



(C) GENERAL BUSINESS PERMIT
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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Permit No. 0025

JAN 28 1944

Class of Building or Type of Structure _____ Record Class _____

Portland, Maine, January 14, 1944

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 579 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress St. Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Brown Construction Co., 542 Congress St. Telephone _____
Architect F. O. Arnitage Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families _____
Other buildings on same lot _____ Fee \$ 1.00
Estimated cost \$ 125

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine
579 Congress St.—replacing revolving doors at entrance to Congress Square Hotel with
double acting doors—Brown Construction Co., Builders—F. O. Arnitage, Architect.
1/14/44

To Owner, Builder and Architect:

Presumably reference in Mr. Kelley's letter of Jan. 10th to a new floor in lobby means a new floor surface. If that is the case, the work need not be included in the permit, as the contractor has assumed; but care should be taken to see that the new surface, especially if heavy tile or terrazzo, will not overload the floor framing.

Only one blueprint, marked Sheet No. 1, was filed with the application for the permit. I am puzzled by a note on that one print which says: "Existing revolving doors shown on Sheet #1 of 2 filed with Building Inspector." Evidently Mr. Brown neglected to file all of the plans which he had. Will he please do so, for the sheet that we have means very little without the others. With only this one sheet I can not intelligently against the Code, but I am issuing the permit, believing that both architect and builder must have checked for themselves.

(Signed) Warren McDonald

Inspector of Buildings

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS MET

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____
Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
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 eaves _____ 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 _____, height _____
If one story building with masonry wall, 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 side 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 Congress Square Hotel Co.

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(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. **00-3**

Class of Building or Type of Structure

Address

Material of walls _____ No. stories **8** Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use _____ Hotel and stores _____ No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To remove existing revolving doors and replace with double acting door 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.

**CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____
Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of foundation _____ Height _____
Material of underpinning _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
Kind of roof _____ No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
Framing lumber _____ Kind _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Corner posts _____ Max. on centers _____
Material columns under girders _____
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 _____ height? _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____

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

Miscellaneous

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 _____
Inspector _____

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No 44/28

Location 579 Congress St

Owner Congress Bldg. Hotel Co.

Date of permit 1/13/44

Conf. closing-in

Insp. closing-in

Final Notif

Final Inspn. 2/25/44

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

1/11/44 Work underway

2/1/44 - Permit all work

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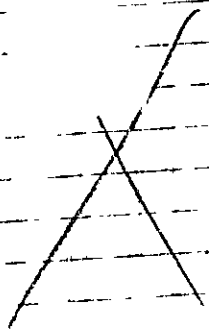
2/1/44 - Work about

2/1/44 - Work about

Permit No. 44/28 1
Location 579 Congress St
Owner Congress Sq Hotel Co.
Date of permit 1/13/44
out. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 2/25/44
Cert. o. Occupancy issued None

NOTES

1/21/44 Work underway
2/25/44 - Final inspection
2/25/44 - Work completed
2/25/44 - Work completed



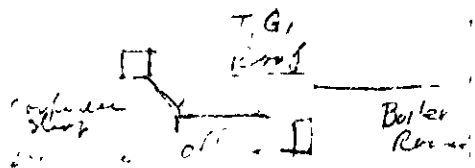
Compress Supply Co

Fire Escape

Cost 235
Tel. 3-6471

Post File

RECEIVED
OCT 1 - 1941
DEPT. OF FIRE INSPECTION
CITY OF PORTLAND



41/1528-1

none

October 10, 1941

Maguire & Jones Co.,
33 Pearl Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Fire escape for Congress Square
Hotel Co. at 12-26 Forest Ave.

Gentlemen:

You are certainly entitled to an apology in connection with the above job, especially as relates to my letter of October 7, 1941, and I hope you will consider this letter (Congress Square Hotel Co. has a copy) an adequate one.

May I explain that the mistake occurred through a confusion of plans filed here in that the original incomplete plan was the only one that came through to me with Mr. Elliott's application for the permit.

I did not see the revised plan until today, although two copies with Mr. Elliott's statement of design were evidently received here on August 29th. I appreciate the fact that the revised plan is very complete including a location plan. I take it that the upper landing is to be supported by two 4" I beams cantilevered from and fastened to the roof.

The 10'-6" clearance under bracket satisfies the Building Code even for a public alley.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

Megquier & Jones Company

STRUCTURAL STEEL

33 PEARL STREET

PORTLAND, MAINE

Oct. 9, 1941

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
Portland, Maine.

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO DELAY CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS, STRIKES, FIRES, CARRIERS, OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing a print of our drawing of Congress Square fire escape which was mailed to you Aug. 28th after revising. We cannot understand why you wrote us such a letter on Oct. 7th as all the points in question are on the drawing.

We kept the fire escape near to the high part of the platform so as to make tip stairs as short as possible. If it is moved away from Forest Ave. any farther it would be impossible to get weights enough to lift it and keep the bracket up to a clear height.

We are sorry this happened, and would suggest that you write another letter to the owners.

Yours truly,

Megquier & Jones Co.

H. C. Elliott
HCS

Rec'd
10/10/41

HCE:LEB

Recd. 3937-I

October 7, 1941.

Megawyer & Jones Co.
55-41-1 Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Fire escape for Congress
Square Hotel Co., 12-26 Forest
Avenue

Gentlemen:

I regret the fact that I have told you repeatedly that I could not issue permits for fire escapes which do not show the design of the fire escape fully. I am issuing the above permit although the design plan, as far as I can discover, has not a single indication on it as to the size, thickness or fastenings of the structural parts, and has no statement of design as required and as you have been notified a number of times.

This is being done because of the long delay on this job through no fault in this office.

I doubt if we shall be able to proceed in such fashion again. In fact the rush of work in this office makes it necessary for me to say that when these incomplete plans and applications come in we shall have to merely hold them until the applicant gets to wonder why the permit has not been received and then comes in and makes the application and plan so that we can tell whether or not the project complies with the law.

This permit is issued on the basis that the driveway over which the fire escape will be is a private not a public driveway or alley. Were this a public alley in the sense that it were for the use of more than one owner all parts of the fire escape, except when the counterbalance portion were down, would have to clear the surface of the driveway by at least ten feet and six inches.

The owner, who is receiving a copy of this letter, ought to bear in mind the fact that the bottom of the bracket will apparently clear the level of the driveway by only about nine feet. Should a sizeable truck have occasion to back up to the end of the sloping platform it would almost certainly run against the lower brackets supporting the counterbalanced portion. It is not apparent why the fire escape could not be moved a few feet further from Forest Avenue and thus bring the bracket over the platform instead of over the driveway.

Very truly yours,

McL/H

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Congress Square Hotel Co.
579 Congress St.

September 26, 1941.

McGuire & Jones Co.,
38 Pearl Street,
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:

Attention Mr. A. E. Jones

Replying to your inquiry of September 24th relating to action on fire escapes for the Congress Square Hotel Co. and for Dr. Robinson at 55 Deering Street, the former plans, that of the Congress Square Hotel, are awaiting an application for a permit to cover the erection of the fire escape.

No action has been taken on the plans for Dr. Robinson's fire escape for two reasons, first, we have not yet been able to issue a general permit to Dr. Robinson for his other alterations because of uncertainty as to just how he would proceed. I talked with Dr. Robinson about ten days or two weeks ago and asked him if he had decided to have you erect the fire escape, because some of his remarks indicated that he was getting figures from other parties. He said he had not made up his mind.

I hate to appear non-cooperative, and do not intend to be so, but we are completely "swamped" with work as no doubt you are. For that reason it takes a very long time indeed for inquiries to be answered if they are not put in the form of applications for permits. Our first orders of business are to take care of dangerous emergencies and next to examine applications for permits and plans and to issue the permits. Since we have so much work that fall in or the other of these two categories our other work has to await an opportunity to handle it.

Thus merely sending a print of a fire escape or anything else to this office causes a great deal of delay for the sender but which is unavoidable on our part.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

McB/W. P.S. I trust both of these plans which were filed here show the details of construction, the location of the escape and the size, etc. of structural parts.



*File with
Congressional
Record
1/25/41*

Megquier & Jones Company

STRUCTURAL STEEL

33 PEARL STREET

PORTLAND, MAINE

Sept. 24, 1941

Mr. Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings,
Portland, Maine.

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO DELAY CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS, STRIKES, FIRES, CARRIERS, OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Dear Sir:

We would like information concerning two fire escapes, one for the Congress Square Hotel Co. and the other for Dr. Bohannon, 33 Deering St. These plans were submitted to you sometime ago.

The owners are anxious to have these erected, so we would appreciate having your approval of same. If any revisions are needed, kindly note same and we will send you drawings with such revisions.

Yours truly,

Megquier & Jones Co.

[Signature]

AHJ:LEB

*No Permit
was ever
made for
Congress
Square
Hotel
9/25/41*

*See Jones - appeal
re'd 9/25/41*



GENERAL BUSINESS COMPLIMENT PERMIT
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 1523
OCT 7 1941

Location or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, October 1, 1941

To the INS. LAND, ME.

The undersigned permit to erect alter and the following building structure and, in accordance with the laws of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specific.

Location 122th Street
Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co.
Contractor's name and address Megquier & Jones Co., 33 Pearl St.
Architect
Proposed use of building Hotel stores, etc.
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 235.
Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Telephone 6471
Plans filed yes No. of sheets 7
No. families
Fee \$ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 1 Heat Style of roof Roofing
Last use Storage, hotel, etc. No. families

General Description of New Work

To erect metal fire escape from roof to ground as per plan

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

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 or 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) 2x4-10" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and 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 a charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed?

Signature of owner Congress Square Hotel Co.
Signature of contractor Megquier & Jones Co.

VERIFICATION REQUIRED OF
OR CLOSING IS WANTED
DATE OF OCCUPANCY

NOTES



PERMIT NO. 66
JUL 8 1940
JUL 14 1940
GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

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 579 Congress Street

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Commercial Hotel Co. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Name and address of owner of sign Commercial Hotel Co.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 27 Monument Square

When does contractor's bond expire October 1, 1940 Telephone 2-060

Stories 7 Information Concerning Building

Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 11' 9 1/2" Horizontal 5'

Weight 200 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

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

Rigid connective 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

Through bolts 5 Size 5/8" Location, top or bottom top

Guys 5 material steel cable Size 1/2"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street 5' 3"

CITY OF PORTLAND
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Signature of contractor United Neon Display

Fee \$ 1.00

No. 1717/678-0-31

Location 579 Congress St

Owner Congress Hotel Co

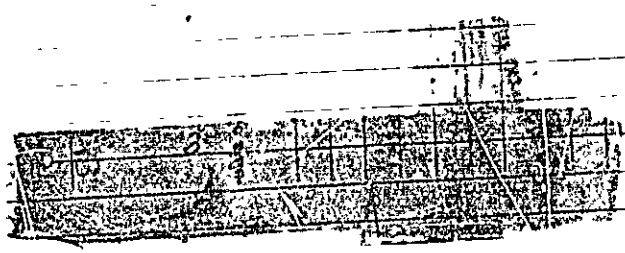
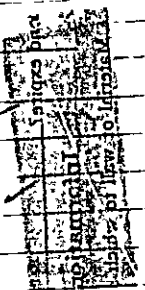
Date of permit 5/6/40

Sign Contract or

Final Insp. 1/

NOTES

St. Leon
Shop Insp 4/17/40
Distance above sidewalk
Through Bolts 4/17/40



Commercial Signs

CARD, CLOTH
WOOD, GLASS
METAL AND

Electric Signs

PHONE DIAL 4-1702

ESTABLISHED 1905



225 1/2 MIDDLE STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

Store Front Advertising

WALL OR BULLETIN
TO PROMOTE THE
SALE OF ANYTHING

Bronze Letters - Tablets

SKETCHES FURNISHED

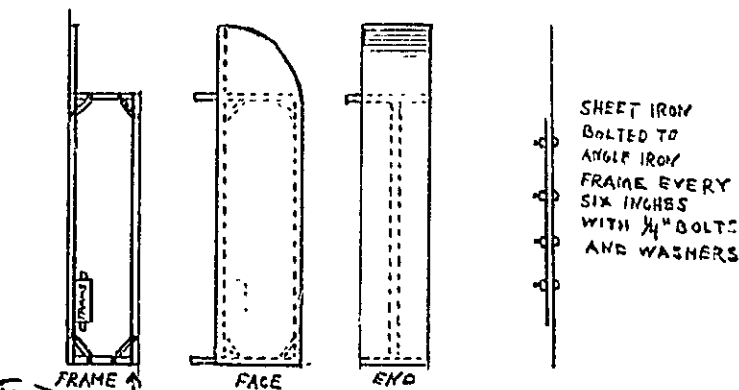
Oct. 14-1939.

Inspector of Buildings,
Portland, Maine.
Dear Sir,-

Understanding all essential details of the proposition
of erecting projecting sign for *Conyers & Sons Billings Factor*
tenant, fastened to the building or on the premises at *8 Front Ave*
, the owner's approval of the proposition
and authorization to issue the permit covering the erection is
hereby given

George W. Stearns
(owner's approval)

SINGLE FRAME



SHEET IRON
BOLTED TO
ANGLE IRON
FRAME EVERY
SIX INCHES
WITH $\frac{1}{4}$ " BOLTS
AND WASHERS

FRAME $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " ANGLE IRON
CORNER IRONS $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " BAND IRON
FRAME BOLTS $\frac{3}{8}$ "
HANGING IRONS $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " ANGLE IRON
ANCHOR PLATE $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{3}{16}$ " x 5" (3)
TO BUILDING

FASTENINGS
IN ANCHOR PLATE $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" EXPANSION BOLTS (2)
TO BUILDING

TRANSFORMER
BOLTED TO FRAME $\frac{3}{8}$ " BOLTS (2)

ALL BOLTS
INTO BUILDING $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 3" EXPANSION BOLTS (6)

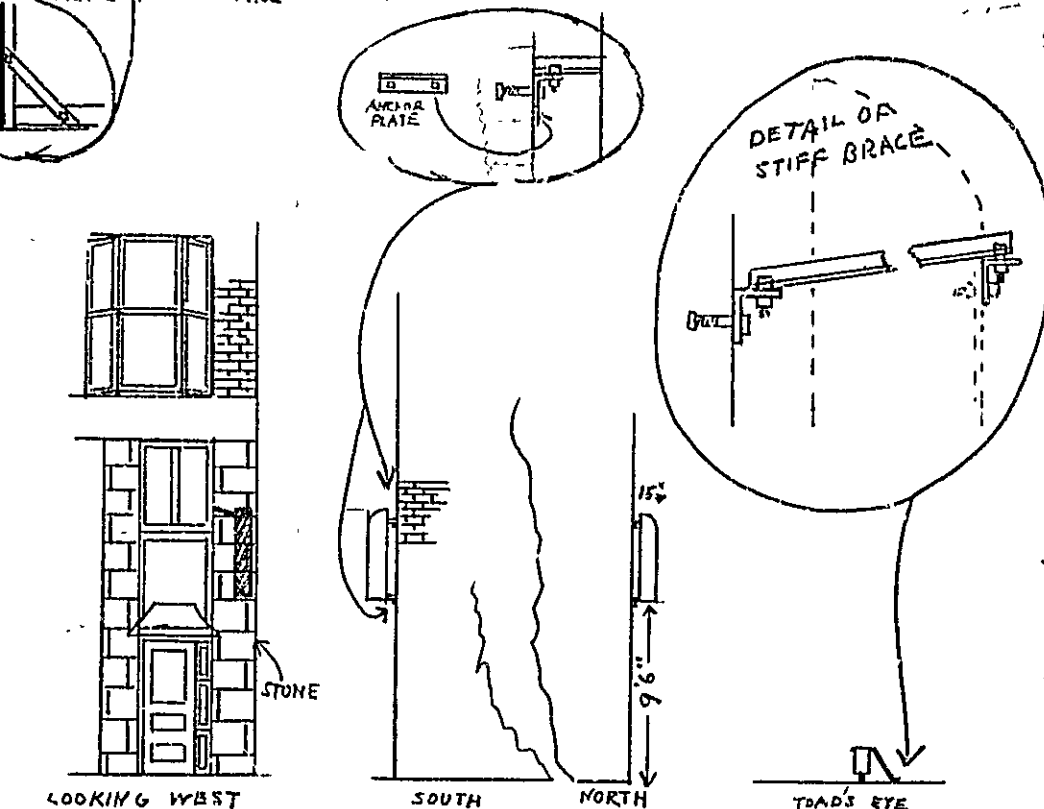
ALL BOLTS
IN SIGN IRONS $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $1\frac{1}{2}$ " (4)

STIFF BRACE (1)

UP PULL NONE

FACE OF BUILDING STONE

SIGN 4'8" HIGH 12" WIDE 11" THICK
FACE OF BUILDING STONE
SIGN 4'-8" x 12" x 11" the
high wide



LOOKING WEST

SOUTH

NORTH

TOAD'S EYE

8 FOREST AVE



(7) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 1920

Portland, Maine, Oct. 23, 1934.

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 8 Forest Ave., (No 579-585 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Congress Square Hotel Co.,

Name and address of owner of sign Congress Square Billiard Parlor, 8 Forest Ave.,

Contractor's name and address G. C. Tainsh Sign Co., 225 1/2 Middle St. Telephone 1-1702

When does contractor's bond expire? Oct. 1-1940

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 7 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached _____

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 4'-8" Horizontal 12'

Weight 65 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame 1-4" x 3/16" angle iron No. advertising faces two, material galv. iron

No. rigid connections 3 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts no, Size no, Location, top or bottom no

No. guys 1- stiff brace 3/16" x 1 1/2", Size 9ft 6"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street _____ Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor G. C. TAINSH SIGN CO.

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 34/1930

Location 8 Forest Ave

Owner Crigens G. Billed Phil

Date of permit 10/26/37

St tractor

Final Insp 11/9/39 O.K.

Sticker NOTES

11/39 Ready for ship

2.35 in side track 1/31

Flc Insp ✓

Shop 11/8/39 ✓

Sign file plan made

Distance above sidewalk ✓

Ornament Under side 11/8/39 ✓



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 28, 1939

AUG 28 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect or alter 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 12-26 Forest Avenue (in 579-585 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress St. Telephone 2-5411

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores and hotel No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost \$ 150 Fee \$ 75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 6 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Stores and hotel No. families

General Description of New Work

To divide up former studio (radio) on seventh floor into offices as per plan submitted

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS 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 Congress Square Hotel Co.

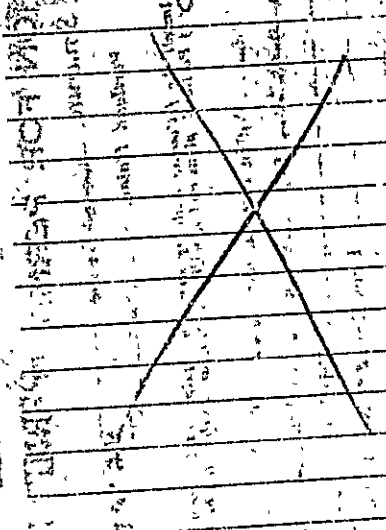
Signature of owner

INSTRUCTION COPY

Permit No. 39/1375
Location 12.26 Forest G
City Campden Sq/Hotel G
Date of permit 5/28/39
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 5/15/41
Certificate of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

5/15/41 - 2nd floor probably
done. No inspection
made at





Original Permit No. 19/1934

Amendment No. 2

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, March 17, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 37,100 pertaining to the building or structure constructed in the original application 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 519 Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. 25411

Contractor's name and address Owner

Plans filed as part of this Amendment Yes No. of Sheets 1

Increased cost of work \$ 500. Additional fee .25

Description of Proposed Work

To provide all metal air-conditioning room app 12' x 17' on roof of building and over existing arcade as per plan submitted

Congress Square Hotel Co.

Signature of Owner

Approved:

Chief of Fire Department.

Commissioner of Public Works.

Approved:

Inspector of Buildings

THE OFFICE OF
JOHN P. THOMAS, ARCHITECT
1 FREE STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

G-3025

March 7, 1939

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

Rec'd 3/7/39
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Dear Mr. McDonald:

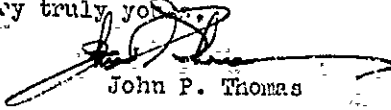
This refers to your letter of February 4th relative to the Building Permit covering alterations in the seventh floor and roof of the Congress Square Hotel and is complimentary to my letter of February 10th on the same subject.

As requested in your letter, I am handing you herewith Megquier & Jones' shop drawings numbered Job 8856, sheets Nos. 5, 9 & 14, all in duplicate. These cover all connections of the hanging rods from the trusses to beams both old and new in the seventh floor construction. If you will refer to our sheets Nos. 2 & 3 you will find the location of rods marked R1, etc., S1, etc., and you will find the same identifying symbols on the shop drawings.

May I refer to the fifth paragraph of your letter of February 4th, relative to the beams under the north side of the transcription room? Both these beams are framed into the existing 15" I beams. These I beams are strengthened by rods from the trusses numbered S2 & S6, which in both cases cut the existing spans practically in half. The rod S4 in addition is secured to one of the 10" W.F. beams.

Referring to the third paragraph of your letter, the air conditioning room has been designed and its construction, etc. is indicated on a separate drawing, which we presume the Hotel has already turned over to you for your approval.

My letter of February 10th and this letter will cover, I believe, all the matters taken up in your letter of February 4th, with the exception of the paragraph concerning the space between the present roof and the new ceilings. Since the contract for air conditioning has not yet been let, we are not able at this writing to give you the details regarding pipes and ducts in this location. As soon as they are possible of determination, we will submit them to you.

Very truly yours,

John P. Thomas

JPT/D

cc: Mr. George F. Kelley, Jr.

JOHN P. THOMAS, A. I. A.

THE OFFICE OF
JOHN P. THOMAS, ARCHITECT
21 FREE STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

ALBERT CYPRIAN HOBBS, C. E.

C-3700

February 10, 1939

RECEIVED
FEB 10 1939
DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings
City Building
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

This will refer to the various matters taken up in your letter of February 4th concerning the permit covering alterations in the seventh floor and roof of the Congress Square Hotel. As stated in your letter, the design of the steel work has been checked once and I have personally checked it a second time. I am handing you herewith my own stress diagrams. If you check these carefully, you will note that the stresses are as close as can be secured and that the stress diagrams close practically to fact.

Before the walls and roof of the air conditioning room are started, the construction will naturally be submitted to you for your approval.

We will also see that the 2 x 8s strengthening the 2 x 12s are blocked up as you mentioned.

In relation to the two wide flange beams on the north side of the transcription room, the details of the various connections will be submitted to you shortly.

The suspended ceiling will be of non-combustible materials, including the hangers. We will be glad to take up the details of this matter, as well as the sprinkling, when the details are completed.

There is no strapping on the exterior walls of the building, everything having been removed down to the structural framework. If you will carefully look over the sections on sheet "C", you will note that the concrete slab under the studio extends to the walls and forms a complete fire cut-off at the level of the seventh floor.

If you will look carefully at sheet "D" showing the trusses you will see that the sizes of all members are given and that there is nothing less than 3/8" thickness used.

JOHN PICKERING THOMAS A. A.

ALBERT CYPRIAN HOESE C. E.

THE OFFICE OF
JOHN P. THOMAS, ARCHITECT
21 FREE STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

Mr. Warren McDonald

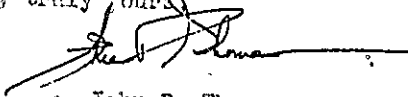
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The contractor informs us that the truss connections are to be rivetted.

You are correct in your reading of the requirement for the painting of steel. Much of the finish work, including plastering, painting, etc. is to be done by the owner and at least one final field coat will be called for under this specification.

We would appreciate it if the truss diagrams handed you herewith could be returned to this office after you have had an opportunity to investigate them.

Very truly yours,



John P. Thomas

JPT/D
Enc.

cc: Mr. George Kolley



PERMIT ISSUED

Original Permit No. 39/100
Amendment No. 1 FEB 23 1939

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, February 21, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 39/100 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 579 Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. 579 Congress St. Owner

Contractor's name and address _____ No. of Sheets 1

Plans filed as part of this Amendment yes Additional fee .25

Increased cost of work 100

Description of Proposed Work

To relocate new stand in first floor lobby
To ~~install~~ provide new toilet room (ladies), first floor as shown on plan, to be ventilated by vent shaft at least fifty-six square inches in cross section through roof, doors to be at least twenty-four inches wide and made self-closing in such a way that there will be little chance of both doors being open at the same time - new partition 2x3 studs; 12" OS covered on both sides with metal lath and plaster.
This will require both new plumbing and electrical work Congress Square Hotel Co.

Signature of Owner Dr. B. B. B. B.

City Dept. Letter sent 2-23-39

Approved: Wm. B. B. B. B. Restaurant Inspector

Approved: 2/23/39

Inspector of Buildings

Commissioner of Public Works

INSPECTION COPY

File Rept. 37070-1

February 4, 1933

Mr. John P. Thomas
21 Free Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

I am issuing the building permit covering alterations in the seventh floor and roof of the Congress Square Hotel at 579 Congress Street to the Hotel Company today with a copy of this letter. Please note the following:

I am forced to rely to a great extent upon Mr. Farrington's statement of design as regards the design of the steel work, especially the trusses, but Mr. Lovejoy tells me that all of his designs have been checked at least once independently. I shall put some time on it later, but believe that the permit should not be withheld longer under these circumstances.

The walls and roof of the air conditioning room are not included in this permit because material and details are not indicated on the plans. It will be necessary to cover this part by an amendment to the original permit, but your attention is called to the probability of the necessity of fireproofing the steel intended to carry at least the walls, if they are planned of masonry.

Where the present 2x12's are to be strengthened by spiking to them 2x8's, the 2x8's ought to be blacked up to a good bearing on the steel beams at each end.

Two wide flange beams are shown under the north side of the transcription room, one of them to be supported by rods hanging from the trusses. Method of supporting the other is not shown, but it is assumed that this beam is to be supported upon the present 15" I-beams. When this detail has been worked out I should like to have a record of it for completing our files.

It is understood that you intend to suspend a ceiling beneath the roof and that certain pipes and ducts are to be installed in this space. May we have details of this ceiling hanging, etc., when they are completed? I am enclosing copies of Sections 342 and 343 of the Building Code relating to ventilation for your guidance. I understand the corridors, etc., of the hotel are protected by an automatic sprinkler system, and I presume this concealed space will be similarly protected. Presumably the outside walls of the building at this change are stripped or will be to attach the wall finish. Incombustible fire stops should be provided at the new ceiling level to cut off the spaces behind the wall finish from the concealed space above the ceiling.

I cannot discover that all of the member sizes of the trusses are indicated clearly on the drawings. May I have this information as soon as it is added. Perhaps there is a note somewhere covering this situation. I presume you are aware of the requirement that the minimum thickness of steel exposed to the outside air, except for fillers, webs of rolled beams and the channels, etc., is 5/16" and for inside work 1/4". Referring to Section 8 of the specifications, I presume no welding is contemplated as I have had no request for approval of such type of connections.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, December 8, 1938

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 579 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone _____
Architect John P. Thomas Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Stores and hotel No. families _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$15,000 Fee \$ 14.25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 7 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use Stores and hotel No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To alter non-bearing walls and partitions in the 7th story to relocate radio studio in accordance with detailed plans to be furnished at a later date, at which time the stated building permit fee will be paid.

12/8/38 Preliminary Permit - To cut a certain opening about 2' x 8' in a brick wall between the control room and the future studio

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

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
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 _____ Typ 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

Congress Square Hotel Co.

Signature of owner J. P. Thomas

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 39/100

Loc. 19 Congress St.

Own. Regis. & Hotel Co.

Date. nit 12/4/39

Notif. closing-in

Insp. inc-in

Final Notif.

Final Ins. INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

2/14/39 - Work started

2/21/39 - Same

2/28/39 - Work on side

3/5/39 - Work on side

3/12/39 - Work on side

3/19/39 - Work on side

3/26/39 - Work on side

4/2/39 - Work on side

4/9/39 - Work on side

4/16/39 - Work on side

4/23/39 - Work on side

4/30/39 - Work on side

5/7/39 - Work on side

5/14/39 - Work on side

5/21/39 - Work on side

5/28/39 - Work on side

6/4/39 - Work on side

6/11/39 - Work on side

6/18/39 - Work on side

6/25/39 - Work on side

7/2/39 - Work on side

7/9/39 - Work on side

7/16/39 - Work on side

7/23/39 - Work on side

7/30/39 - Work on side

8/6/39 - Work on side

8/13/39 - Work on side

8/20/39 - Work on side

8/27/39 - Work on side

9/3/39 - Work on side

9/10/39 - Work on side

9/17/39 - Work on side

9/24/39 - Work on side

Putting in frame rods

to top of trusses B + C

A.C.S.

3/30/39 - Work on side

A.C.S.

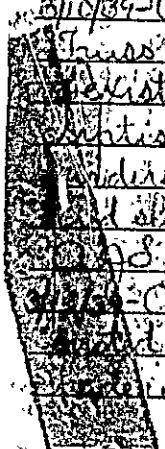
4/6/39 - Same

4/29/39 - Reworked

floor framing for front

made record for work

McGowan + Jones



STATEMENT

PORTLAND, MAINE, _____ 193__

IN ACCOUNT WITH

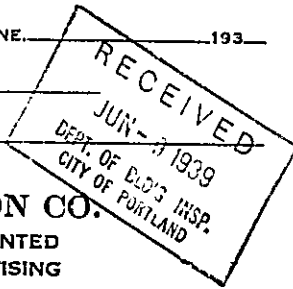
MILLETTE NEON CO.

NEON - SIGNS - PAINTED
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING

"WE DESIGN, BUILD, ERECT AND SERVICE"

DIAL _____

181 BRACKETT STREET



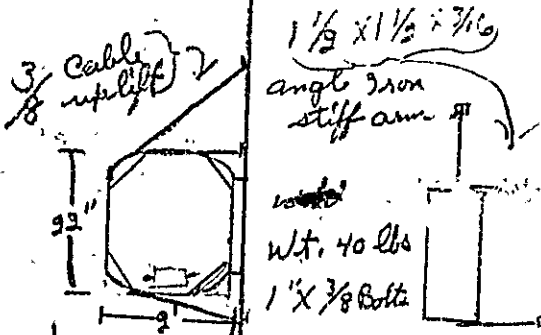
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine
Dear Sir;

Understand the essential details of
the proposition of erection and erecting sign
for *Irma's Hat Store* permit fastened
to the building or on the premises at

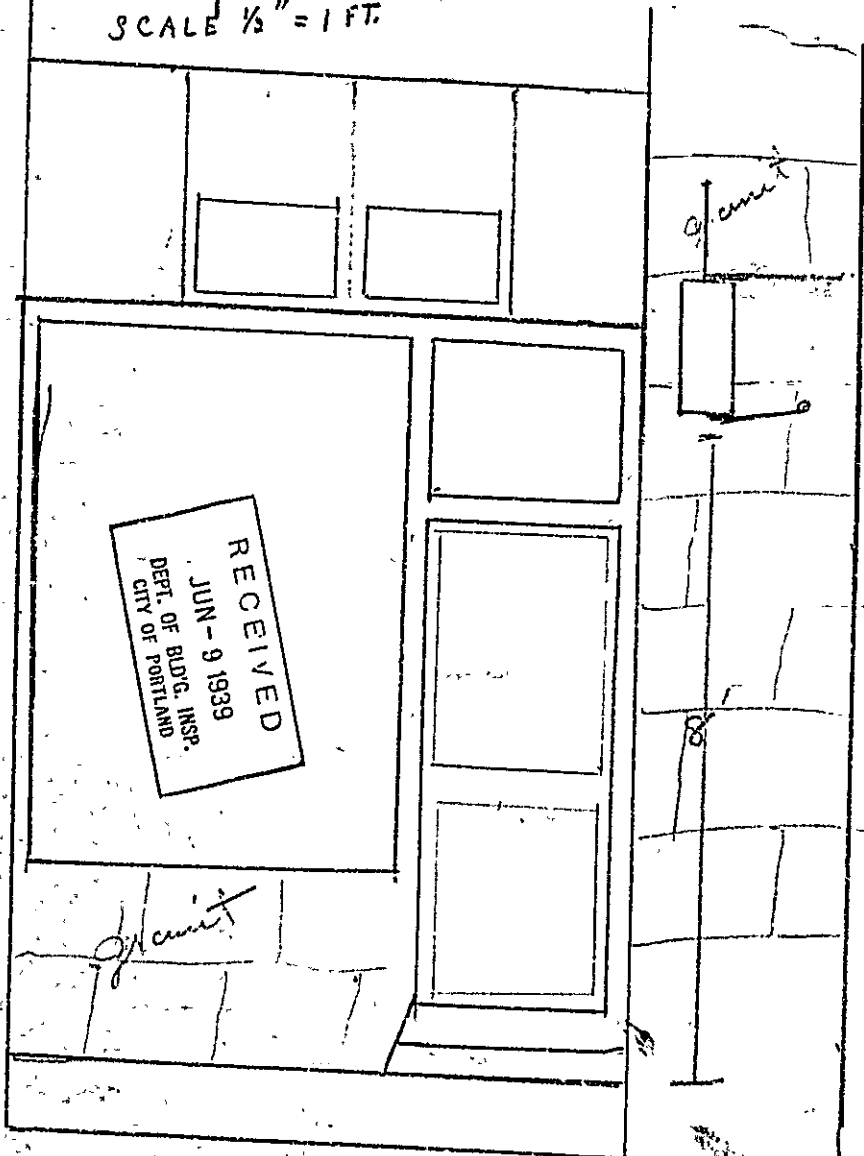
The object approval of the
proposition and authorization to issue the
permit covering the erection are hereby given.
Yours faithfully

Congress Square Hotel Co.
George V. Kelly Jr.
By H.P.

OWNER of Building Congress Hotel Co,
 1 W. 1st St. SIGN 21 mas 16 at Store
 to Forest Ave,



SCALE 1/2" = 1 FT.



Millette NEON CO.



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, June 9, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 6 Forest Avenue (See 77-585 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

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

Name and address of owner of sign Wm. H. H. Store, 5 Forest Avenue

Contractor's name and address Millette Neon Co., 37 Portland St.

Telephone 3-1582

When does contractor's bond expire? April, 1940

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 6 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick - granite

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 22" Horizontal 2'

Weight 40 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

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

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

No. through bolts none Size Location; top or bottom

No. guys 2 material angle iron galv Size 1 1/2 x 3/16 2/8"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 8'

Maximum projection into street 2'

APPROVED

Oliver T. Jacobson

Signature of contractor

Millette Neon Co.

Fee \$ 1.00

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By *R. J. Millette*

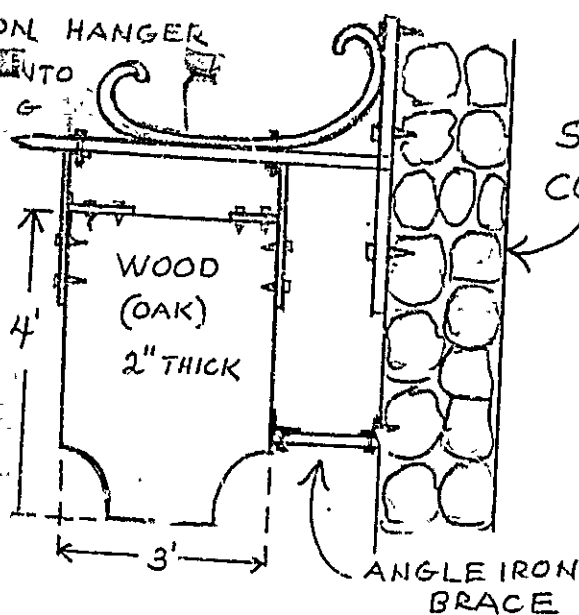
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Permit No. 39/788
Location 6 Forest Ave
Owner Limas Hat Store
Date of permit 6/10/39.
Contractor
Final Inspn. 6/24/39

NOTES

Stickers
Ready for inspection 6/13/39
6/13/39 Inspection OK
6/16/39. Uplift should
have. slacks taken up
is of no use at present.
6/21/39. Mr. Phillips
will take up slacks
in uplift. OK.
6/24/39. Uplift has been
tightened. OK.

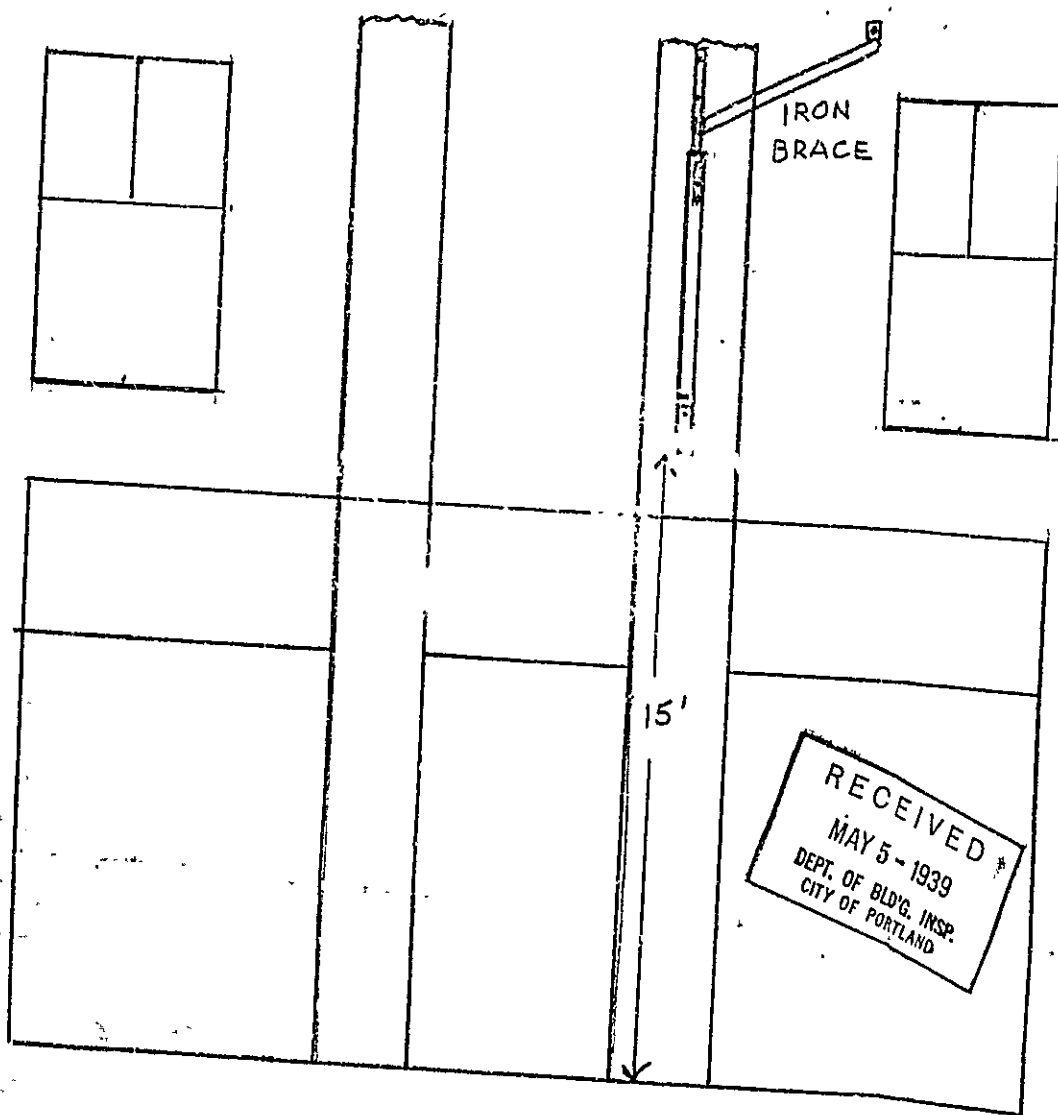
IRON HANGER
LAGED INTO
BUILDING
AND
SIGN



BUILDING
OWNER:- CONGRESS
SQUARE HOTEL CO.

OWNER OF SIGN:-
CONGRESS SQUARE
COFFEE SHOP,
8 FOREST AVE.

7 STORY BRICK &
STONE BUILDING



MILLETTE NEON CO.



(3) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 0565

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, May 5, 1934

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 8 Forest Avenue (See 579-585 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Congress Square Hotel Co.,

Name and address of owner of sign Congress Square Coffee Shop 8 Forest Ave.

Contractor's name and address Millette Neon Co., 37 Portland St. Telephone 3-1362

When does contractor's bond expire? April 1940

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 7 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? no Vertical dimension after erection 4' Horizontal 3'

Weight 40 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? no Any rigid frame? no

Material of frame no No. advertising faces 2 material wood

No. rigid connections 3 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? To sign itself

No. through bolts 2 Size Location top or bottom

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

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street 3'6"

Fee \$ 1.00

Oliver T. Lawrence

Millette Neon Co.

Signature of contractor By *J. E. Laubelle*

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.
INSPECTION COPY

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Permit No. 39-565

Location 8 Forest Cove

On 11 Congress by Coffee Shop

Date of permit 5/8/39

Sign Contractor

Comp 39-447

Sign 39-447

Final Inspn. 5/12/39

NOTES

This permit supersedes 39-447
which was not used.
It is a general permit
for this sign. etc.

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METAL AND

Electric Signs

PHONE DIAL 4-1702

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Inspector of Buildings,
Portland, Maine.

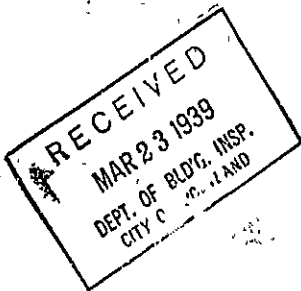
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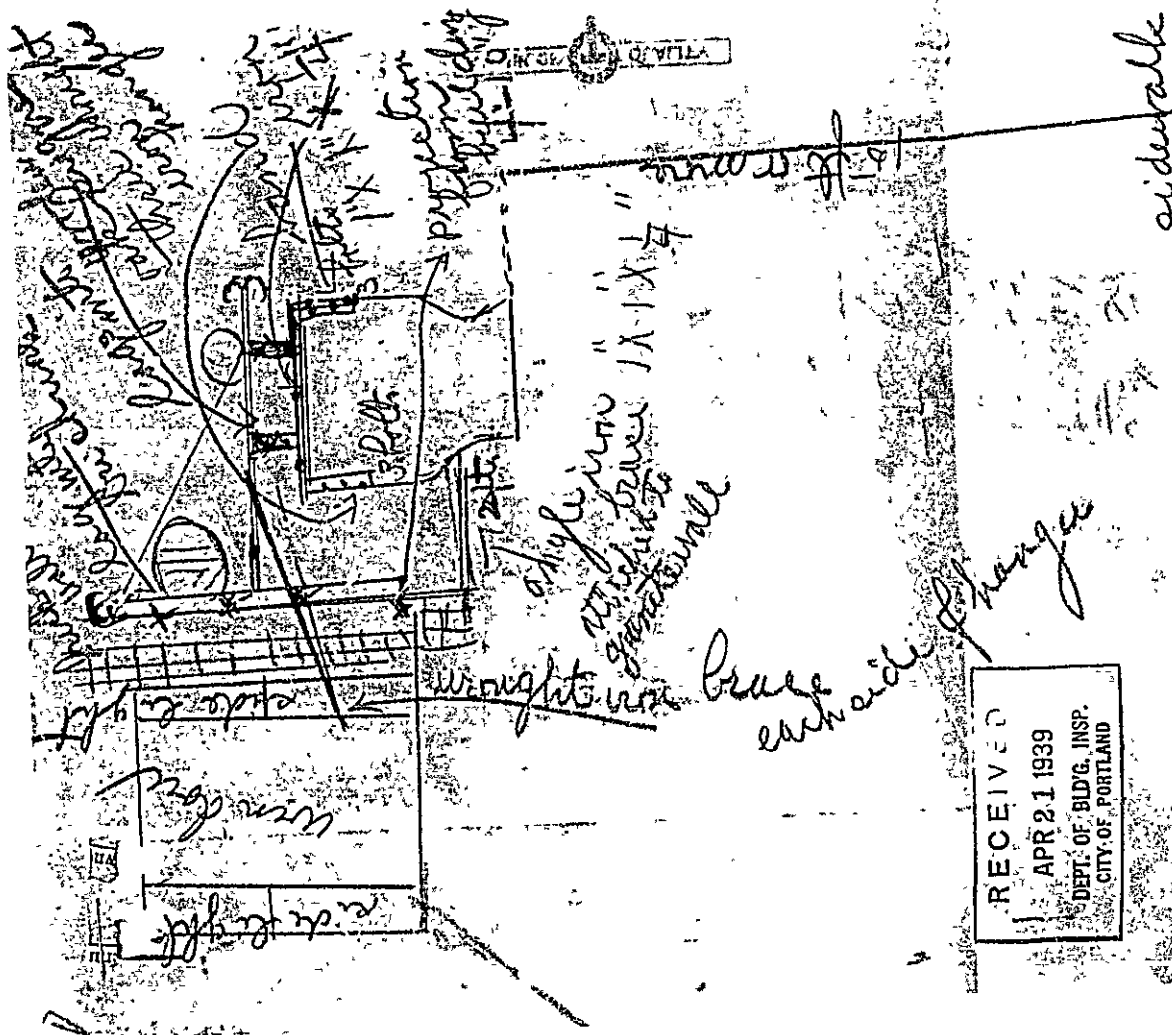
Dear Sir,-

Understanding all essential details of the proposition of erecting a projecting sign for Congress Square Hotel Coffee Shop fastened to the building or on the premises at 8 Forest Ave., Portland, Maine, the owners approval and authorization to issue the permit covering the erection are hereby given.

Congress Square Hotel Co.,

Henry H. Kelley
(Owner's signature)







GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0447
1939

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, Oct. 21, 1939

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 8 Forest Ave. (See 579-58 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

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

Name and address of owner of sign Congress Square Hotel Co., 8 Forest Ave., (Coffee Shop)

Contractor's name and address J. J. Thinh Sign Co., 226 Middle St Telephone 4-1702

When does contractor's bond expire? Oct. 1-1939.

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 7 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? No Vertical dimension after erection 4 feet Horizontal 3 feet

Weight 75 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? no Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame oak wood plank No. advertising faces two, material oak wood plank

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

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

No. guys 0, material 0, Size 0

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 16 feet or more

Maximum projection into street 4 feet 10"

Signature of contractor J. J. Thinh Sign Co. Fee \$ 1.00

INSPECTION COPY

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WANTED

PAID
2940



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT **PERMIT ISSUED**

03556

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second ClassPortland, Maine, April 12, 1939

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 577-585 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress Telephone
Contractor's name and address Ballard Oil & Equip. Co., 333 Cumberland Avenue Telephone 2-1991
Architect _____ Plans filed 1 No. of sheets to fire chief
Proposed use of building Storage, hotel, & broadcasting studio No. families
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 275x 3600.00 Fee \$ 3.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material _____ No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use _____ No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To install air conditioning system for new radio broadcasting studios

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

Yes Height average grade to top of plate _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. _____ 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? _____
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 Ballard Oil & Equipment Co. of Maine
Miss [Signature] G. T. Greeley

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Date February 20, 1939

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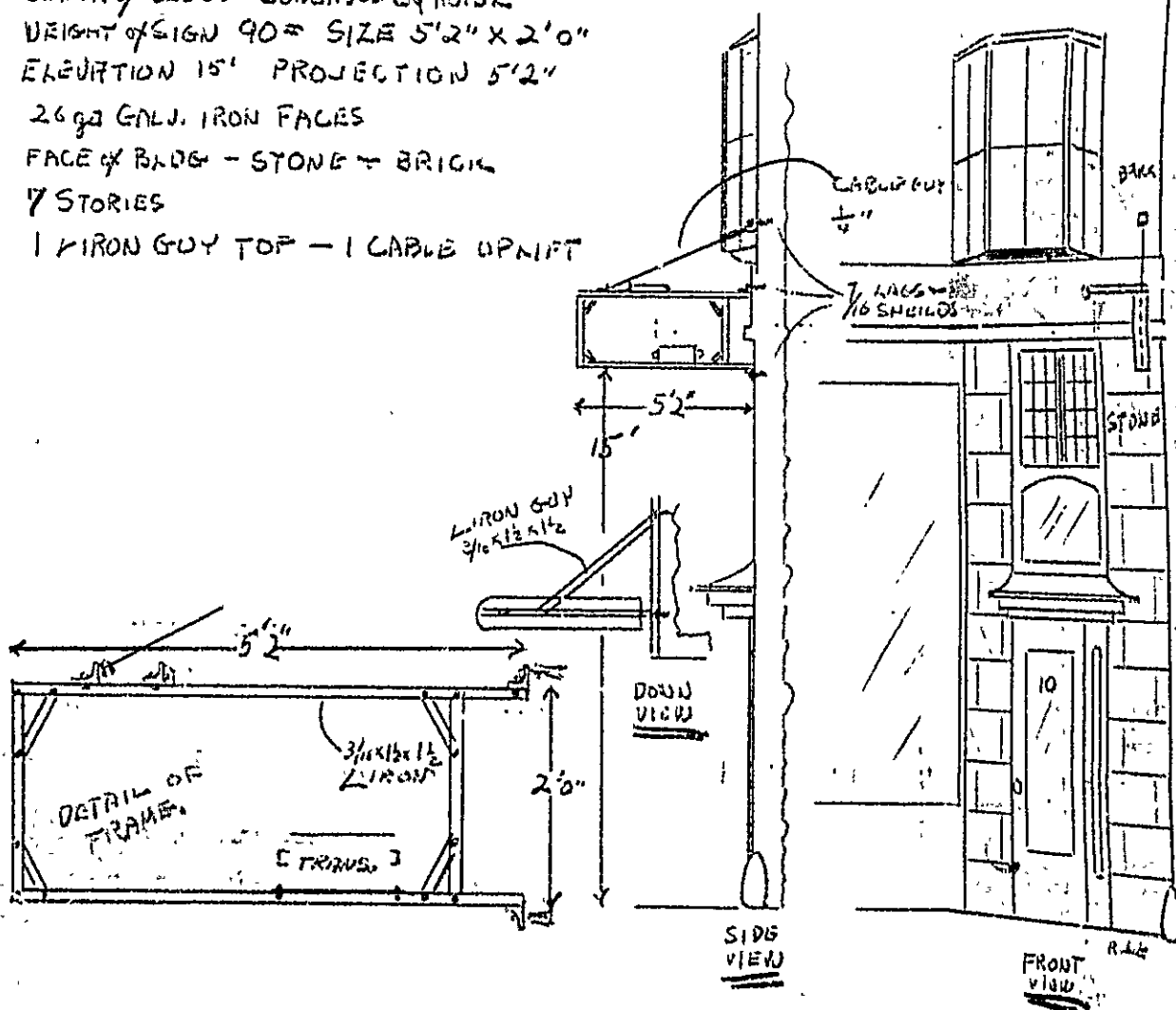
DEPT. OF CLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

As owner of the building at 10 Forest Avenue I,
we hereby give consent to the erection of a sign projecting
over the public sidewalk for Congress Square Table Tennis,
a tenant of the building. Court,

Congress Square Table Tennis Co
George H. Hines

(Owner of building)

PROPOSED SIGN for MR. WEINMAN, 10 FOREST AVE. PORTLAND / UNITED NEON DISPLAY
 OWNER of BLDG CONGRESS SQ HOTEL
 HEIGHT of SIGN 90° SIZE 5'2" X 2'0"
 ELEVATION 15' PROJECTION 5'2"
 26 GA GALV. IRON FACES
 FACE of BLDG - STONE & BRICK
 7 STORIES
 1 IRON GUY TOP - 1 CABLE UPNIFT





GENERAL BUSINESS 2016 PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

FEB 23 1939

Portland, Maine, February 17, 1939 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 10 Forest Avenue (See 379-385 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Congress Square Hotel Co.,
Name and address of owner of sign Congress Square Table Tennis Court, 10 Forest Avenue
Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 27 Monument Square Telephone 2-0695
When does contractor's bond expire? October, 1939

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 7 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick and stone

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 2' Horizontal 5'2"
Weight 70 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2, material metal
No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes
No. through holes none Size _____ Location, top or bottom _____
No. guys 2, material angle iron cable, Size 3/16x1 1/2 in
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'
Maximum projection into street 5'2"

Oliver T. Levesque

United Neon Display

Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor by *William H. Smith*

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.
INSPECTION COPY

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

10 Forest Rd
Owner: Cingien Lg Table Tenn = A

Date of permit: 2/23/39

Original Inspn. 3/2/38 006

NOTES

Shop List

Ornament (Under)

1000

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7-11-64

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(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 0722

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGNS
OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, May 17th 1938

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 577 Congress St., Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Henry Rinos,
Name and address of owner of sign Mary Golding, 576 Congress St.,
Contractor's name and address G. O. Tainish Sign Co., 226 1/2 Middle St., Telephone 4-1702.
When does contractor's bond expire? Oct. 1-1938.

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 7 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached wood

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 11" Horizontal 26"
Weight 40 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces two material galv. iron
No. rigid connections two Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes
No. through bolts _____, Size _____, Location, top or bottom _____
No. guys two, material cable, Size 3/8"
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 8 feet
Maximum projection into street 2 feet

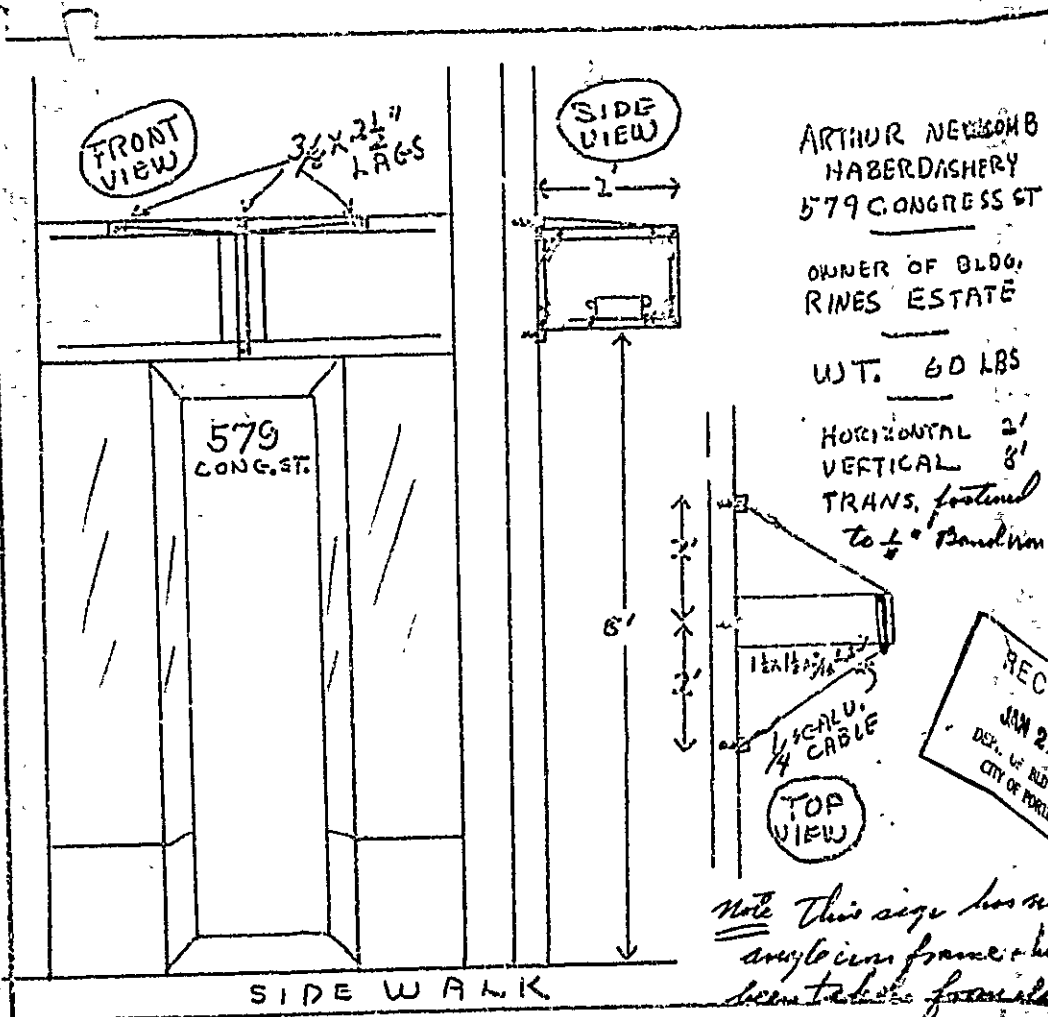
G. O. Tainish
Signature of contractor G. O. Tainish Sign Co.
By Alvin

FOR FIRE DEPT.
SECTION COPY

Ward 5 Permit No. 3877
 Location 549 Congress St.
 Owner Mary Golding
 Date of permit 5/19/38
 Signature Contractor
 Final Insp.

NOTES
 Sticker
 A.S. # Pla take particulars
 case tapes ship
 these fastenings
 are all right
 ELEC. Insp.
 Shop Insp. 5/20/38
 Sanitation plan made
 Distance above sidewalk 5/20/38
 Ornament Under side

James J. [Signature]
 1007



ARTUR NEWCOMB
 HABERDASHERY
 579 CONGRESS ST
 OWNER OF BLDG.
 RINES ESTATE
 W.T. 60 LBS
 HORIZONTAL 2'
 VERTICAL 8'
 TRANS. fastened
 to $\frac{1}{4}''$ Band iron
 RECEIVED
 JAN 21 1938
 DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS
 CITY OF PORTLAND
 Note This sign has no
 any iron frame & has
 been taken from old
 location & will be moved
 2 doors below
 "Good Condition"



GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

Permit

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, January 21, 1928

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 579 Congress Street Ward 8 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Rines Estate

Name and address of owner of sign Arthur Newcomb, 579 Congress Street

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 27 Monument Square Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? October 1931

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 10 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached wood

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 18' Horizontal 2'

Weight 60 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame hand iron No. advertising faces 2 material metal

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

No. through bolts none Size 1" Location, top or bottom bottom

No. guys 2 material cable Size 3/4"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 8'

Maximum projection into street 2'

Signature of contractor United Neon Display Fee \$ 1.00

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT. INSPECTION COPY

Ward 5 Permit No. 38/72
 Location 579 Congress St.
 Owner Arthur Newcomb
 Date of permit 1/24/38
 Sign Contractor
 Final Insp. 1/28/38 J.D.C.

NOTES
 Sticker
 1/24/38, see 3-3/4 p. for
 original permit and
 location of this sign.
 It is not here. angle iron
 frame on corner braces
 but appears to be well
 built. J.D.C.
 Sign replaced
 distance above sidewalk —
 1/26/38 Right side sign
 let out 45° c.k.
 1/28/38 Right side sign
 has been changed as
 let at 45° c.k.
 Sign removed

In Reply Please Refer To
P.38/41-I

February 14, 1938

Congress Square Hotel Corp.
579 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

An inspector from this office notes that the awning bar has been or is being erected at the front of the store to be occupied by Dow & Stubling at 581-583 Congress Street, and it may not be out of place to call your attention to the requirements of the Building Code for the clearances of awnings above the grade of the sidewalk.

A copy of Section 406 of the Building Code applying to awnings is attached hereto. You will note that "No part of such awning or anything attached thereto shall be less than seven feet from the sidewalk at any point." The fringe is considered a part of the awning.

We have had a great deal of difficulty with this regulation because many merchants persist in neglecting this requirement, frequently to the disgust of vacationists and also our own people.

This matter is now called to your attention so that you may have an opportunity to insist that the one who erects Dow and Stubling's awning arrange the operation of it so that under no circumstances any part of it will be closer than seven feet to any part of the sidewalk below.

Very truly yours,

WACD/H
CC: Dow & Stubling
595 Congress Street

Inspector of buildings



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 11301

Class of Building or Type of Structure Hotel and stores

Portland, Maine, January 10, 1928

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 581-583 Congress Street Ward. 1 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Corp. 570 Congress St. Telephone
Contractor's name and address Brown Construction Co., 562 Congress St. Telephone 2-2892
Architect's name and address
Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families
Other buildings on same lot
Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. of sheets 1
Estimated cost \$ 1200. Fee \$ 5.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 7 Heat Style of roof Roofing
Last use Hotel and stores No. families

General Description of New Work

To change store front (removing two existing doors to present stores) providing center entrance with door swinging outward in such a way that it will not swing over public sidewalk - not structural change - no exposed woodwork except door and frame
To remove 29' non-bearing partition, lengthwise, to use present two stores for one store
To put in false floor in one store to bring both floors to same level (6")
To relocate existing door from store to hotel lobby
Preliminary permit issued 1/11/28 to TEAR OUT ONLY.

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Height average grade to top of plate
Height average grade to highest point of roof
To be erected on solid or filled land? earth or rock?
Kind of foundation Thickness, top bottom
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?
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size
Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
On centers: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
Maximum span: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
If one story building with masonry walls thickness of walls? height?
If a Garage?
No. cars now accommodated on same lot to be accommodated
Total number commercial cars to be accommodated
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

Miscellaneous

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

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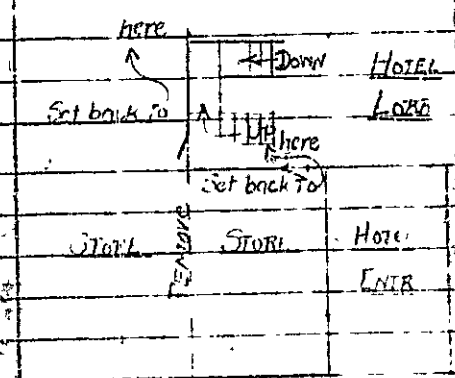
By Brown Construction Co.
Signature of owner Edmund S. Brown

11301

Ward 5 Permit No. 38/46
 Location 581-3 Congress St
 Own Virginia Bell Hotel Corp
 Date of permit 1/12/38
 Notif closing-in
 Inscr closing-in
 Final Notif
 Final Inspn 3/31/38
 Cert of Occupancy issued None

NOTES
 1/12/38 - From inspection
 this morning and inspection
 indicated that economic
 condition is what the
 work is to cover. I have
 signed the half of the
 proposed changes and
 not included the other
 permits. Position in
 between the there was
 suddenly some change
 in as it respect
 which was made
 2. There was
 change from
 the old up
 here

in the new location
 From inspection
 I obtained from con-
 pender here live address
 from former station
 to be set in new
 location



CONGRESS STREET

1/24/38 - Feasibility
 done at
 4/1/38 - Planning
 2/17/38 - started
 4/24/38 - moving
 3/7/38 - in
 about
 100 ft



THE GENERAL BUSINESS ZONING PERMIT ISSUED
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
1319

Class of Building or Type of Structure

Portland, Maine, August 26, 1937

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 579 Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 2
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress St. Telephone 2-8897
Contractor's name and address Brown Construction Co., 582 Congress St. Telephone 2-8897
Architect Herbert A. Rhodes 511 Exchange St. Plans filed yes and spec. No. of sheets 3
Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 14,100. Fee \$ 11.25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 7 Heat Style of roof Roofing
Last use Hotel & Stores No. families

General Description of New Work

To make alterations to rooms on first, second, fourth, fifth and sixth floors in portion of Section B, facing Shaw's alley as shown on plans

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF ACCURACY
STATEMENT IS WAIVED

Site, front depth No. stories Height average grade to top of plate
To be erected on solid or filled land? earth or rock?
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom
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?
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size
Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
On centers: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
Maximum span: 1st floor , 2nd , 3rd , roof
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

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

Miscellaneous

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

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Signature of owner

Congress Square Hotel Co.
By Brown Construction Co.

By Martin B. Brown

92C

Ward 5 Permit No. 37/1319 PS
Location 579 Congress St
Owner Congress Hotel Co
Date of permit 7/28/37
Date of closing-in
Date of closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 1/24/38
Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

7/12/38 - Work closed in
at the 1st inspection.
Checked minor details.
Worked on minor finishing
work on 1st floor.

File: Rept. 920-1

August 25, 1937

Brown Construction Company,
562 Congress Street,
Portland, Me.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the building permit covering alterations in the Congress Square Hotel at 579 Congress Street. Please note the following:

The unsupported height of the proposed gypsum block partitions will apparently be more than 10 feet. Blocks at least 4 inches in thickness are required instead of the three-inch blocks specified.

The wooden furring or strapping specified to support lath is not allowable in this building of first class construction.

Ventilation of the new bathrooms is evidently to be by gravity. In each case each toilet room is required to have a duct at least 36 square inches in cross-section and the ducts extending through the roof are required to be of a cross-section equal to 36 square inches multiplied by the number of toilet rooms connected to each.

Please make sure to observe the code requirements for notification and inspection before any of this work is closed in.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WARREN McDONALD

Inspector of Buildings

C. H. S. Rhodes, 51 1/2 Exchange
Congress Square Hotel Co.
579 Congress St.

PERMIT # **002365**

TOWN OF **Portland**

BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION

MAP #

LOT#

Please fill out any part which applies to job. Proper plans must accompany form.

Owner: **Anna Maria Trusiani 781-4494**

Address: **4 Brown St., Salmouch 04105**

LOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION **583 Congress St., 3rd Fl & 4th fl**

CONTRACTOR: **Owner** SUBCONTRACTORS:

ADDRESS:

Est. Construction Cost: **\$2x \$5,000** Type of Use: **13 unit apartments**

Past Use:

Building Dimensions L **W** Sq. Ft. # Stories Lot Size:

Is Proposed Use: Seasonal Condominium Apartment

Conversion- Explain **to join two apartments to create one by constructing**

COMPLETE ONLY IF THE NUMBER OF UNITS WILL CHANGE stairway and installing

Of Dwelling Units **2** # Of New Dwelling Units **2 skylights.**

2 1 floor submitted.

Foundation:

1. Type of Soil:
2. Set Backs - Front Rear Side(s)
3. Footings Size:
4. Foundation Size:
5. Other

Floor:

1. Sills Size: Sills must be anchored.
2. Girder Size:
3. Lally Column Spacing: Size:
4. Joists Size: Spacing 16" O.C.
5. Bridging Type: Size:
6. Floor Sheathing Type: Size:
7. Other Material:

Exterior Walls:

1. Studding Size: Spacing
2. No. windows
3. No. Doors
4. Header Sizes: Span(s)
5. Bracing: Yes No
6. Corner Posts Size
7. Insulation Type: Size
8. Sheathing Type: Size
9. Siding Type: Weather Exposure
10. Masonry Materials
11. Metal Materials

Interior Walls:

1. Studding Size: Spacing
2. Header Sizes: Span(s)
3. Wall Covering Type
4. Fire Wall if required
5. Other Materials

For Official Use Only

Date **July 17, 1989**
Inside Fire Limits
Bldg Code
Time Limit
Estimated Cost **\$5,000**
Value/Structure
Fee **\$42.00**

Subdivision: Yes / No

Name

Lot

Block

Permit Expiration:

Ownership: Public Private

Ceiling:

1. Ceiling Joists Size:
2. Ceiling Strapping Size: Spacing
3. Type Ceiling:
4. Insulation Type: Size
5. Ceiling Height:

Roof:

1. Truss or Rafter Size:
2. Sheathing Type: Size
3. Roof Covering Type
4. Other

Chimneys:

Type: Number of Fire Places

Heating:

Type of Heat:

Electrical:

Service Entrance Size: Smoke Detector Required Yes No

Plumbing:

1. Approval of soil test if required **Yes** No
2. No. of Tubs or Showers
3. No. of Flushes
4. No. of Lavatories
5. No. of Other Fixtures **00-02**

Swimming Pools:

1. Type:
2. Pool Size: Square Footage
3. Must conform to National Electrical Code and State Law.

Zoning:

District **B-3** Street Frontage Req. Provided

Required Setbacks: Front Back Side Side

Review Required:

Zoning Board Approval: Yes No Date:

Planning Board Approval: Yes No Date:

Conditional Use: Variance: Site Plan Subdivision

Shore and Floodplain Mgmt. Special Exemption

Other (Explain)

Date Approved **7-24-89**

Received By:

Nancy Grossman

Signature of Applicant:

7/17/89

Signature of CEO:

7-19-89

Inspection Date:

PERMIT ISSUED WITH LETTER

White-Tax Assesor

Yellow-GPCOG

White Tag-GCB

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PLOT PLAN



FEES (Breakdown From Front)

Base Fee \$ 25.00
 Subdivision Fee \$
 Site Plan Review Fee \$
 Other Fees \$ 20.00
 (Explain)
 Late Fee \$

Type

Inspection Record

Date

Go in through store - up elevator - off entrance SEATED will eventually be
 COMMENTS 10/13/89 - per 2145. C/O Park started yet. REOPENED. NO
 11/13/89; No one avail (phoned).
 1/4/89 - progressing as per plans
 2/21/90 Completed as per plans -

Signature of Applicant

Ann Marie Spurr

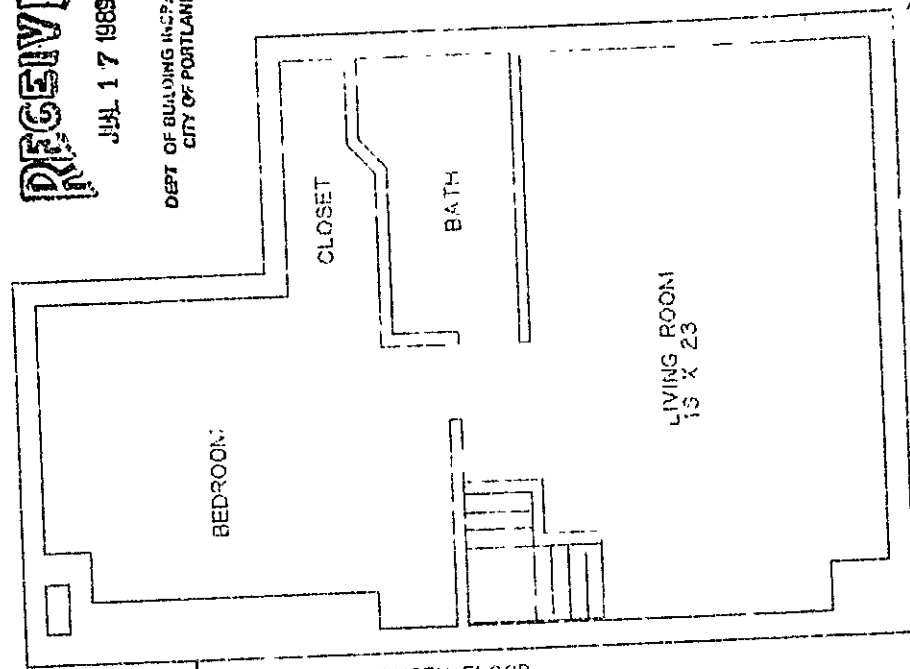
Date 7/13/89

2 p. by lights will be in
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CITY OF PORTLAND

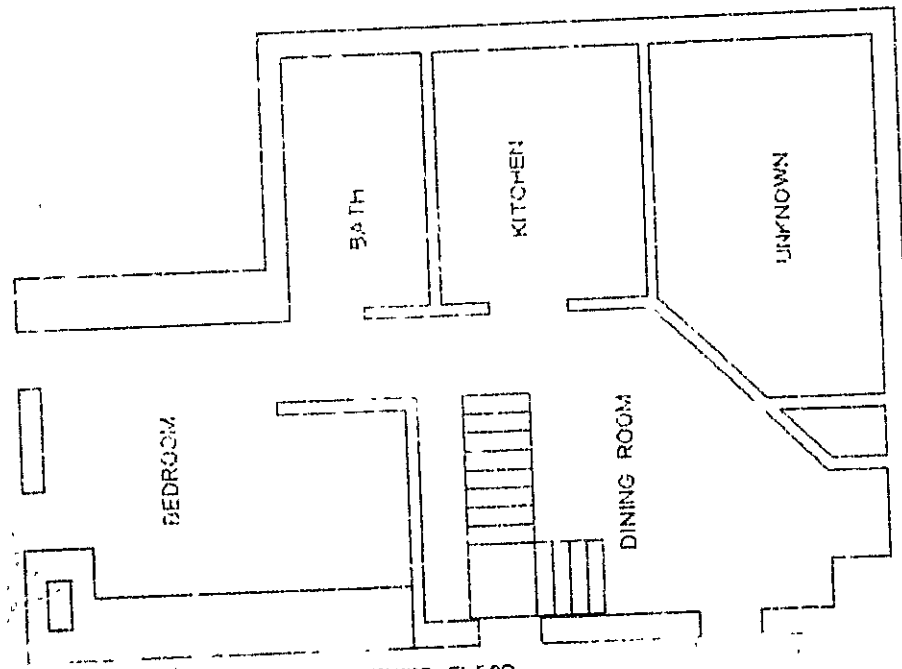
583 Congress St.
3rd Floor

Exit
signed



FOURTH FLOOR

Fire Escape



THIRD FLOOR

Exit
signed