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Ms. Deb Andrews
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Planning and Urban Development Department
389 Congress Street, Room 308
Portland, ME 04101

May 25, 2012

Re: Otto Pizza, 576 Congress Street

Dear Ms. Andrews,

I am representing the interests of Mike Keon, one of two owners of Otto Pizza. A separate correspondence has been sent to Ms. Jeanie Bourke regarding the proposed use of the structure in question, located at 576 Congress Street. Attached you will find photographs of the current building façade and the adjacent building façade located at 574 Congress Street which serves as a current Otto Pizza kitchen and takeout counter, both facilities are intended to be street-level “business occupancies”, the floors above and the existing businesses are to be unaffected.

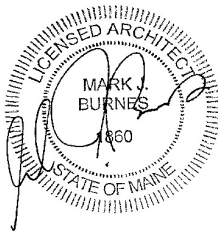
The building is estimated to be in excess of 80-100 years old. The original exterior brick masonry finish remains above the first floor, it will not be renovated or modified as part of this proposed project. The street level façade (photo attached) is currently comprised of an EFIS exterior finish with a non-descript glazing fenestration. The sum totals of which represents a very unappealing aesthetic.

The goal of Otto Pizza is to retain the current “unique” historically significant entry door and hardware and glazed openings while replacing the EFIS exterior finish with a painted wood paneled siding. The intent is to match the finishes and detailing currently in place on the adjacent 574 Congress Street building. The new façade will employ the use of the same trim dimensions and profiles, paint colors, awnings and lighting. The final product will represent a seamless continuation of the existing Otto Pizza façade. Attached please find a rendering of the renovated exterior façade.

In submitting this letter and the attached documentation the Owner understands the following applicable standards and desires of the City of Portland; an effort will be made to avoid or minimally alter any character-defining aspect of the building when possible, remaining distinguishing qualities will be retained, cleaning and maintenance shall be done in a thoughtful and respectfully manner, and the alterations shall be performed to retain the integrity of the existing structure to enable subsequent work to be performed so as not to create greater harm to the remaining existing structure and its inherent historically significant qualities.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the materials provided or the intentions of Otto Pizza in the design or execution, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mark J. Burnes

Cc: Mike Keon (Otto Pizza), Jeanie Bourke (City of Portland), File Attachments



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