579-585 CONGRESS STREET
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(w) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Installation

Portland, Maine, December 27, 1949

0220

CITY OF PORTLAND

OCCUPANCY PERMIT

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

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

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Thompson Winchester Co., 201 State Street Boston, Mass. Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 2

Proposed use of building Hotel and coffee shop No. families

Last use " " " No. families

Material brick No. stories 6 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To install mechanical ventilation system as per plan.

R. Sullivan to G. to.

Permit Issued with Letter

Health notice to Health Officer and this

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** Earl Oxner, 221 Front Street 4-9063

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

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2-10.50

Permit No. 49/2201

Location 579 Congress St.

Owner Congress St. Hotel Co.

Date of permit 12/31/49

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 5-18-50 Final

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

AP/579 Congress St.
(Congress Sq. Hotel)

December 31, 1949

Thompson-Winchester Co.
c/o Mr. Karl R. Oxner
221 Front Street
Congress Square Hotel Co.
579 Congress Street

Subject: Permit for installation of mechanical ventilation system in Coffee Shop kitchen in lieu of fire protective hood over cooking equipment

Gentlemen:

This permit, which in effect eliminates the hood over the cooking appliances, is issued based on the allowance in Section 602c4 of the Building Code that the ventilated hood shall be provided or equivalent protection.

The proposed arrangement is called "ClearAir", made under Gaylord Patent. After consideration on the part of the Chief of the Fire Department, the Chief Inspector in Health Department and myself it has been decided, based on representative of manufacturer and inventor, to accept this arrangement in lieu of the required hood with the full belief that the arrangement will fully prove to be the equivalent of the hood, but nevertheless on a trial basis, and if unforeseen difficulties should arise proving the arrangement not equivalent, we shall expect the hood to be replaced.

Further conditions of this particular installation are that the present duct system and ventilation fan are to remain, and that in both this installation and any subsequent ones the design is to be such that the movement of air the entire length of the "slot" over the cooking appliance is to be at the rate of no less than 1000 cubic feet per minute.

Very truly yours,

WHcD/H

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, Oct 7 1949

PERMIT ISSUED
016932
OCT 10 1949
CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications.

Location 579 Congress St. Use of Building Hotel Stores No. Stories 6 New Building ___ Existing ✓

Name and address of owner of appliance Congress Sq Hotel Co

Installer's name and address Ballard Oil & Equipt Co Telephone 2-1791

General Description of Work

To install 2 High Pressure Todd Burners with auxiliary equipt for 2 Boilers #2 & #3 existing system Steam

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat ____ Type of floor beneath appliance ____

If wood, how protected? ____ Kind of fuel ____

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace ____

From top of smoke pipe ____ From front of appliance ____ From sides or back of appliance ____

Size of chimney flue ____ Other connections to same flue ____

If gas fired, how vented? ____ Rated maximum demand per hour ____

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner (2) Todd "VEE CEE" Labelled by underwriter's laboratories? yes

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

Type of floor beneath burner Concrete

Location of oil storage Yard adjoining 1 in Kitchen Number and capacity of tanks 2 - 15000 1 - 275

If two 275-gallon tanks, will three way valve be provided? ____

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks fire proofed? 2 Buried

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners 1 - 275 in Pump Room for #2 Oil

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance ____ Kind of fuel ____ Type of floor beneath appliance ____

If wood, how protected? ____

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance ____

From front of appliance ____ From sides and back ____ From top of smokepipe ____

Size of chimney flue ____ Other connections to same flue ____

Is hood to be provided? ____ If so, how vented? ____

If gas fired, how vented? ____ Rated maximum demand per hour ____

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

2 - 15000 tanks were installed by Congress Hotel Co.

1 - 275 gal Tank in Pump Room for #2 Oil for starting up cold boilers

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.50 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.

APPROVED:
OK. 10-10-49 Pmf

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 Installer Ballard Oil & Equipt Co.
By R. H. Denton

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 49/1692 2-3-50 1-1750. One Burner installed, second one will be installed at a later date
Location 579 Congress St.
Owner Congress Sq. Hotel Co.
Date of permit 10/10/49
Approved 2-1951 Final

NOTES

1 Fill Pipe
2 Vent Pipe
3 Kind of Heat
4 Burner Rigidity & Supports
5 Name & Label
6 Stack Control
7 High Line Control
8 Lamp Cap
9 Piping Support & Protection
10 Valves in Supply Line
11 Capacity of Tanks
12 Tank Rigidity & Supports
13 Tank Distance
14 Oil Gauge
15 Instruction Card
16

10-24-49 Work started.
Final
210 pcs of oil
1000 gal NW.

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

579 Congress Street—Amendment to building permit for minor change in fire escape for Congress Square Hotel Corporation by Hegquier & Jones Company—6/13/49

Because of peculiar difficulties involved inprovided bolts through the walls of the building to support the I-beam intended to support the counterbalanced lower section of the fire escape and at the request of the installer, we are raising no objection to the use of expansion bolts to fasten the structural angles to opposite walls for the purpose of supporting the I-beam.

This exception will have to be at the installer's risk, especially on account of the vibration which will be set up in the I-beam, and therefore in the supporting angles, whenever the counterbalanced section of the fire escape is raised and lowered. Naturally extra care must be taken in drilling for these expansion shields, and it must be made sure that all of the expansion bolts are permanently tight on the basis that should the bolts not remain so, the installer will make the situation permanently good, even though it means introducing the through bolts or other satisfactory adjustment.

rcd/G

CC: Eastland Hotel
Attn: Mr. George Kelley
157 High Street

PERMIT ISSUED
JUN 13 1949
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, June 10, 1949

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 48/1889 *pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:*

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

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Corp., 579 Congress St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Leggquier & Jones Co., 33 Pearl Street Telephone 3-6471

Plans filed yes No. of sheets 2

Architect No. families

Proposed use of building Hotel No. families

Last use " Additional fee .25

Increased cost of work

Description of Proposed Work

To change size f beam and increase headroom under it as per plan.

Permit Issued with Memo

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size? Size

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board?

Girder Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

Approved:

Congress Sq. Hotel Corp.
Leggquier & Jones Co.

Signature of Owner by: C. Villagran

Permit Issued with Memo

Approved subject to assurance that no parking or storage will be allowed under the countersunk stairway that would interfere with proper operation at all times.

CCT.

AP 579 Congress St.

October 13, 1943

Mr. W. O. Armitage,
23 Mitchell Road,
South Portland, Maine

Subject: Permit for erection of metal fire escape with walkway on first story roof at 579 Congress Street

Congress Square Hotel Co.,
579 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

This permit is issued as approval under the Building Code of the general scheme proposed and includes all construction shown on plan submitted with the exception of any metal fire escape work shown thereon. Before any work is started on the latter phase of the work, it is necessary that an application for an amendment to this permit be filed for issuance and approval, together with a plan by the firm constructing the fire escape showing shop and erection details.

Chief Sanborn of the Fire Department in giving his approval to the permit does so with the following condition: "Approved subject to assurance that no parking or storage will be allowed under the counterbalanced stairway that would interfere with proper operation at all times."

It is understood that some means of protecting the end of the counterbalanced stairway from injury by trucks backing into the alley while it is in the "up" position, is to be adopted. One such method proposed is the installation of a beam across the alley, similar to and at the same height as the new 10" beam to be installed for support of the stairway, at a point slightly closer to Forest Avenue than the end of the stairway. The permit is issued on the basis that such protection will be provided.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/H

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
01889
OCT 15
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, October 6, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

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

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Corp., 579 Congress St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Not let Telephone

Architect William O. Armitage Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 2

Proposed use of building Hotel

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 1500 Fee $ 5.00

General Description of New Work

To erect metal fire escape and wooden walkway leading thereto from first story roof to ground leading to alley on Forest Avenue as per plans.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Permit Issued with L

Sent to Fire Dept. 10/5/48

Rec'd from Fire Dept. 10/5/48

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO W. O. Armitage

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board?

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Size

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Chief of Inspection

Inspector of Buildings

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree in 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 Corp.

Signature by: William O. Armitage

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Permit No. 1841 8-89

Section 579 Construction of

Owner Augusta Hotel Co.

Date of permit 10/13/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 8-11-49

Cert. of Occupancy issued

4/29/48 [illegible]

12/29/48 [illegible]

5-26-49. Done [illegible]

5/31/49 Permit had been revoked [illegible]

6-24-49: Not started [illegible]

7-21-49. Work started [illegible]

7-29-49. Done [illegible]

8-11-49. Work was completed. Mr Kelly said he would install lights as shown and additional light in "bulkhead" leading to street & grounds will be provided by them. [illegible]

AP 535 Congress Street-1

July 19, 1948

M. B. Bourne & Son
56 Cross Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Permit for installation of ventilation system for fish room at 535 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

The permit for the above work is issued herewith. If it has not already been done, check should be made with the Health Department to make sure that the location of the outlet of the system meets with their approval, particularly as regards the possibility of the odors from the system proving objectionable to tenants of the building in stories above.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

CC: George C. Shaw Company
535 Congress Street

Congress Square Hotel Company
142 High Street

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
JUL 19 1948
CITY of PORTLAND

94244

Class of Building or Type of Structure ~~Second~~ Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 14, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 585 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Sq. Hotel Corp., 142 High Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address George C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress Street Telephone

Contractor's name and address M. B. Bourne & Son, 56 Cross Street Telephone 2-3907

Architect Specifications Plans No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Store No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 2 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

Installation of ventilation system as per plan.

Permit Issued with Letter

Health Notices to
Health Officer and thus

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO M. B. Bourne & Son ~~Permit Issued~~ with Letter

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? No

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

Congress Sq. Hotel Corp.
M. B. Bourne & Son

Signature of owner By: H. G. Taylor

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Permit No. 48/1244

Location. 585 Congress St

Owner. George C. Shaw Co.

Date of permit 7/19/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 12/1/48. ok-C

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

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C, GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
AUG 19 1948
(014655)
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 12, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 10 Forest Avenue (see 579-585 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Colonial Wallpaper Co., 10 Forest Ave. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Burnham-McLellan, 52 Marginal Way Telephone 2-5951

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores and hotel No. families

Last use " " No. families

Material brick No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 300. Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To change out one of two existing front entrance doors to plate glass show window, as per plan.

This store space is apparently about 24'x25' which = 600 sq ft or less than 20 capacity so no exit means of egress required.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED 8-19-48

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** Burnha-McLellan

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Colonial Wallpaper Co.
Burnham-McLellan

Signature of owner By: Paul B. McLellan

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Permit No. 481 H65

Location 10 Forest Ave

Owner Colonial Vallnapen Co

Date of permit 8/19/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 2/16/49

Cert. of Occupancy issued none

NOTES

2/16/49 [illegible]

LOCATION 26 Forest Ave

DATE 4/14/48

PERMIT ✓

INQUIRY

COMPLAINT

MEMO.-

O.K. to issue
While the refrigerating unit, and fan is to be in the wall of a long room used as a carpenter shop, no part of the system will be open to this room, both outlet and return ducts as well as fresh air intake fitting tightly to the unit.
No floor timbers are to be cut where duct is to pass through floor the duct being split to pass each side of one timber and returning to one duct at bottom

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(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00496
APR 15 1948
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Ventilation

Portland, Maine, April 8, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 28 Forest Avenue Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Bean & Small, 28 Forest Avenue Telephone

Contractor's name and address M. B. Bourne & Sons, 56 Cross St. Telephone 2-3907

Architect Specifications Plans yes No of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 1 2 1 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot Fee $ 1.00

Estimated cost $

General Description of New Work

Sent to Fire Dept 4/13/48
Rec'd from Fire Dept 4/14/48

To install air conditioning system as per plan, for bowling alleys.
Unit to be located on first floor (ceil. of bowling alleys.)

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. M. B. Bourne & Sons

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

APPROVED: Oliver T. Jones
By C. J. S.

Bean & Small
M. B. Bourne & Sons

Signature of owner By:

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Permit No. 48/496

Location 28 Florence

Owner Cong Square Building

Date of permit 4/15/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

4/12/48 - Mr. Wallman says that there will be no connection between the room in which the machine is located and any part of the system. All air in the system will come from outside the building or return from the court-way alley. AJH

4/16/48 - P.M.T. - [illegible]

AP 20 Forest Avenue-1

February 5, 1948

F. O. Bailey Co., Inc.
72 Free Street
Passman Tailor Shop
20 Forest Avenue

Subject: Permit for extension of balcony in first story of store at 20 Forest Ave.

Gentlemen:

Permit for the above work is issued herewith subject to the following:

1. adjustment of the sprinkler system is to be made to fully cover the area above and below the new balcony.

2. The 4x6 timbers, 16" on centers, in floor framing of new balcony do not figure out when placed that far apart to provide a carrying capacity of 75 pounds per square foot live load as required by law. If they are spaced no more than 14" on centers, they will work out however. The framing of the existing balcony falls considerably short of providing the required 75 pound live load. If the use of this part of the balcony is to be kept as at present, we shall not insist on strengthening of the floor framing at this time. However, if any of the equipment of the tailor shop is to be moved onto the existing balcony, steps should be taken to reinforce it now. At any rate, the fact that the balcony is lightly constructed should always be borne in mind and taken into consideration as balcony is used.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJB/S

CC: Congress Square Hotel Company
157 High Street

AP 20 Forest Avenue-I

January 26, 1948

F. O. Bailey Company, Inc.
72 Free Street
Passman Tailor Shop
20 Forest Avenue

Subject: Application for building permit to cover alterations of first story balcony of Passman Tailor Shop in building owned by Congress Square Hotel Company at 20 Forest Avenue

Gentlemen:

This hotel building, being seven stories in height, is required to be of First Class or so-called "fireproof" construction, and in the main the building is of that type of construction, but a long time ago this balcony in question was built of wood construction.

Because the amount of woodwork in the balcony is now proposed to be increased, the question naturally comes up as to whether or not more woodwork can be added to this already installed in a fireproof building. As I promised Mr. Sanborn of the F. O. Bailey Company, I have looked the situation over on the job, and because the additional amount of woodwork is not very great and because the building is equipped with an automatic sprinkler system, no violence to the intent and purpose of the ordinance appears in constructing this small addition to the balcony of wood.

It will be necessary to have the sprinkler system adjusted, however, to afford protection both over and beneath the area of new balcony, and this work is required to be in conformity with the Underwriters regulations for automatic sprinkler systems. ~~The Building Code requires that the one who is to do the adjustment work shall apply for here and finally secure a permit to do the sprinkler system changes.~~ Because the alterations to the sprinkler system will be so small, it ought to be possible to get it adjusted in the required manner without going through the formality of getting a permit for that work which would ordinarily be required for a sprinkler system, an application which would be filed only by the actual installer and plan with it showing the changes and bearing the stamp of approval of the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association--thus to afford a small saving on the part of the one who would pay for the plan. For the protection of the owner and all concerned, however, both owner and tenant should see to it that this adjustment of the sprinkler system is made in accordance with the Underwriters regulations therefor.

As explained to Mr. Sanborn, now that the question of issuance of the permit for additional wooden construction is settled, we must have added to the plan additional information as to the width of the new stairs, the rise and tread of the new stairs, a handrail on at least one side full length of the new stairs, and the framing and supports of the portion of the balcony to be raised and of the entirely new portion of the balcony, the supports of this new work to be carried down to present construction below the first floor which will adequately carry the load to the ground, and those supports below the first floor to be shown on the plan, so that they may be checked.

Instead of being used for storage, as was reported, the tenant reports that this balcony after the change is to be used for a repair shop. He is to have his sewing machine and his pressing machine upon that level. The minimum allowable live load to be figured in designing a floor for such a use is 75 pounds per square foot, the work being considered in the category of light manufacturing, but care should be taken to see to it that the concentrated loads of the two machines would not overload either new or old construction depending upon the precise location in which the machines are to be.

The framing of the present balcony appears much too light to figure out for a load anything like 75 pounds per square foot. The designer should investigate this construction work, indicating actually what it is as to size, spacing and spans of the present members, and should indicate any strengthening necessary to bring the balcony up to the required strength.

The tenant says that there would be never more than two persons on this balcony, and on that basis the one stairway for exit is sufficient.

A new stairway should be so constructed that there will be no less than 3' between the lowest riser and the partition of the present toilet room, the new stairs are required to be at least 30" wide with the handrail allowed to project into that space, and the depth of the intermediate landing between upper and lower runs is required to be no less than the width of the stairs.

When all of this information has been added to the plan, and a revised print has been filed here with the application for the permit, and the information checked against Building Code requirements, we should be in position to issue the building permit.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WHOD/S

CC: Congress Square Hotel Company
157 High Street

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00140
FEB 5 1948
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, January 23, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 20 Forest Avenue (Lot 29-58 Congress Dist.) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Passman Tailor Shop, 20 Forest Avenue Telephone

Contractor's name and address F.O. Bailey Co., Inc., 72 Fore Free St. Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans yes No of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores, Hotel and tailor shop No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 500. Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To raise portion of existing balcony to level of existing balcony;
To relocate existing stairs.
To construct 5'x8' ~~[illegible]~~ addition to balcony as per plan.

12 X 20 X 80 = 1920
1920 X 12 X [illegible] = 34560 [illegible] = 314 sq ft
96
288 5 of 4 x 4 = 107

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Permit Issued with Letter

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO F. O. Bailey Co., Inc.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories filled or piled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board?

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

Joists and rafters:	1st floor,	2nd,	3rd,	roof
On centers:	1st floor,	2nd,	3rd,	roof
Maximum span:	1st floor,	2nd,	3rd,	roof

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Passman Tailor Shop
F. O. Bailey Co., Inc.
G. T. Sanborn

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By:

Permit No. 48/140

Location 70 Forest Ave

Owner Barrman Tailor Shop

Date of permit 2/5/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 3/16/48

Cert of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Location 585 Congress Street

Date 2/27/47

Permit ✓

Inquiry

Complaint

MSK:-

This looks O.K.
It is hard to tell
about segregation of
areas here, but it is
very very doubtful
if the connected areas
in this third story
are anywhere near
the 19,000 square
feet allowable for
third class con-
struction sprink-
lered.
Besides there is al-
ready another
unprotected opening
through this same
bridge wall into the
third class portion
of building and
only about 10' from
new opening - bgf

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00316
FEB 28 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, February 26, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 585 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. Telephone

Lessee's name and address George C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress Street Telephone

Contractor's name and address ~~same~~ lessee Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans no No. of sheets

Proposed use of building store

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat Style of roof Roofing No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 50.

Health Notices to

Fee $ .50

General Description of New Work

To cut in 3' opening in 12" brick wall on third floor, between kitchen to adjoining room now vacant. 8"x12" I-beam for support of opening. This brick wall is an outside wall of building leading into frame addition.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

If one story building with masonry walls, ckness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

George C. Shaw Co.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: John A. Miller

Permit No. 47/316

Location 585 Congress St.

Owner George C. Shaw Co

Date of permit 7/28/47

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 10/22/47

Cert. of Occupancy issued none

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February 10, 1947

Noguier & Jones Company
33 Pearl Street
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Defects in new fire escape for Congress Square Hotel at 579 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

Our inspector reports that he could find bolts through the wall to support brackets of the fire escape only at the highest landing. If through bolts have been provided for the other brackets, please ask your foreman to get in touch with Mr. Hamilton of this office so that they can go up on the job and establish the location of them. If they have not been provided, it is necessary to provide them now. On November 18, I wrote to you to the effect that the Building Code requires notice to this office of readiness to cover up the inside end of such through bolts and that they were not to be covered up until our "go-ahead" had been given.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/S

CC: Congress Square Hotel Co.
579 Congress Street

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief
of the Fire Department

Chief Sanborn:

Some other defects were found which I feel come under your jurisdiction in ordering the fire escape on, as follows:

No exit sign or exit light inside exit door. No white lights outside either the exit door at fifth floor or anywhere along the entire route of escape.

The several steps from outside fifth floor corridor exit to roof level of fourth floor were evidently there when you ordered the fire escape on. The situation is contrary to present Building Code standards for safety, and I should think could be corrected at cost—the door swings out directly over the top step, and there ought to be a landing outside of the door as deep as the door is wide. The run of metal steps outside doorway has no railings. There is a screen door which opens in inside of the exit door. Where people using the fire escape would walk along the first story roof, they have to step up almost a foot to reach the present metal landing at the top of the ladder. This is obviously an accident hazard which might go a long ways toward defeating the entire purpose of the fire escape.

Warren McDonald

Erection of Firescape - Congress Sq. Hotel 579 Congress St. ①
Congress Sq. Hotel Co. owner 579 Congress St.
Meiguier and Jones Contr. 33 Pearl St. Tel. 3-6171

Inspection of fire escape, permit 47/105 blueprint filed 1-11-46.
Notification to inspect received 2-4-47 2-5-46 JK

There are so many questionable matters in connection with this job that a letter seems advisable, rather than notification by phone.

The only through bolt I could locate was the one shown by Sect. A-A on plans. I went through the several rooms involved and see no apparent reason for omitting the others.

There are 19 treads for the lower run of this escape, which lands in the first floor roof. I can find nothing controlling the number of treads permissible under the law. There is considerable vibration in the lower run even with one person. This might be partly due to the fact that the stringers are only 2" x 10", the stringers are fastened to the shoe, but the shoe is not fastened to the roof. In addition to this, the new guide rail leading to the present escape to the ground is from 40' to 50' long and is connected to the handrail of the new fire escape. The three intermediate supports for this rail are also loose on the roof. There is a sheet metal base about 9" x 18" acting as a support for the uprights, but is not fastened to the roof. This leaves any vibration or unsteadiness in the lower run to be transferred along all this unstable distance.

The foot of this fire escape, as well as uprights for guard rail, should be secured to the roof. I believe this would also eliminate the present vibration in the stairs.

Where the path defined by the new guard rails meets the present deck ladder leading (first floor roof to ground) there is an 11" step up. The

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the dark room this could prove a bad feature. Possibly an escape would bring out this situation.

A matter not mentioned on the application, although noted on the plans and called to attention in letter of Jan 18th is a trap door, is the door leading from fifth floor of hotel to roof of fourth story.

The requirement of this is described in the letter sent with the permit.

At present there is a metal door opening out, with an inwarding screen door inside. The metal door opens directly onto stairs (4) to roof. There is no outside light, or inside exit light. Also there is no lighting along the roof from these stairs to the main fire escape, a distance of 30'

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AP 579 Congress Street-I

January 18, 1947

Megquier & Jones
33 Pearl Street
Congress Square Hotel Company
579 Congress Street

Subject: Application for permit for fire escape from the roof of four story section of hotel to roof of one story section on Forest Avenue side of the building.

Gentlemen:

Permit for the above work is issued herewith, but excluding the cutting through of new doorway in fifth story wall of the seven story portion of building and steps leading to the roof of the four story portion. We are assuming that the through bolts shown in the large bracket near the bottom of the vertical leg instead of at the top is placed in that location because the space between the ceiling of the fourth story and the roof is inaccessible. No doubt more fastenings for these brackets are planned near the top by means of lag bolts and shields although this is not indicated on the plan. In the absence of a detail of the smaller brackets, it appears from the elevation on the plan that the vertical legs of these brackets, is proposed shorter than the horizontal member. It would be well since this fire escape is to be at least 3' wide to provide length enough in this vertical member so that the diagonal part of the bracket will be at not less than a 45 degree angle with the horizontal.

The following are some requirements in regard to the new doorway and steps leading to the roof, work on which should not be started until another permit or an amendment to this permit has been issued covering such work:

1. Since doorway is to serve as a means of egress for more than 50 persons, the doors are required to swing outward as shown, but there must be a landing at the top of the stairs over which they open at least as deep as the width of a single door. (See Section 212-e-3.2 of Building Code)

2. If stairway is to be built of wood the minimum width of tread is 9" and the maximum allowable riser is 8¼". If stairs are to be more than 40" wide, handrails are required on both sides. (See Section 212-e-5.2 and 5.3)

3. If double doors are to be provided and the width of a single door is not at least 3', anti-panic hardware so that both doors may be operated at once is required. However, if a single door is used or one of the double doors is at least 3' wide, a vestibule lockset without any locks or bars of any other kind on door will satisfy the requirements. (See Section 212-e-2.5)

4. An exit sign either externally or internally lighted is required over this doorway. (See Section 202-e-2)

Very truly yours,

AJS/J

Inspector of Buildings

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00105
JAN 18 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second-Class

Portland, Maine, January 11, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

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

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Megquier & Jones, 27 Pearl St. Telephone 3-6471

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 2

Proposed use of building Hotel No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 1500.

Fee $ 3.75

General Description of New Work

To erect metal fire escape from 5th floor to 2nd floor as per plans.

1/12/47
1/15/47

Permit Issued with Letter

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED: Oliver T. Trudeau
CHIEF OF BLDG. DEPT.

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Congress Square Hotel Co.
Megquier & Jones

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: F. Leroy Cramer

Permit No 47/105 P

Location 579 Congress St.

Owner Congress Square Hotel

Date of permit 4 18 47

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 2/11/47 O.K.

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

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Would like information

2/10/47 - B.H.

2/11/47 Mr. Frank Brackett through lift with Engineer and Jones found premises were apparently provided but found in flagrant violation plaintiff so great was not readily accessible at present for detail effort, others in the same. O.K. O.K.

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ZONE "G"

FIRE DIST. [redacted]

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

~~Verbal~~
By Telephone

Date 12/27/46

LOCATION 579 Congress Street (Congress Square Hotel) OWNER Congress Square Hotel Co.

MADE BY Mr. Cramer of Meggison & Jones TEL. 3-6471

ADDRESS 33 Pearl Street

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING Hotel

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION Frost + Second NO. OF STORIES 7 + 4

REMARKS:

INQUIRY: 1 - How wide is a fire escape required to be which is to be installed leading from roof of four story wing of hotel nearest Jackson School down to roof of one story portion in rear, this escape to serve guests in 7 story portion by means of a doorway to be cut in wall of fifth story out to roof of 4 story section, possibly 100 persons to use it in case of emergency only?

ANSWER: A minimum width of three feet is required.

DATE OF REPLY 12/27/46 REPLY BY A J Sears

CITY OF PORTLAND.....DEPT. OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Check List of Compliance with Building Code and Zoning Ordinance Requirements

July 9, 1946

Job Location 579 Congress Street Owner Congress Square Hotel Company

Contractor _____ Architect William O. Armitage

Building permit is issued herewith but subject to the following. References at left are to sections of Building Code where applicable (pending publication of revised Code, old Section numbers are used). If plan maker disagrees with statements below, he should seek a conference by phone or in person at this office. If he agrees, plans should be revised or supplementary specifications issued and fresh copies furnished to this office with a letter of transmittal showing that contractor and owner have copies of revisions.

1. Structural. Not enough information to check the strength of new ceiling joists or roof joists to which they are evidently to be hung. Presumably the present ceiling is to be removed and no additional weight therefor added to the supporting joists. No information as to material of new ceiling. If plaster deflection should be taken into account in spans of joists between hangers and between hangers and bearing partition.
2. Sprinkler System. Our records show that this part of the hotel is sprinklered and presumably the studio is. It appears that the space between the new ceiling and the construction above it will be sufficient so that sprinkler heads should be extended to this space. Building is seven stories high and of Second Class Construction so that any areas now protected by sprinkler system would have to be continued with similar protection. It is necessary to show the proposed arrangement together with means of servicing the heads above the new ceiling and file revised prints. Also, to furnish plan of the sprinkler arrangement by the sprinkler installer bearing the stamp of the approval of the New England Insurance Rating Bureau.
3. Limitations on permit. Permit is issued with this check list so that the job may be started immediately and on the basis that we will receive the above information by way of revised plan without delay. If there is any question about being able to comply with the above, the job should not be started, the building permit returned and questions cleared up—then the permit will be re-issued.

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Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/L

Original to: William O. Armitage
28 Mitchell Road
South Portland, Maine

CC: Congress Square Hotel Company
579 Congress Street
Portland 3, Maine

GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
01218
JUL 8 1946

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 8, 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

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

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 579 Congress Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address owner Telephone

Architect W.O.Armitage, 23 Mitchell Rd.So.Port Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Hotel

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 7 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 200.

Fee $ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To erect non-bearing partitions in existing radio studio as per plan.
To lower entire ceiling of studio as per plan.

Permit Issued with Letter

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street no

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

Congress Square Hotel Co.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: William O. Armitage

Permit No. 46/1218

Location 579 Congress St

Owner Congress Square Hotel

Date of permit 7/9/46

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif

Final Inspn. 10/6/47

Cert. of Occupancy issued none

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STATEMENT OF ELEVATOR TESTS

PORTLAND, MAINE, 5/2/46

I, I. J. A. Williams

as an employee of Otis Elevator Co.

installation of alterations to the elevator, hatchways and enclosures at Geo. C. Shaw Co. have personally supervised the under Building Permit 1572 as permitted

locking and all other safety devices, and I do here state that, according to my best knowledge and belief, the elevator will safely carry the maximum rated loading and all brakes, interlocking and other safety devices are in satisfactory condition.

I J A Williams
(Signature)

PORTLAND, MAINE, May 2/46

STATE OF MAINE

CUMBERLAND, SS:

Personally appeared the above named I. J. A. Williams and made oath the statements by him subscribed are true.

Florence B. Gaudette
Notary Public ~~Justice of the Peace~~

APPLICANT'S COPY

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AP 585 Congress St.-I
Elevator

November 7, 1945

George C. Shaw Company
585 Congress Street
Otis Elevator Company
[illegible] Fore Street

Subject: Installation of new freight elevator and hatchway fire doors in connection therewith at 585 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

A word of explanation is in order as to the operation of the bi-parting fire doors intended on the shaftway as required by Building Code requirements and this without [illegible] of these fire and smoke doors, but for the additional protection of the owner who is being required by law to provide substantial fire protection around the new elevator shaftway.

The Building Code by reference to the Standards of the National Board of Fire Underwriters requires that fire doors in openings to such shaftway enclosure shall be either self-closing (normally closed but kept closed by a suitable device such as a door closer) or automatic-closing (normally open but capable of closing of itself in case of fire).

These bi-parting doors, unless recent changes have been made in their operation, are neither self-closing nor automatic-closing, the doors being [illegible] of closing device can be used with this door. These doors are arranged, however, so that they can neither be opened without a key, nor stand open unless the elevator car is standing at that particular level. Thus, there is the assurance that all of these fire doors, except those at the level at which the elevator car is, will be closed and perform their function of protection against fire.

There is not the assurance, however, that the fire doors at the level at which the elevator is left will be closed because that depends entirely upon the desire of the owner and the cooperation of his employees. It has come to my attention in one instance where this type of door is used that it is common practice at closing time to leave the elevator car at the ground floor level and leave the fire doors open. Thus, under such circumstances, at the very time when the protection may be needed most, there would be at least one opening, perhaps two unprotected in the fire resistive enclosure which the owner has provided at some expense for protection.

Inspectors are rightly as to why a building permit is issued to include these doors which are not equipped with the required closing devices. As a practical matter, these doors being very fine and significantly [illegible] and even the Fire Underwriters being inclined to discount the importance of availability of closers to the doors at a given level being left open and remaining open even in a case of fire, it has seemed best to issue the permit with a note of explanation, so that the owner will know to secure full protection and therefore full return on his investment for fire protection, maintenance rules as to keeping the fire doors closed at least when the elevator car is not there is necessary. While I am not expert in these matters as to operation of doors, it is my hope and belief that it will not be for distant when the manufacturers of these doors will provide automatic closing devices for them.

Very truly yours,

GENERAL BUSINESS ZO

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Permit No. 15722

APPLICATION FOR ELEVATOR PERMIT

NOV 7 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME. Portland, Maine, November 1, 1945

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

Permit Issued with Letter

Location 585 Congress Street Ward Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address George C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress Street

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

Last use of building Store

Proposed use of building " No. families

Material of outside walls of building brick, interior frame

No. of stories 4 Style of roof No of existing elevators in building 1

Remarks

To install electric freight elevator as per plan - removing existing elevator

Details of Proposed Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Extent of work by elevator contractor install electric elevator & bi-parting doors

Extent of work by owner

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Type of elevator freight, in new or existing shaftway new

Shaftway enclosed or open enclosed No. elevator stops 6

Capacity of elevator 2500, Speed in feet per minute 50

Material of cables steel No. and size of hoisting cables 5 - 1/2"

Location of machinery overhead Material of supports steel, of guides steel

Minimum diameter of sheaves 24" Minimum clearance counterweights and overhead beams 3'

Minimum clearance above car at topmost floor level 3'

Minimum clearance buffer plates and springs when car is at lowest floor level 2'

Type of power Elec. Type of machine Traction

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

If Passenger Elevator

Passenger capacity? Area of platform Material of enclosure

No. of entrances Type of gates, interlocked, automatic closing device?

Will elevator be automatic or will operator be in attendance?

Will doors in shaftway enclosure be interlocked?

If Freight Elevator

Area of platform 35 3/4 sq. ft. No. of sides enclosed 2 Height of enclosure 8'

Will shaftway be enclosed? Yes Self-closing hatch gates? no, height?

No. outside entrances to shaftway? 7 Self-closing slatted gates? no, height?

bi-parting doors

Miscellaneous

Plans filed as part of this application? Yes No. of sheets 1

Estimated cost of work by elevator contractor? $ 5800. Fee $ 2.00

Signature of elevator contractor Otis Elevator Co. By: [signature]

STATEMENT OF ELEVATOR TESTS

PORTLAND, MAINE,

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

(Signature)

PORTLAND, MAINE,

STATE OF MAINE

CUMBERLAND, SS.

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

ORIGINAL

Notary Public Justice of the Peace

Ward Permit No. 45/1572 P

Location 515 Congress St.

Owner George C. Shaw Co.

Date of permit 11/7/45

Elev. Cont.

Statement of tests rec'd 5/2/46

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Certificate issued

NOTES

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 1345
OCT 10 1945

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, October 9, 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 585 Congress St. Use of Building Store No. Stories 4 New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance George C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress St.

Installer's name and address ~~Portland Gas~~ John Miller, 585 Congress St. Telephone

General Description of Work

To install relocate 1-gas-fired plate; 1 gas-fired pot stove; 1 gas-fired bake oven; 2 electric frilators;

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATH OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? no If not, which story 3 Kind of Fuel gas

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) concrete

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

from top of smoke pipe ~~Permit~~ from front of appliance Over ~~32~~ 4' from sides or back of appliance

Size of chimney flue 16x16 Other connections to same flue none

2-Hoods vented to ~~chimney~~ two chimneys

IF OIL BURNER

Rec'd from Health Dept. 10/9/45

Rec'd from Health Dept. 10/9/45

Name and type of burner Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories?

Will operator be always in attendance? Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure)

Location oil storage No. and capacity of tanks

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? How many tanks fireproofed?

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.50 ($1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

Signature of Installer John Miller of Geo C. Shaw Co.

ORIGINAL

TRAVIS P. BURROWS
CITY HEALTH OFFICER

Bill Thompson

45/1345

585 Congress St

Owner: George C. Shaw Co

Date of Permit 10/10 /45

Post Card sent

Notif. for inspn.

Kitchen 4/1/45
Vent. 4/1/45
Elec. 4/1/45

Approval Tag Issued

Oil Burner Check List (date)

1. Kind of heat
2. Label
3. Anti-siphon
4. Oil storage
5. Tank Distance
6. Vent Pipe
7. Fill Pipe
8. Guage
9. Rigidity
10. Feed safety
11. Pipe sizes and material
12. Control valve
13. Ash pit vent
14. Temp. or pressure safety
15. Instruction card
16.

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

NOTES

#595 Congress Street-I

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October 2, 1945

Robert Verrier Construction Company
36 Commercial Street
George C. Shaw Company
585 Congress Street
Wadsworth, Boston & Tuttle
57 Exchange Street

Subject: Building permit for construction of elevator hoist shaft from [illegible] to roof at #85 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

Permit for the above work is sent to the contractor herewith.

I presume the floor framing at each level, and at the roof is to be well anchored to the two new brick enclosure walls, otherwise the unsupported height of these eight inch walls brick walls would be too great. If the usual metal bars are used for anchorage, they should be fastened to the bottom of the timbers and built into the brick work to [illegible] unless the dangerous to the walls in the event a fire should burn off the supports of the timbers at the other end.

No doubt the four inch thickness of brick work added to existing eight inch walls of the fourth story will be thoroughly toothed into the existing masonry.

Note that the glass in the penthouse windows is to be without wire and not more than 5/16 of an inch thick.

Presumably the fire doors to the openings of the shaft within the building, except the fire doors in the opening at the floor of level, and all of the safety devices in connection with the elevator mechanism and operation are to be furnished by the installer of the elevator and its machinery, and will be covered under the elevator contractor's permit. It is to be borne in mind by above. Furnishes then that the sills of the fire doors are required to be incombustible and extending a proper amount into the building beyond the fire door opening and these sills are required to be non-slip. Evidently the fire doors at the floor left level are to be furnished or at least installed by the Verrier Company, [illegible] required to be [illegible] than standard class C doors bearing the label of the Underwriters Laboratories Inc. identifying them as approved for use in rooms and corridors. Of course, a second fire resistive door than that is acceptable. These fire doors are required to be self-closing or automatic closing. This latter concurrence is reached in reference to Section 3[illegible] of the Building Code which in turn refers to standards of design as set up in Appendix A of the Building Code by the Municipal Officers. Reference to the latter standard shows that the regulations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters have been established as such (pamphlet #80). This pamphlet (Section III) says: "Doors at openings to enclosures to vertical communications through buildings shall be of the normally closed or automatic types. Doors shall not be provided with attachments that will prevent the operation of the closing devices. This type of swinging doors unless inter-locked with the elevator mechanism so that the doors cannot be opened when the elevator is not at that level, require automatic safety dates at that level of the shaft way, and I suppose the contractor under this permit and the elevator installer will work cooperatively to that end.

Some new concrete platform work is shown on the plan under "first floor level".

Robert Verrier Construction Company
George C. Shaw Company
Wadsworth, Boston & Tutile

October 27, 1945

though this is not strictly lavator enclosure work, I presume this work is included in-
der this contract and intended to be included under this permit. The concrete slab is
evidently upon fill. I presume the weight of the eight inch concrete walls should re-
tain the platform slab and fill beneath it are not at such a height as to require any re-
inforcement to take the thrust.

I note that no floor drain is to be provided in the elevator pit. Section 70-B6
provides: "Where possible all elevator pits shall be provided with floor drains." Without
a direct mandate that floor drains should be provided, it seems to me that it is fair to
leave it up to the owners.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WARREN McDONALD

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/L

CC: Congress Square Hotel Company
157 High Street
Portland 3, Maine

WADSWORTH, BOSTON & TUTTLE · ARCHITECTS

57 Exchange Street · Portland 3, Maine

Philip Shirley Wadsworth, A.I.A.
Royal Boston, Jr., A.I.A.
William Dana Tuttle, A.I.A.

September 25, 1945

Warren McDonald,
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

RE: New Elevator Hoistway for the Geo. C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress St., Portland, Maine.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Mr. Robert A. Verrier is herewith handing you a Drawing for the installation of a new elevator hoistway for the Geo. C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress St., Portland.

At the request of the Owner an alternate proposal was taken for constructing two of the hoistway enclosure walls of eight inches of brick in lieu of the metal lath and plaster as shown. This proposal has been accepted and a contract has been drawn up accordingly. For the purpose of issuing the building permit and for the records of the Building Inspection Department, we wish to advise that the elevator hoistway will have two of the enclosure walls constructed of eight inches of brick. These are to take the place of the two walls indicated to be of steel studs and metal lath and plaster. The eight inch brick walls in this case will act as bearing walls for the support of the floor construction up through the entire building. The pent house above the roof will have all walls constructed of eight inches of brick with roof construction as shown on the Drawing.

All other details in connection with this hoistway construction, other than the exceptions mentioned above, are to be as shown on the Drawing.

Very truly yours,

William D. Tuttle

WADSWORTH, BOSTON & TUTTLE

WDT/d
C-4544
c.c. - Mr. Verrier
Mr. Davis

(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
1271
OCT 3 1945

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, September 26, 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~xxx~~ *alter* ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ *all the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:*

Permit Issued with Letter

Location 585 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. Telephone

Lessee's name and address George C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress Street Telephone

Contractor's name and address Robert Verrier Construction Co., 65 Commercial Telephone 4-2684

Architect Specifications Plans Yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Store No. families

Last use No. families

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 4300. Fee $ 4.50

General Description of New Work

To construct new elevator hoistway and shaft from basement to roof as per plan.

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? no Is any electrical work involved in this work? no

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

Studs (exterior walls and carrying partitions) 2x1-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

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

Ceiling joists: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

George C. Shaw Co.
Robert Verrier Construction Co.

Signature of owner By: Robert Verrier

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Owner Geo. C. Gray Co
Congressional Hotel

Date of permit 8/2/45

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

New Kitchen 45/915
Tent. 45/1034
Cul. Equip 45/1345

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
1034
SEP 4 1945

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 27, 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 585 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co. Telephone

Lessee's name and address George C. Shaw Co., 585 Congress St Telephone

Contractor's name and address M. B. Bourne & Son, 56 Cross St. Telephone 2-3907

Architect Specifications Plans No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Store No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $

Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To install hood and mechanical ventilation for gas-fired range, 2 fryers, 1 gas-fired stove.

To install hood over two bake ovens.

15x15 chimney flue

Sent to Health Dept. 8/27/45
Rec'd. from Health Dept. 9/4/45

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED: THOS. P. BURROUGHS, M. D. CITY HEALTH OFFICER
Wm Bunting By E.J.
E.J. Smith

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

George C. Shaw Co.
M. B. Bourne & Son

Signature of owner By: W. G. Tarrant

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No 45/1034

Location 85 Congress St

Owner George C. Shaw Co.

Date of permit 9/4/45

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif

Final Inspn

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Plt. 45/985
Elev. 45/1271
Cond. Equip. 45/1345

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

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August 23, 1945

George C. Shaw Company
585 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Congress Square Hotel Company
157 High Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Building permit to cover construction of ceiling over entire third story of the building at 585 Congress Street, occupied by George C. Shaw Company, and to provide new floor surface in this same story, to fit the entire space there for a new kitchen and bakery.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Davis of the Shaw Company tells me that there will be approximately four persons employed habitually on this third floor and that is the same number which has been employed there prior to this work. Under these circumstances control of means of egress is not in the Building Code but under the charge of the Chief of the Fire Department by virtue of the state law which gives him authority over means of egress in existing buildings of such a type of use. If you have not already done so, and may desire to contact him about the means of egress unless you are absolutely certain that they are adequate in his opinion.

No information has been furnished showing the framing and strength of the present third floor or fourth floor, but I presume that the owners have satisfied themselves that the fourth floor is competent to take the additional weight of the proposed asbestos lumber ceiling and the third floor is strong enough to take the load of the equipment which will come upon it, the new floor surface, etc.

The installation of the baker's stove, the fryer, the bake oven and any other fire actuated appliances in connection with the job require separate permits which are to be applied for and are issuable only to the actual installer. This also applies to the mechanical ventilation. All of such permits require the approval of the Health Officer before they are issued and that for the mechanical ventilation requires the approval of the Chief of the Fire Department before it is issued, so sufficient time should be allowed to get these approvals and check the matter over before installations are to be started so that you may not be delayed in the installations. With the application for installation of the bake ovens we will need a detailed plan of the floor framing and supports in the location where the ovens are to be placed, detail of the supports of the ovens showing the bearing points, the total weight of the oven, fully charged, with the distribution of this load to the various bearing points upon the floor, the details of the oven and its supports as regards insulation and protection of the floor, venting of the ovens, etc. In this latter connection you are referred to Section 601 of the Building Code.

In connection with the mechanical ventilation and the gravity ventilation of the hood, it appears that both are to be connected to different existing brick flues. In the application for permit to cover installation of mechanical ventilation, should be shown whether or not there are any other connections to either of these flues, if so, what kind of appliances and all information. No doubt Mr. Wallgren has this problem in mind, but on the face of plan it appears that unless the blower is for intake purposes, if the fan were in operation at time of a fire over the fryer or baker's stove, the fan being naturally stronger than the natural draft from the hood, there would be a tendency to draw the fire out from under the hood.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WARREN McDONALD

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Mr. A.E. Wallgren
56 Cross Street

Chief of the Fire Department

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

985

AUG 25 1945

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 20, 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 585 Congress Street — Within Fire Limits? Yes — Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Hotel Co., 157 Pearl Street — Telephone

Lessee's name and address George C. Shaw Company, 585 Congress Street — Telephone 2-0211

Contractor's name and address Lessee — Telephone

Architect Mr. Walgren of M. E. Foster — Specifications — Plans Yes No — No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Business & Industrial - Retail grocery establishment — No. families

Last use Business & Industrial — No. families

Material brick — No stories 4 — Style of roof flat — Roofing Tar & gravel

Other buildings on same lot none

Estimated cost $ 1200

Fee $ 2.75

General Description of New Work

To provide new kitchen on third floor. No partitions changes, small work confined to building ceiling over entire third story of asbestos lumber. As per plan.

APPLICATION NOT COMPLETE

Sent to Health Dept 8/20/45

Rec'd from Health Dept. 8/22/45

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

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 involved in this work? Yes — Is any electrical work involved in this work? Yes

Height average grade to plate — Height average grade to highest point of roof

Size, out — depth — No stories — solid or filled land? — earth or rock?

Material of foundation — Thickness, top — bottom — cellar

Material of underpinning — Height — Thickness

Kind of roof — Rise per foot — Roof covering

No. of chimneys — Material of chimneys — of lining — Kind of heat — fuel

Framing lumber—Kind — Dressed or full size?

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

Girders — Size — Columns under girders — Size — Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot — to be accommodated — number commercial cars to be accommodated

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

APPROVED:

Tom Brennan

C. J. Smith

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? No

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

Congress Square Hotel Co.

George C. Shaw Company

Signature of owner By: John Miller

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No 45/985

Location 585 Congress St.

Owner Geo. C. Shaw Co Congress Square Hotel Co.

Date of permit 8/25/45

Notif closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Hood and Vent. #45/1034
Elev. 45/1271
Cook Equip #45/1345

NOTES

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

GENERAL BUSINESS

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 95

FEB 15 1945

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second

Portland, Maine, Feb. 12, 1945.

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

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Congress Square Hotel Company George C. Shaw Company, 585 Congress St. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Robert A. Verrier, 415 Congress Street Telephone 3-3161

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores and hotel No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 95.00 Fee $ .50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material Brick No. stories 6 Heat Style of roof flat Roofing

Last use Stores & hotel No. families

General Description of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

To cut two 30" x 30" openings, one in outside wood frame wall and other in masonry wall in basement, to provide openings for service chute. This work is in areaway in rear of store leading off Forest Avenue. Automatic fire door to be provided for opening in outside wall, all 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

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? no

Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes 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) 8x4-16" 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

ORIGINAL

Signature of owner Congress Square Hotel Company

By George C. Shaw Company

By Robert A. Verrier, by

Permit No. 45/7

Location 585 Congress St.

Owner George C. Shaw Co

Date of permit 2/15/45

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 4/6/45

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

3/5/45 - Work not started - OK.

3/9/45 - Work underway -

4/6/45 - Work done - OK

PERMIT CHECKING DATA

Date 6/15/44

Location 579 Congress St.

1. Hold for more information _____

2. Incomplete plans. See remarks _____

3. See notes on inspection copy _____

4. See notes attached _____

5. O.K. to issue with letter _____

6. O.K. to issue with memo _____

7. O.K. to issue ✓

8. No fastenings are shown and it is understood there will not be any fastenings on the outside walls!

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

No. 0542

JUN 16 1944

Class of Building or Type of Structure

Portland, Maine,

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE.

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 2-5111

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect W. O. Armitage Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 500. Fee $ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 6 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Hotel and stores No. families

General Description of New Work

To provide vestibule doors inside existing front entrance door as shown on 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.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY RECEIVED 15 MAY 45

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

Signature of owner Congress Square Hotel Co. By [illegible]

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Permit No 44/542

Location 579 Congress St.

Owner Congress Square Hotel Co

Date of permit 6/16/44

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 10/3/44 OK

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

6/23/44 Work not started

6/29/44 [illegible]

9/12/44 Work started

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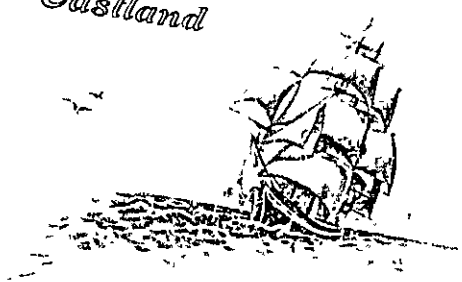

CONGRESS SQUARE HOTEL CO
HENRY P RINES, PRESIDENT

The Congress Square

GENERAL OFFICES
The Eastland

Portland, Me.

Jan. 10, 1944

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

We have given the contract to change the revolving doors in the Congress Square Hotel to the Brown Construction Co. At this time we plan to install a new floor in the Congress Square Hotel lobby and this work will be done by Joseph Caminiti (Maine Tile Co.). This entire work will cost $2,500.00.

This letter will serve as authority to give the permit to the Brown Construction Co. for the entire work.

We have permission from the War Production Board to do the work, Permit No. 44-1-427.

Very truly yours,

CONGRESS SQUARE HOTEL CO.

By GEORGE F. KELLEY, JR.
Vice President

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