _____

Portland, Maine, March 13, 1950

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect a~~repair~~ ~~demolish~~ 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 517 Congress Street — Within Fire Limits? yes — Dist. No. _____

Owner's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Lessee's name and address Cressey & Allen, 517 Congress Street — Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address Donald W. Loveday, R. F. D. #3, Portland — Telephone _____

Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes — No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores — No. families _____

Last use " — No. families _____

Material brick — No. stories 3 — Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost $ 150. — Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To erect television antenna tower as per plan.

Denied

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*** Donald W. Loveday

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? _____

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

Cressey & Allen

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Signature of owner by: Donald W. Loveday

Permit No. 350

Location 515 Orchard St.

Owner Frederick Olive

Date of permit

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notice

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Date March 27, 1950

Within Five Limits; 505 District No.

Telephone

Description

Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Dwelling No. families

Materials No. stories Heating

Estimated cost $ 120. Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To erect dwelling without cellar as per plan.

Details of New Work

Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height over all

Material

Roofing

Rise per foot

Roof covering

No. of chimneys

Material of chimneys

Lining

Lath

Number of stories

Size

Columns under girders

Size

Size on centers

Girders

Size

Columns under girders

Size

Size on centers

Joists and 1st floor 2nd 3rd Roof

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4 16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Last story

2nd

3rd

If one story building, is roof over walls, children or walls?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated, Attached or separate, to be accommodated, number commercial cars to be accommodated.

Will garage be used for any purpose other than storage? Is office to be maintained in the proposed building?

PROPOSED

Miscellaneous

Will work require the closing of any street or other public thoroughfare?

Estimated cost $

Fee $

Signature of owner

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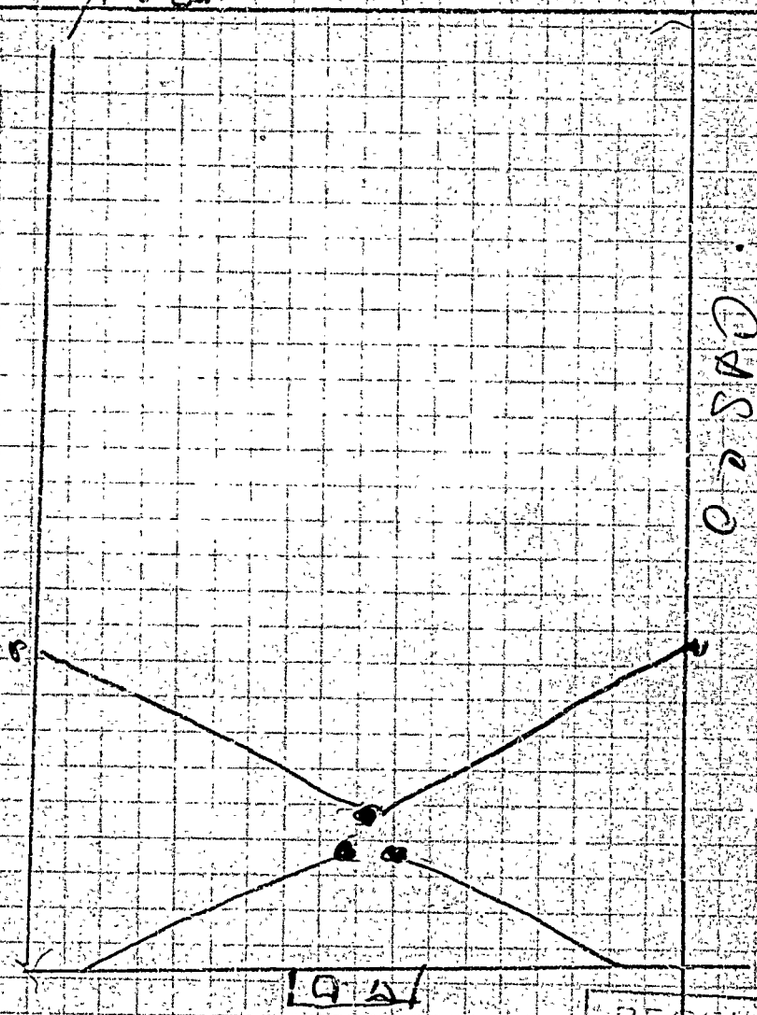
CONGRESS



20' TRIANGULAR TOWER
10' 1 1/4 THIN WALL MAST
BASE PLATE TO BOLT TO ROOF

RECEIVED
MAR 15 1950
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CITY OF PORTLAND

March 18, 1950

Penn Boiler and Burner
Manufacturing Corp.
Lancaster, Pa.

Subject: Engineering design of Penn Teletowers
and Thrftowers for support of television
antennas for use in Portland, Maine
Attn: Engineering Department

Gentlemen:

We are in receipt of an application for a permit for erection of one of your 20' television antenna towers upon the roof of a building occupied in part by Cressey and Allen at 517 Congress Street in this city. Before issuance of such a permit, we are required to have on file a written statement of design for this tower, signed by a competent structural designer, whose qualifications ought to be briefly indicated, he to be either the party who designed the tower, its supports, guying, etc. or someone qualified to take responsibility now for the design. Since we will probably have other applications for permits to install your towers, we suggest that you make this a blanket statement which will cover (with detailed description) both kinds of towers that you manufacture, so that we will be able to use the same statement in other instances just so long as the design of the towers is not changed.

We shall also need typical plans of the towers, showing all of the elements of design, connections, type of fastenings, thicknesses and gauges of materials, sizes, spacing and least spread of guys according to height, the particular metal of which towers are made and the total weight of tower on the basis that in this area the entire structure may be coated with anywhere from 1/8" to 1/4" ice all over.

Assurance is also needed either on the plans or in the statement that for each type of tower the design has the usual factor of safety based on a wind load of no less than 30 pounds per square foot of tower and antenna, taking into account that ice and freezing rain conditions will substantially increase the area of wind pressure. The maximum "pull" on the guys under worst conditions, the minimum angle that any guys should have with the vertical axis of the tower, and any other information necessary to guide the local erector in designing and making the fastenings to the roof or building should also be furnished.

If any of the connections of the towers are welded, you should also include a statement that all of welding has been and will be done only by welders qualified under the procedure of the American Welding Society within one year prior to the date that the welding is done. I am enclosing our standard form of statement of design which you of course will have to adjust to fit this particular situation. If you desire the statement to apply to future installations as well as the one now at hand, the statement should be adjusted accordingly, enumerating the plans and any specifications which you are sending us, and the various types of towers the statement is to cover. It would be well to attach this statement to the plans or specifications.

We of this department are doing our best to cope with the troublesome problems which have arisen in regard to the erection of television antennas of many different kinds and heights upon roofs of buildings. I am sure you will appreciate our efforts to use care in this field where so many amateurs are trying to erect devices of all kinds and descriptions. Any help or advice that you can give us as to what is being done elsewhere or how you think we can improve our technique will be much appreciated.

CC: Cressey & Allen, 517 Congress St.
Mr. Donald W. Loveday, R. F. D. #3

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

AJS/S

(see next page)

Cressey & Allen
Mr. Donald W. Loveday

March 18, 1950

Because not enough information was furnished with the application for permit to allow issuance of the permit, we are writing directly to the manufacturers of the tower to secure the needed information in order to save time and to be of as much assistance to you as possible.

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RM.
AJS
PH
DC
DJ
BS

February 3, 1947

Cressey & Allen
517 Congress Street
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Question of adequate emergency exit from Cressey & Allen's sales space and display room in the basement at 517 Congress Street, this with reference to a building permit issued on Feb. 3 for minor alterations in the basement

Gentlemen:

We are issuing the building permit for a minor change in your basement sales space to J. H. Kennedy, your contractor, but our inspector has called attention to the existing situation as to emergency means of egress from the basement sales space which, it seems my duty, to call to your attention with the idea that the situation can be improved for the safety of both your employees and your customers using the basement sales space.

It appears that the sales space in the basement contains about 900 or more square feet, the bulk of this area being toward Congress Street from the foot of the stairway from first story which gives access to the sales space, and that the only emergency means of egress from the basement would have access from the sales space only by passing by the bottom of the entrance stairs from first story and along a passageway to some steps which lead out under the public sidewalk of Casco Street with iron hinged doors at the sidewalk level.

While it is true that the building is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system, this splendid protective cannot always be relied upon to provide complete coverage for the safety of the occupants of a building.

An emergency means of egress is of little use in the great excitement of an emergency unless the access to it is plainly marked and unless the doors can be operated quickly without a key or any special knowledge. As far as our inspector could ascertain, no one there could ever remember that the bulkhead doors in the Casco Street sidewalk had been opened for a long time, and I believe the means of reaching it are not well marked. It is recommended that you give some study to this situation with the idea of making it a workable means of egress, at least marking the direction to take to reach it in a clear manner that no one can misunderstand and also making arrangements that the doors in the Casco Street sidewalk can be opened quickly by anyone by perfectly obvious procedure.

If it is possible to gain access to this outside stairway by passing beneath the stairs to first story and thence through a room, which, I believe, is used by some kind of repair or service operations, to the corridor leading to the Casco Street stairway at a spot between the foot of the stairs to first story and the foot of the stairs to Casco Street that would be of considerable benefit, and that passageway for reaching the emergency exit should be clearly marked. Otherwise, should an emergency take place at the foot of the stairs from first story, persons in the sales space in the basement would be completely trapped there, being able neither to use the stairs to first story nor to pass by the bottom of them to reach the emergency exit to Casco Street.

Very truly yours,

WMcD/S

Inspector of Buildings

P.S. If some means can be devised of some arrangement of warning on Casco Street or some other method adopted so that should the doors in the Casco Street sidewalk have to be opened quickly, injury would not be done to pedestrians who happen to be walking across the doors at the time, that would be of great benefit also.

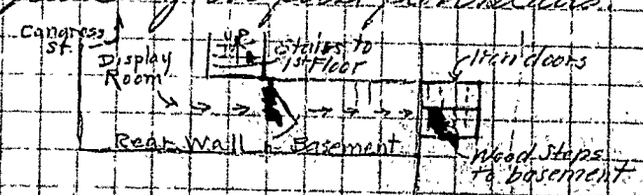
Alterations in basement, partition off sprinkler display room. 517 Congress St.

Casey and Allen 517 Congress St. S. 2W
J. H. Kennedy, Contr. 105 Preble St. Tel 3-9672 1-31-47. dd
Check permit called for on application filed 1-30-47.

The basement room to be altered is an existing condition. Permit 33/864, covering use of this basement as a sales-room, having been issued July 3 of that year.
The proposed display room is to be taken out of the present sales and display room. There will be no increase in floor area to accommodate the new room.
The present room is 16'x56', Knotty Pine walls and metal ceiling, sprinklered.

Floor area would call for $\frac{16 \times 56}{35}$ = 25 persons, and two means of egress.
Aside from the capacity, I believe it is safe to say that there are more than two habitual employees in this basement. (Sect. 205 e 1.1) this would also require two separate means of egress.

This is a second means of egress, but it is not desirable, either from standpoint of location or operation. No one knew the time know of it, even having been opened. It is a sidewalk level, double iron door bulkhead, opening on Casco St. It is 35' or more from the room in question and reached by a passageway, after passing the first floor stairs.



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00196
FEB 3 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure 1 Second

Portland, Maine, January 30, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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 517 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Telephone

Lessee's name and address Cressey & Allen, 517 Congress Street Telephone

Contractor's name and address J. H. Kennedy, 105 Preble Street Telephone 3-9672

Architect Specifications Plans No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Mercantile No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 3 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 400 Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To partition off refrigerator display room in basement ~~approx~~ 12' x 24'

2x3 studs, 16" on centers, sheetrock both sides

Permit Issued with Letter to lessee only

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.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work 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

Signature of owner by: Cressey & Allen

J H Kennedy

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 71196

Location 517 Congress St.

Owner Cressey & Allen

Date of permit 4/3/47

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 5/5/47

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

5/2/47- Flag due. Call board signs (2-st) had tourd lines not stuck out. also overhang on fans. as per bldg. [illegible]

December 29, 1943

Craig's Dancing Academy, (Mechanics Hall), 517 Congress St.

APPROVED SUBJECT TO: maximum number accommodated at one time for Class A assemblage, 200; seating plan to be filed and improvements in exit and other safety conditions to be made before February 15, 1944; in the meantime and until some better arrangement is made moveable section of fire escape to be fastened in down position whenever hall is in use for Class A assemblage.

Inspector of Buildings

Extended time to March 15, 1944

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Office of the City Clerk

License expires Dec. 31 1944 Nov. 29 1943

Application for (RENEWAL) or (NEW LICENSE) for a license to operate

(Check the one Desired) Moving Picture Theatre, Stage Productions, x Dance Hall, Dance Studio, Other Amusement

Name Craig's Dancing Academy Location 513 Congress Street

Name of the Operating Company or Individual Annie Craig Address 513 Congress Street

Name of Manager " " Address

Owner of Building Maine Charitable Mechanics Assoc. Address 513 Congress Street

If OTHER AMUSEMENT than indicated above describe here

Have complete plans of the establishment been filed in duplicate with Inspector of Buildings? (Answer Yes or No)

FEE (Enclosed) $ 10.25

IF A THEATRE

Seating capacity of orchestra, exclusive of boxes?

Seating capacity of first balcony, if any?

Seating capacity of second balcony, if any?

Total seating capacity of boxes, if any, fixed seats?

loose seats?

Grand total capacity?

IF OTHER THAN THEATRE

Seating capacity main floor, loose seats or sections of seats at tables or otherwise?; fixed seats (fastened down), booths or otherwise?

Seating capacity first balcony, if any, fixed seats? loose seats?

Seating capacity second balcony, if any, fixed seats? loose seats?

Estimated capacity for dancing or similar activities?

Total seating capacity main floor when part is used for dancing or similar?

Signature operating individual or company Annie Craig

January 15, 1945

I went over the means of egress proposition at the building with Porter Roberts, president of the Maine Charitable Mechanics Association, and made it clear that there had been no change in requirements of the City as regards the use of the third floor hall under Mrs. Craig's dance license, especially that for the purposes of that license there is no requirement that the counterbalance section of the firescape shall be fastened down to the ground permanently, but that when it is fastened down when the hall is in use during the dark hours that it should be fastened at the bottom so thatthe movable section would be rigidly against the ground.

Mr. Roberts said he thought he would get Miller & Beal consider making a plan of merely lowering the upper landing of the fire escape or that perhaps he could get Megquier & Jones Company to make such a plan and that he would get more figures probably to put before the Board.

Warren McDonald

YATES LODGE OF PERFECTION, 14°
PORTLAND COUNCIL, PRINCES OF JERUSALEM, 16°

DUNLAP CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX, 18°
MAINE CONSISTORY, S. P. R. S., 32°

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION, U. S. A.
VALLEY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

PORTER A. ROBERTS, 33°, SECRETARY
MASONIC TEMPLE
PORTLAND, - MAINE

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

December 13 1944

Warren McDonald, Building Inspector,
City Hall
Portland, Maine.

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DEC 14 1944
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

My Dear Mr. McDonald,-

In reference to your letter to Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn.,519 Congress St. you are advised that the next meeting of our Board will occur on January 2nd in the Directors room just off the library at 5:00 o'clock P.M..

Very frankly we had considered what you now designate as "comparatively few improvements" as beyond our power or ability to make. Particularly the matter of permanently anchoring the bottom of the fire escape because we own no land nor can we purchase any for such a purpose.

Anchoring the fire escape would permanently block the eleven foot right of way which we own in common with our neighbors and would also prevent one of our tenants from backing in and unloading heavy merchandise at the rear door.

However we shall be glad to have you at our meeting and we shall listen with interest because Mrs. Craig has been with us for years and has obviously been seriously inconvenienced.

Maine Charitable Mechanics Assn.
P A Roberts
President.

519 Congress St.
Mechanic's Hall

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December 11, 1944

Maine Charitable Mechanic's Assoc.
519 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Assembly hall in Maine Charitable Mechanic's Assoc. building at 519 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

In endeavoring to carry out my responsibilities under the Public Assemblage Ordinance toward your assembly hall among quite a large number of other similar assembly halls in the city, I have written a number of letters to your board or your various officers. Judging from the various reports that have come back to me as to the extent and estimated cost of the comparatively few improvements necessary to make it possible for me to approve the dance hall license for the hall, I am convinced that there must be considerable misunderstanding as to what is required.

In view of the importance of the questions involved to your tenant of long standing, and perhaps to a lesser degree to your association, I shall welcome an opportunity to explain the matter as clearly as I can at the building to your board or to any representative that you may designate and at most any time convenient to yourselves, if you will notify me of the time at which we may meet at the building.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/H
CC: Clarence Leighton
c/o Portland Savings Bank
483 Congress Street

Mrs. J. A. Craig
519 Congress St.