

487½ -497 CONGRESS STREET
1911-1945 # 1

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Application for a Victualer's License

The undersigned applies for a Victualer's License for period ending:

..... June 30, 1948

1. Firm Name... The Spear Folks
2. Name under which license be granted)..... Walter M. Spear
3. Location... 495 Congress Street, Portland, Maine
4. Name and Address of Applicant... Arthur G. Spear, 55 Belmont Street
5. Name and Address of Manager... Walter M. Spear, 25 Thomas Street
6. If other than individual, give names and addresses of partners or principal officers of corporation.....
Arthur G. Spear, 55 Belmont Street, Portland, Maine
Walter M. Spear, 25 Thomas Street, Portland, Maine
7. Name and Address of Owner of Building... P. H. & J. M. Brown Company...
415 Congress Street
8. Location in Building of Restaurant. Capacity Persons Employed
..... Front Store Seat 98 7
9. Name of Room, if any
10. Will malt beverages be served on the premises?..... No
11. Will Vinous and Spirituous Liquors be served on premises?.. No
12. Time of opening and closing of Restaurant... 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. ...
13. Have either the applicants or the managers been convicted of a crime?.. No
14. If so, when and where?.....

I agree to abide by all laws, orders, ordinances, rules and regulations
governing restaurants in the City of Portland, Maine.

..... The Spear Folks

..... By, Arthur G. Spear, Pres. & Treas.

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Recommendation:

Approved

Disapproved

RJR

.....Albert D. Foster, M.D.
Health Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Recommendation:

Approved conditionally

Disapproved

...approved subject to checking and making any improvements required
by Public Assembly Ordinance.....

.....Lester McDonald...6/25/47
Building Inspector

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Recommendation:

Approved

Disapproved

.....John F. Newell
Chief of Police

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation:

Approved

Disapproved

.....Oliver T. Sanford.....
Chief of Fire Department

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DET. CHIEF OF POLICE

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5. Name and Address of Manager ... Walter M. Spear 25 Thomas Street.....
6. If other than individual, give names and addresses of partners or principal officers of corporation.....
..... Arthur G. Spear, 55 Belmont Street
7. Name and Address of Owner of Building P.H. & J.M. Brown.....
8. Location in Building of Restaurant. Capacity Persons Employed
..... Second store from Brown Street..... 100..... 2.....
.....
Name of Room, if any
9. Will malt beverages be served on the premises?..... PP.....
10. Will Vinous and Spirituous Liquors be served on premises?.... PP.....
11. Time of opening and closing of Restaurant... 8 AM to 6 PM
12. Have either the applicants or the managers been convicted of a crime? PP..
13. If so, when and where?.....
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..... By: Walter M. Spear.....

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REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Recommendation: Approved ~~Disapproved~~

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.....Albert D. Easter MD..
Health Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Recommendation: Approved 6/24/43 Disapproved

....Subject to compliance with detailed requirements of Public.....

..Assemblage Ordinance.....

.....Warren McDonald.....
Building Inspector

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Recommendation: Approved ~~Disapproved~~

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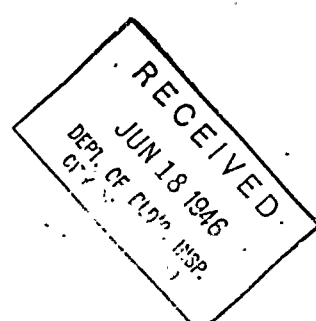
.....John F. Maxwell.....
Chief of Police

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: Approved ~~Disapproved~~

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.....D. T. Sanborn.....
Chief of Fire Department



Application for a Victualer's License

1. Firm Name The Spear Folks.....

2. Name (under which the license be granted) Same.....

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3. Location...435 Congress Street.....

4. Name and address of applicant... Same...

5. Name and address of Manager..Walter V. Spear.....

6. If other than individual, give names and address of partners or principal officers of corporation.

.....Arthur G. Spear, 553 Forest Avenue.....

.....Walter, M., Spear...25, Thomas, C. et.....

7. Name and address of owner of building. P. H. & J. M. Brown Co.
415 Congress Street

8. Location in Building of Restaurant	Capacity	Persons Employed
..... Front Store.....	115	6

Name of Room, if any

9. Will malt beverages be served on the premises? ..No.....

10. Will Vinous and Spirituous Liquors be served on premises?..No.....

11. Time of opening and closing of Restaurant 8 AM. to 6 PM.

12. Have either the applicants or the managers been convicted of a crime?NQ.....

13. If so, when and where?.....

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The Spear Folks.....

Walter M. Spear

.....Manager.....

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Recommendation: Approved

~~DISAPPROVED~~

T. B. Burroughs, MD
Health Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Recommendation: Approved

~~DISAPPROVED~~

Subject to making improvements required under Public Assembly Ordinance,
and subject to limitations as to maximum number of persons accommodated
as finally set on public assembly plans.

Warren McDonaugh
Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Recommendation: Approved

~~DISAPPROVED~~

John F. Newell
Chief of Police

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: Approved

~~DISAPPROVED~~

Oliver T. Sanborn
Chief of Fire Department

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CITY OF ST. LOUIS

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5. Name and address of Manager..... Walter A. Spear.....

6. If other than individual, give names and address of partners or
 principal officers of corporation.

..... Arthur G. Spear, 555 Forest Ave.....

..... Walter A. Spear, 25 Thomas Street.....

7. Name and address of owner of building..... P. H. & J. W. Brown Co.....

..... 415 Congress Street.....

8. Location in Building of Restaurant Capacity Persons Employed

..... Rear 34 8.....

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 Name of Room, if any

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9. Will malt beverages be served on the premises? ... No.....

10. Will Vinous and Spirituous Liquors be served on premises?... No...

11. Time of opening and closing of Restaurant... 3.41 to 6.2.4.....

12. Have either the applicants or the managers been convicted of a
 crime? No.....

13. If so, when and where?.....

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..... The Spear Folks.....

..... Walter A. Spear.....

REPORT OF HEALTH OFFICER

Recommendation: Approved Disapproved

S. Lurroughs, MD
Health Officer

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

Recommendation: Approved Disapproved

.....Subject to compliance with Public Assembly Ordinance.....
.....
.....Warren McDonald.....
Inspector of Buildings

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

Recommendation: Approved Disapproved

John F. Hewell
Chief of Police

REPORT OF CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Recommendation: Approved Disapproved

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..... Oliver T. Santorn
Chief of Fire Department

Victusler's License

Specan Folks - 495 Congress St.
Restaurant location given "Pear"
yet capacity is 94, the total
store capacity. Employees given
as 8 but is actually 20 for entire
store. E 26.

GENERAL DATA SHEET ---- ACTIVITY LICENSED BY MUNICIPAL OFFICERSType of License Victualer'sLocation 487 1/2-437 Congress StreetName of General Establishment BARB POLKName and Location in Building of Particular Rooms Licensed with Capacity of
Each in Persons:

	Capacity in Persons Theoretical by B.C.	Limits Set in License

Name and Address of Owner of Building Philip H. & John Marshall Brown Co., 57 Exchange St.Name and Address of Licensee Arthur C. Spear, Treas., 435 Congress St.

Data about Plans Filed and License

Current License?	Date of Expiration	Plans Filed	No. Sheets?

September 13, 1944

Arthur G. Spear, Treas.
Spear Folks
495 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

On May 5, 1944 I wrote to you about the application of the ordinance of the City of Portland regulating places of public assembly to the above establishment which comes under the control of that law.

A copy of the law was enclosed with that letter and your attention was called to the facts that you are responsible for finding out in what particulars your establishment does not comply with the standards of safety set forth in the law; and for placing the establishment in conformity with those standards forthwith.

Your attention was called to the requirement of the law that you must file at this office duplicate plans of your establishment indicating all essential features pertinent to public safety, and a set of suggestions for preparing those plans was also enclosed with the letter.

Your attention was also called to the probability that the type of hardware on the entrance and exit doors of your establishment does not satisfy the requirements of the law; that you were to determine that situation among other things, and if not right to make it right.

On account of the pressure of work in this department we have not yet been able to check up on your establishment to see whether or not you have placed it in conformity with the law, but I do know that you have not filed the plans as required. You were warned in that letter that you must not wait for an Enforcing Officer to come around and tell you what may be wrong from the standpoint of the law, but that you would be liable if you did not immediately take care of the situation.

When we get around to your establishment if you have not filed the plans, or if your establishment is found in violation of the law as to hardware on the doors or other features, my duty requires that I either make complaint against you in Municipal Court for violation of the law, or recommend to the Municipal Officers that your license be suspended. One or the other steps I shall have to take without further notice to you.

I suggest that you take immediate steps to forestall any such action on the part of the city.

Very truly yours,

WML/H

Inspector of Buildings

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Arthur G. Spear, Treas.
Spear Folks
495 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

May 5, 1944

Gentlemen:

Since your establishment has a capacity in persons, including employees, of one hundred or more, it comes under the Public Assemblage Ordinance (copy enclosed). Section 3 contains minimum standards of safety. It is at all times the responsibility of the operator of such an establishment as yours to see to it that the establishment complies with these standards and with all other details of law without waiting for notification of non-compliance from any Enforcing Officer. You should at once, therefore, study the ordinance, examine your establishment in the light of it and proceed accordingly.

If resulting improvements require materials called "critical" in the war emergency, file copy of this letter with application to War Production Board for priorities, enumerating the kinds and amount of critical materials necessary for your establishment to so comply.

Note Section 4-Enforcement and the various fields of responsibility of Enforcing Officers as set forth there in general terms. While at present the extent of these fields of responsibility and a tendency for them to overlap, may be confusing, patience and a spirit of cooperation all around will clear up questions of doubt and make progress to the end that all of our places of public assemblage may be as safe as they can be.

Note also in Section 4-a-2 requirement of furnishing plans of your establishment in duplicate for permanent filing here. Please employ at once a thoroughly competent party to prepare such plans and secure his assistance in going over your establishment as to compliance, so plans may be made as the establishment now exists and then indicated on them clearly, before printing the changes proposed to make establishment comply. To assist in this, I am enclosing set of suggestions for preparing such plans.

Very few establishments such as yours are now in compliance with Section 3-a-2 as to type of hardware on both entrance and exit doors. Note that only doors serving places of assembly accommodating more than 150 persons are required to have anti-panic hardware. Places accommodating a less number, including employees, may have the other type of lockset described in 3-a-2. The Building Code says where anti-panic hardware is required, doors shall be equipped with such locks or latches only, that all fastenings which would keep door from opening would be released instantly without fail by moderate pressure at normal height on any part of width of inside of door or pair of doors. Inner doors which do not require locking, will be deemed equivalent to doors having anti-panic hardware if all fastenings and locks of every description are entirely removed from them.

Your victualer's license expires on June 30th, next. Enforcing Officers will be required to approve or disapprove application for renewal. From these facts you will see the need of proceeding with all haste toward placing your establishment in compliance with the law.

Very truly yours,

Wanam McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMCD/H

PUBLIC ASSEMBLAGE

SPEAR FOLKS; WALTER M. SPEAR (Mgr.) 495 Congress St.
P.H. & J.M. BROWN COMPANY (Owners) 415 Congress St.
WADSWORTH, BOSTON & TUTTLE (Arch't) Tel. 3-3417 87 Exchange St.

Plans (2 sets) filed here Nov. 17, 44.
Vestibule locksets required.
Not sprinklered.

Capacity as shown on plan and as
is, on location, checks ----- 93
max. employees one time ----- 20
113

Figures given on the back of prints
and O.K'd by Mr. Spear verbally at
the time of filing ----- 120
Max. employees ----- 20
140

There is considerable variation in the above figures both as to patrons
and employees.

The license application and plan check well as to patrons, but it is hard
to account for the noticeable difference in employees. The larger figure I believe
would be nearer correct.

The capacity should be established so as to check wherever it appears.

The second and third floors on the Brown St. side are used in connection
with this store. There is office space and toilet on the second floor, and storage
on the third. Plans were not furnished for these floors, but are to be provided by
the architect. The strength of these floors should be investigated, if the amount
or type of storage makes it questionable.

This store is quite unusual, in that there is an automatic fire door in the
rear of the first floor, Congress St. side. In an emergency this door would divide the
store into two parts, one store fronting on Congress St. 2nd class construction and the
rear part fronting on Brown St. 3rd class construction. It seems advisable to figure
the exits on this basis.

***** FIRST FLOOR *****

FRONT STORE (Congress St.)

The front doors are double acting, each 26" wide, key locked, and bolts top and
bottom. Vestibule lockset must be provided and all other locks and fastenings removed.

There is a door to the right of, and inside of, the front doors. This opens onto
a stairway used by the Spear Folks for light storage, in connection with the front
window display. At the second floor landing there is a locked room on the left (Brown
St. side) used by Fessenden's. A door straight ahead on this landing leads to the third
floor level, which is floored over. This stairway does not enter into this from the
standpoint of safety, regards Spear's, but thought it might be well to have situation
as a matter of record. A door back

A door back of the fountain leads down cellar. The gas heating system is here
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It would, however, seem better in case of an emergency, to have the door at the head of
the stairs self-closing instead of a slide bolt to lock it.

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY

SPEAR ROOMS495 Congress St.

Stairs in rear of store (6 risers) lead to floor level in rear. Stairs should have handrails both sides. The automatic fire door mentioned is on the Congress St. side of the opening at the top of these stairs.

The front store should have a second means of egress without having to pass through the rear store. I believe the stores each side of this are the same ownership and some plan possibly could be worked out.

No aisle spaces have been indicated or shown on the plan. A scale arrangement of chairs, tables, and aisles would change this layout considerably.

PUBLIC ROOM (rear of Congress St.)

The public entrance to and from this room, is by way of the Congress St. store a distance of 65'. This floor is 4' or 5' above the Congress and Brown St. levels. A small kitchen with two employees is on the east side of this room. The only direct means to the outside is a door that is kept bolted, and the plan shows a table in front of it. Seems to me this door makes the best exit, and can be made to meet requirements without too much work. It would be recessed as deep as the door is wide, have an exit light over, vestibule lockset, and handrails both sides of steps to sidewalk. Door will of course swing out. The door shown as opening into the rear hall should be closed and no indication of a door seen. Another door in this room leads to the candy manufacture in the rear (Cumberland Ave. side). The only use of this door is for the employees to carry stock to the front store.

The table arrangement on plan is definitely bad. The only 30" aisle shown is parallel to the north wall. Under the present set-up an emergency causing persons in the rear of the Congress St. store to use the rear room as a means of egress, would find them without any definite aisles, to reach a door to the outside.

Ordinarily the two means of egress shown from this room would be sufficient. The fact that the door at the entrance (one of the means of egress) is not the type door generally used for a means of egress, makes it questionable. This building is third class construction, and has three different rooms with heat producing units. It seems there should be two definite and sure means of egress from this room.

Decorative features are questionable. There is what looks to be a rustic wood fence 4'-7" high around the walls. These pickets are 1 1/2" thick, and wired together. There is a latticed drop ceiling about 9" below the regular ceiling. This is of 1/2" stock with 3" open squares.

CANDY MANUFACTURING ROOM

Since this is on the first floor and has but a maximum of five employees, safety features do not become mandatory. None of the doors from this room have fastenings. The front door to Brown St. has a slide bolt and opens in.

***** BASEMENT *****

DIPPING AND PACKING ROOM (Brown St. level, basement room)

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SPEAR FOLKS(continued) 495 Congress Street

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ICE CREAM & CANDY MANUFACTURE ROOMS (Brown St. rear)

These rooms are not in constant use and would have only a small number of employees when needed. They have two ways out, plus windows at grade level. Should be O.K.

GENERAL (four basement rooms)

A general improvement can, and possibly should be arranged here. Although the maximum number of employees is between six and eight, in normal times, this might be materially increased. It is possible that the number of employees could reach twenty, in which case the various doors would require vestibule locksets. It would be well at this time to have these possible, future requirements understood by the management.

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Spencer Folks
495 Congress St. 12/24/11.
Mr. Little to furnish plans
of 2nd and 3rd floors (rear)
Congress St. side.

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ZONE "G"

FIRE DIST. 1

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

DATE 12/3/45

LOCATION 489 Congress Street OWNER Slay's Jewelry Store
BY W. O. Hutchins TEL. 3-4507
ADDRESS 57 Exchange Street
PRESENT USE OF BUILDING Store
CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION Second NO. OF STORIES 4

INQUIRY: In case a small lift about 4'x12" (size of opening
"6'x15" in floor) were to be installed to run from 1st
to 2nd story with no opening in 2nd story and
self-closing door at top, would an enclosure of
sheet metal similar to a duct be allowable?

ANSWER: Apparently this would be classed as a dumb-
ster which, since it extends through more than one
story, would have to be enclosed in partitions of
1-hour fire resistance, the sheet metal not
meeting this requirement. Told him I would talk
the M.E. to see if due to the fact that there would be
no opening in the 2nd story and the practical difficulty
of installing so small a shaft of one hour fire resist-
ance, there would be any special allowance in this case.

OF REPLY

12/3/45

REPLY BY

A. J. Jenkins

(over)

Congress Street

12/3/45

NOTES

12/4/45- Told Mr. Hutchins
that probably a sheet
metal enclosure would
be OK, provided an
arrangement for
locking of enclosure
could be worked out
that would not in-
terfere too greatly with
direct insertion of
oil. This is a
a long term device -
small package left -

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE
ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES
AT 497 Congress Street, IN PORTLAND, MAINE

P. H. & J. M. BROWN COMPANY, being the owner of the
premises at 497 Congress Street in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by L. L. Luneau
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 _____
P. H. & J. M. BROWN 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 22, day of June, 19 45.

Ramona P. Twitchell,
Witness

P. H. & J. M. BROWN COMPANY
Owner
By V. J. Volk, Treasurer



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED
782

Permit No. 301 18 1945

Portland, Maine, July 13, 1945

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 497 Congress St.

Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached P.H. & J.M. Brown Co.

Name and address of owner of sign Fessenden's

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1945

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 3

Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? no

Vertical dimension after erection 4'2"

Horizontal 4'4"

Weight 50

lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes 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 and cable

Size 1"x1"x3/16" - 5"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'

Maximum projection into street 1'1"

Oliver T. Fessenden
Signature of contractor

United Neon Display

Fee \$ 1.00

ORIGINAL

Permit No. 45/782

Location 497 Congress St.

Owner *Frederick's*

Date of permit 7/17/45

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 8/22/45 V.R.O.

NOTES

*7/22/45. Work in p.m.
and from the cash
on plan to added etc*

GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

RECORD OF PLUMBING PERMIT

DATE Jan. 16, 1945

487 1/2 - 487

Location 489 Congress St.

Lease

Lessee
Owner *Larry's Jewelry*

Source - G. H. & J. M. Brown Co.

Plumber *G. Reuben*

New Building

Old Building ✓

How is building occupied? *Store & office*

How many families?

Number of Stores? $3\frac{1}{2}$

Present Use of Building? Store & office Proposed Use

NATURE OF WORK

Closets
Lavatories
Bath Tubs
Sinks
Laundry Trays
Conductors
Foot Baths
Slop Hoppers
Cuspidors
Soda Fountains
Ice Boxes
Urinals
Shower Baths
Drinking Fountains
Stall Drains
Butler Sinks
Dish Washers
Washing Machines
Soil Pipe Extended Through Roof
Drains
Cellar Drains
Roof Drains
Cement Drain
Removed
Vaults & Cesspools Done Away With

Bisement 1 /

Stories

REMARKS:

at the Bureau of War Relocation Authority
Days since

489 Congress

Show floor framing and alignment
of any needed.

Show way of providing resistance
resistance at floor.

Show way of wall against side
pressure to be

312-2 2" gypsum board not thick enough for
resistance unless plastered

312-2 Class C (labeled) frame door in
structural channel frames.
self closing or automatic door
to R.R.
mid in
framing walls
S. Patton

method of supporting cars.

Structural capacity of gypsum
board

423 Congress St.

January 5, 1945

ATH
HRP
RMT
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F. J. Bailey Inc.
72 Free Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Application for permit for constructing
dumb waiter shaft at 423 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

Application and plan appears short of the following information to show compliance with the Building Code:

1. Show floor framing at each level and what, if any, adjustments are needed to make way for the shaftway and to support the enclosing partitions.
2. Show construction of enclosing partitions more in detail to establish separations of at least one hour fire resistance. See Sections 411-F-3.2 and 302-a-Schedule 1.
3. Show type of construction of wall against which new shaftway is shown. Is it brick or what?
4. Standard Class C (labelled as approved in rooms and corridors partitions) fire doors are required in each opening set in frames of structural channels. Doors must be either self-closing (normally closed and kept closed by an approved device) or automatic closing (normally open but capable of closing of themselves in case of fire). See Section 302-c-2. Requirement for channel iron frames comes from regulations of Fire Underwriters as to protection of openings in vertical shaftways which is made a requirement of the Code by action of Municipal Officers as indicated in Appendix A, page 173. There is the same authority for the requirement that the doors shall be self-closing or automatic closing.
5. Show more detail of the fire resistive top of shaftway enclosure and how the sneaves supporting the small cars are to be fastened. Gypsum tile is not usually considered as essentially a structural material, and it is to be borne in mind that wood-work cannot be used to stiffen the walls, for lintels or for door frames.
6. Please furnish a small scale diagrammatic plan showing the location of the proposed shaftway as regards the balance of the building; also indicate the above matters on the plan and furnish fresh print.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

cc: Day's Inc.
423 Congress Street



GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure second

Permit No. _____

Portland, Maine, Jan-2, 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 489 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Day's Inc. 489 Congress St. Telephone 2-2864

Contractor's name and address F.O. Bailey Inc. 72 Free St. Telephone _____

Architect _____ Plans filed _____ No. of sheets _____

Proposed use of building Mercantile No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 2.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof mansard Roofing _____

Last use Mercantile No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To install hand operated dumb waiter to run from first to third floors inclusive, through two floors. as per plan filed.

CITY OF PORTLAND
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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? no

Is any electrical work involved in this work? no Height average grade to top of plate _____

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____

To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

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

Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____

Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____ to be accommodated _____

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

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

Signature of owner _____ Day's Inc.

Ray J. Rubinoff

56461

Permit No. 751

Location 489 Congress St.

Owner Jay's Inc.

Date of permit

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

[Handwritten signature and initials]

INQUIRY BLANK

ZONE _____

FIRE DIST. _____

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

DATE 9/13/44

Verbal
By Telephone

LOCATION 489 Congress Street OWNER Slays Jewelry Company

MADE BY Mr. Charles E. O'Brien TEL. 2-5523

ADDRESS Charles E. O'Brien

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING Store

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION Second Class NO. OF STORIES 3

REMARKS: _____

INQUIRY: Can dumbwaiter shaft about 8" x 18" be built
- from 1st story to 3rd story and enclosed in wood
- that is covered with asbestos lumber or a sheet of all
- metal construction?

ANSWER: Building Code requires that this shaft be equivalent
- to a 6" x 6" fire rated wall with all openings covered
- with self-closing fire doors.

OK.
mm
9/13/44

DATE OF REPLY 9/13/44 REPLY BY agf

June 11, 1942.

Ray's Jewelry Store
409 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Building permit for permanently
closing existing bulkhead and ceiling
entrance at the rear of the building
at 409 Congress Street.

Gentlemen:

I am issuing the above permit to William Vassar, your contractor, on the basis that this cellar will never be habitually occupied by more than two persons; and that there is an inside stairway leading from the cellar to the first story which is always fit for use to give access to the cellar and exit from it.

There is no information with the application for the permit to indicate whether there are means of reaching the cellar from the outside other than the entrance now to be closed. While the Building Code does not control access to the cellar, it is of great importance to you as tenants, to the owners and to the Fire Department that there will always be a reasonably good opportunity of gaining access to the cellar on the part of the Fire Department in case of fire there.

It is my belief that the Chief of the Fire Department has authority under the State law to require such means of access in case of fire, and before this bulkhead entrance is permanently closed, I suggest that you get Chief Sanborn's approval upon the closing of it.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WCV/2

CC: P. M. & J. H. Brown Co.
415 Congress Street

William Vassar
95 Sheridan Street

Chief Sanborn



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

PERMIT ISSUED

Portland, Maine, June 9, 1943 JUN 10 1943

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 459 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address J. B. Brown & Sons Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Day's Jewelry Store, 100 Commercial St. Telephone 3-7705
Architect _____ Plans filed no No. of sheets _____
Proposed use of building Stores No. families _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 25. Fee \$.25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 2-1 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use Stores No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To close up existing bulkhead and cellar entrance, rear of building, with 8" masonry above grade and 12" below grade.

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? no
Is any electrical work involved in this work? no Height average grade to top of plate _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

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

If a Garage

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

Miscellaneous

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

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner _____

J. B. Brown & Sons
Day's Jewelry Store

392212

Permit No. 43/534

Location 489 Congress St.

Owner J. H. Brown, Jr.

Date of Permit 6/10/43 Days

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

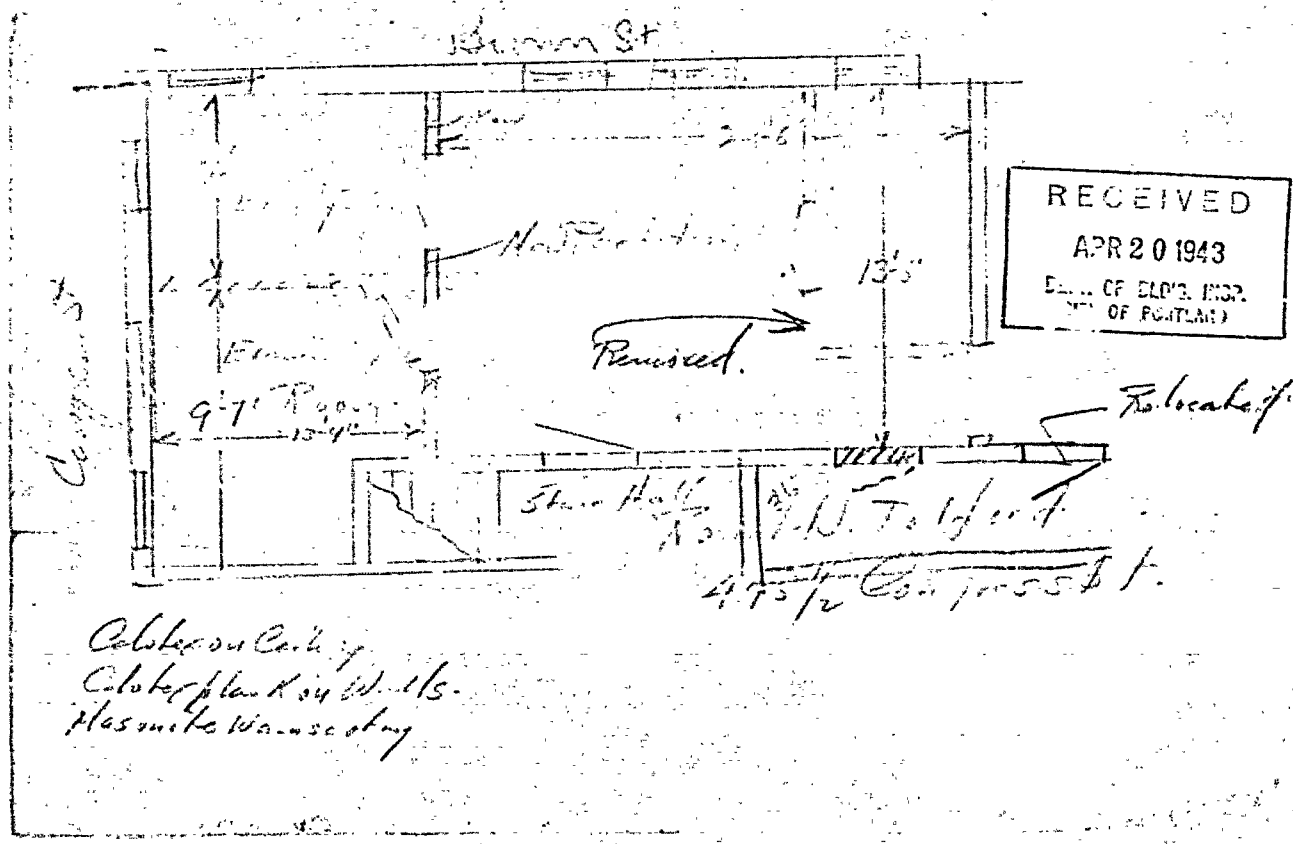
Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 6/12/43

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

6/9/43 - The doorway to be closed up is not now being worked on the inside. The basement is used only for storage. Opening will be closed with brick wall & floor will be done outside this wall so there is a stairway to the cell in from the rear of the store - 1st
6/12/43 - Work done - OK



Colored on Carls
Colored plan by W. H. S.
Plasnik's W. H. S. Co.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Permit No. 0330

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, April 30, 1912

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

Location 49th Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Portland J. Telford Telephone 2-5251
Contractor's name and address Portland J. Telford Telephone 2-5251
Architect Portland J. Telford Telephone 2-5251
Proposed use of building Stores and Offices Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1
Other buildings on same lot No. families
Estimated cost \$ 1.85

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Fee \$ 1.00

Material brick No. stories 3 Heat Style of roof Roofing
Last use Stores and Offices No. families

General Description of New Work

To rearrange partitions in office on second floor as shown on plan
2x4 studs 16" O.C., plaster board
To relocate door to closet in this office

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

CN-4/20/40-2gd

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Is any plumbing work involved in this work?
Is any electrical work involved in this work? Height average grade to top of plate
Size, front depth No. stories Height average grade to highest point of roof
To be erected on solid or filled land? earth or rock?
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar
Material of underpinning Height Thickness
Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining
Kind of heat Type of fuel Is gas fitting involved?
Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size
Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
On centers: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
Maximum span: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

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

Miscellaneous

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

INSPECTION COPY Signature of Portland J. Telford
Inspector

Permit No. 43/330
Location 495 1/2 Congress St.
Owner R. J. Telford
Date of permit 4/20/43
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 6/9/43
Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

6/9/43 Work done -

See

2nd floor

for

fire

alarm

work

done

on

6/9/43

See

2nd floor

for

fire

alarm

work

done

on

6/9/43

See

2nd floor

for

fire

alarm

work

done

on

6/9/43

See

2nd floor

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Room 21, City Hall

Gentlemen:

In connection with the installation of oil burning equipment as indicated in statement below, please sign this statement and return to this office as promptly as possible so that the permit may be issued if everything else is found in order, retaining the copy for your file.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

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1. This statement is to become as much a part of the application for a permit to cover installation of oil burning equipment for Day's Jewelry Store at 489 Congress Street, as though written on the application form.

2. A switch or other manual control capable of completely stopping flow of oil to the burner will be provided, such device to be so located as to be conveniently reached and operated without being exposed to danger that may exist at or near the burner. If feasible this switch or similar device will be located at or near the top of the cellar stairs. In case the burner is of a type without electrical controls, a quick-closing valve will be provided in the oil supply line so located and arranged that the valve may be manually closed from the top of the cellar stairs, or outside of the room where the burner is located or from outside the building.

3. A quick action, self-closing valve designed to close at 160 to 165 degrees Fahrenheit will be provided in oil supply line.

4. Readily accessible shut-off valves, one of which may be the self-closing valve indicated in No. 3 if capable of manual operation, will be installed in oil supply line near each burner and close to supply tank. Shut-off valves will be installed on each side of oil strainers which are not a part of the oil burner unit or which are connected to oil burner unit without intervening piping or tubing. Shut-off valves will be provided both on the discharge side and the suction side of oil pumps, if any, which pump directly to the burner but which are not a part of the burner unit.

5. If there is to be a shut-off valve in the discharge line of an oil pump, a suitable pressure relief valve will be connected into the discharge line between pump and shut-off valve and arranged to return surplus oil to the storage tank or to by-pass it around the pump.

(Date) 8/12/41

Portland Seaboard Co.
Installer

By H. M. Westervelt