

Rept. 72306-I

July 2, 1940

Messrs. Abraham Finks and  
Herman Cohen  
c/o Abraham Finks  
18 Casco Street,  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

As I promised Mr. Finks there is enclosed a written specification relating to alterations and change of use of the building at 116 Danforth Street.

Will both of you be kind enough to sign the original of this specification (as marked), keep the copy enclosed for your files and return the original to this office promptly so that the permit may be issued?

In connection with this building there exists a retaining wall along the Park Street sidewalk which has given the undersigned considerable concern. I believe a part of it has been fixed, but I noted the other day that there is quite a section of the wall which seems to lean definitely toward the Park Street sidewalk. I am not sure that this wall is under the jurisdiction of this department, but I am sure that none of us want any accident to occur due to failure of the wall. I recommend that you proceed at once to have the wall permanently and securely anchored or rebuilt so that there will be no question of danger to persons on the public sidewalk.

Very truly yours,

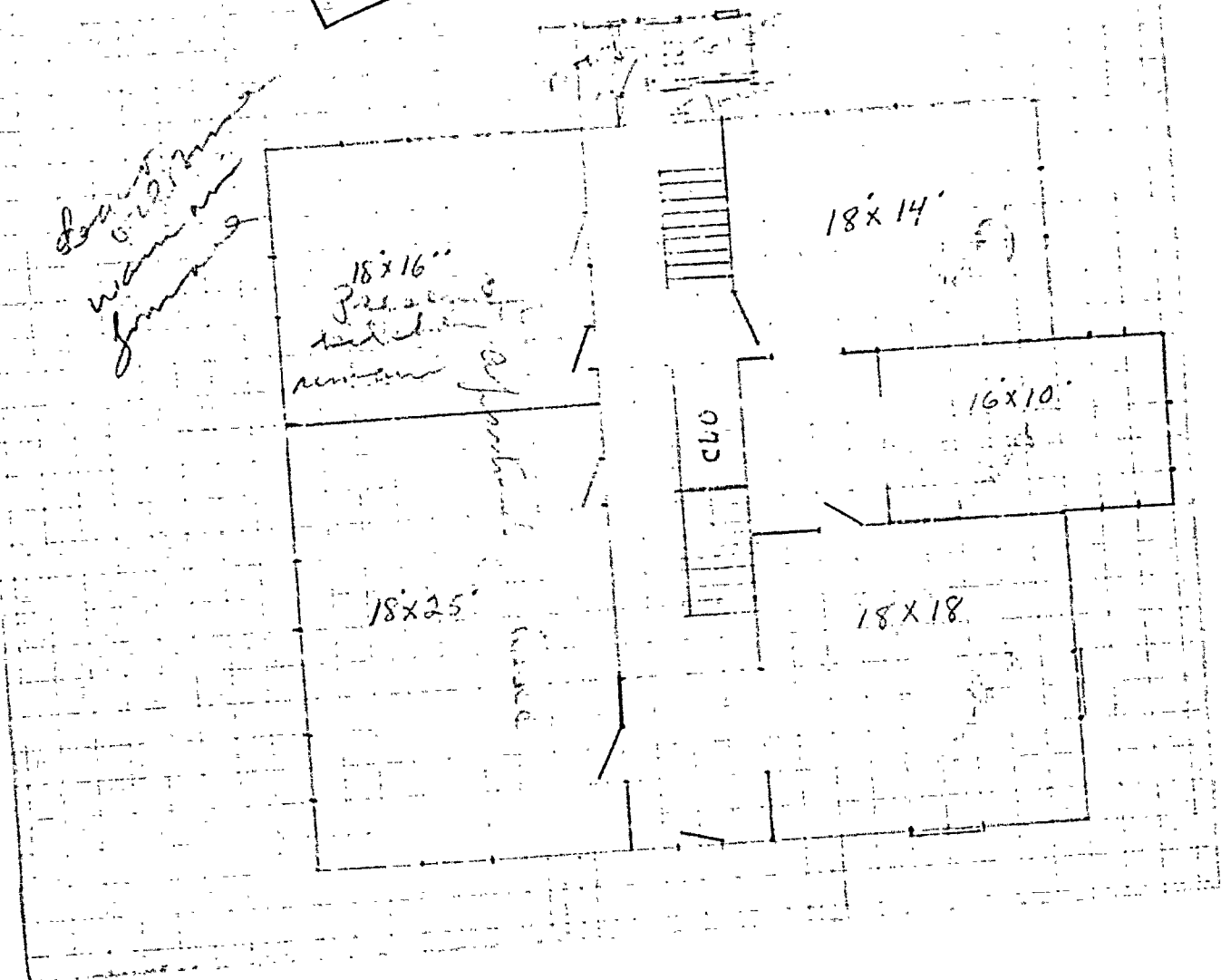
Inspector of Buildings

WHD/H

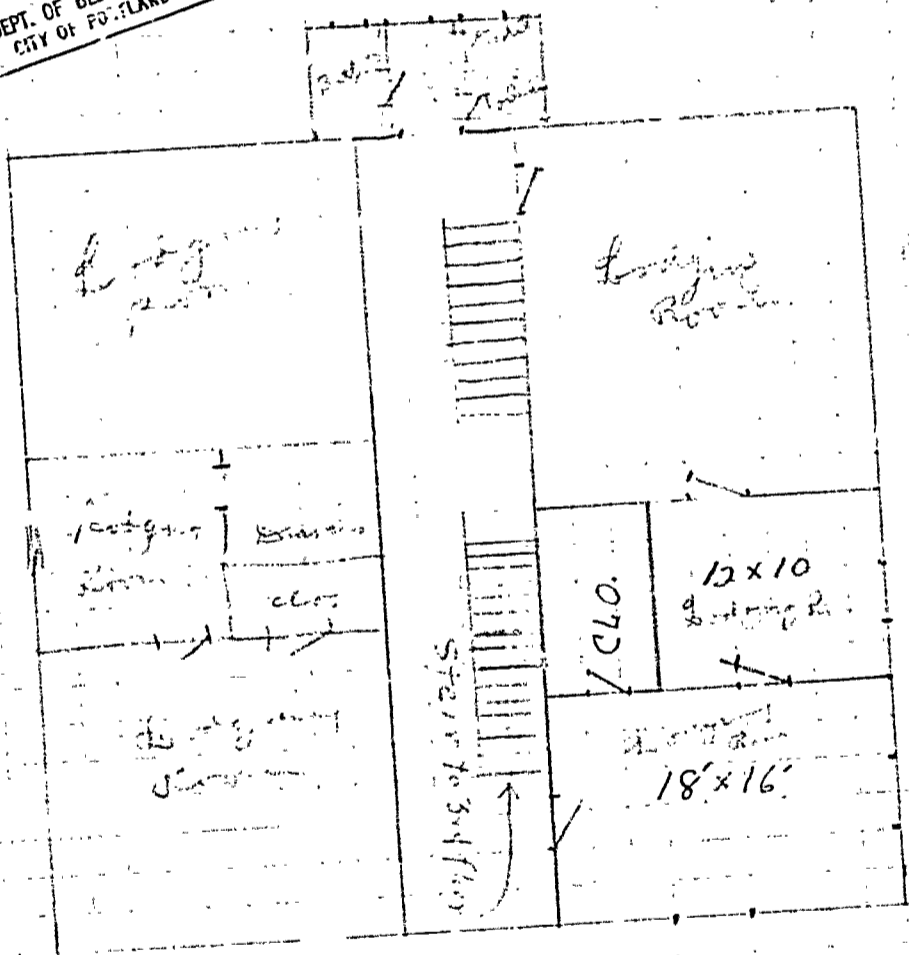
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12 Briggs Street

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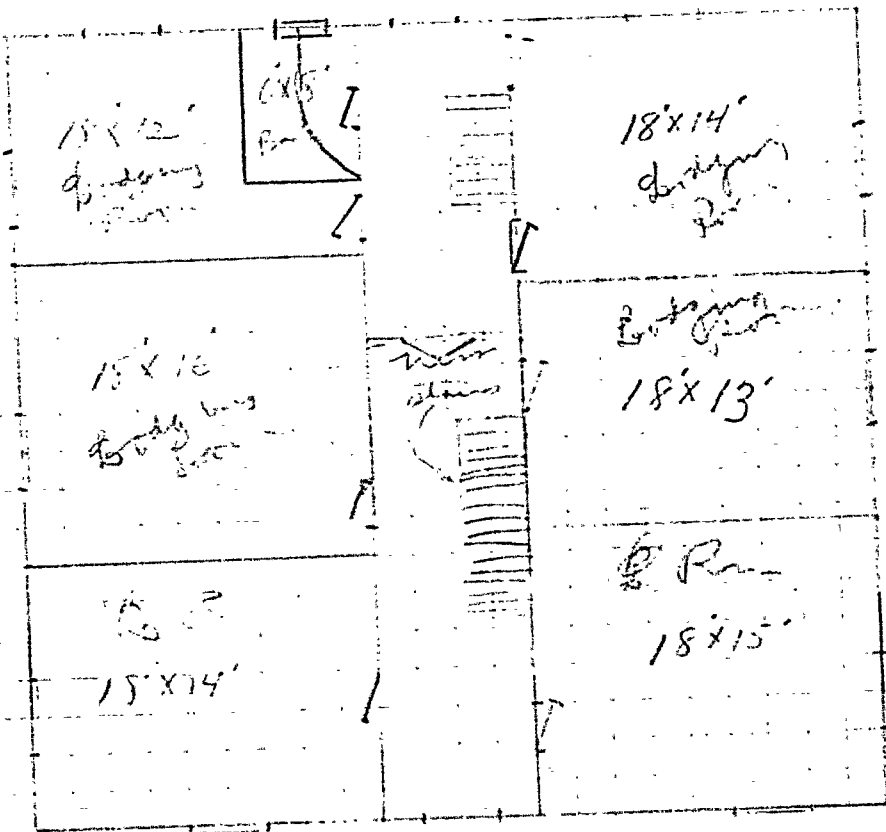
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3rd Floor Plan

SPECIFICATIONS ACCORDING TO THE APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT BY ABRAHAM FINAS  
AND HERMAN COHEN TO COVER MINOR ALTERATIONS AND CONVERSION OF THE BUILDING AT  
116 DANFORTH STREET FROM A SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING HOUSE TO A LODGING HOUSE

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1. These specifications are to be considered as much a part of the application for the building permit as though written on the application form, but failure to mention any requirement of the Building Code or any other law relating to the same subject matter, herein, shall not relieve owner, contractor, tenant or any other person from compliance therewith.

2. The general intended scope of this work is to make certain interior alterations, providing several new toilet rooms and new bathrooms and to convert the building from a one family dwelling to a lodging house having a two room apartment, utilizing the present kitchen, on the east side of the first story, and three lodging rooms on the west side of the same story; having six lodging rooms in the second story and six lodging rooms in the third story.

3. To provide two means of egress from the third floor a new front stairs will be provided between the third floor and the second floor, these stairs to have risers and treads in compliance with Building Code requirements, to have a handrail on at least one side, and to have the soffit covered with plaster on metal or gypsum lath.

4. There will be no cooking permitted in any room except the present kitchen in the first story which will be in connection with the two room apartment there.

5. Each toilet room in the building will be provided with an outside window, operative, and each window to have at least three square feet of total sash opening.

6. The existing closet under the cellar stairs will be eliminated, as will any other closets existing beneath stairs in the building, and no new closets will be provided beneath stairs in the building. Stairs between the first floor and the cellar will be enclosed with partitions consisting of 2x3 studs not more than 16 inches from center to center covered on both sides with plaster on metal lath or on perforated gypsum lath, and unless this enclosure extends to the cellar floor all around, the soffit of the stairs will be protected with similar material. At the foot of the enclosure will be provided a self-closing metal covered fire door set in a metal covered frame, the term self-closing meaning a door that is normally closed and kept closed by a suitable device. The intent of this enclosure is to separate completely the cellar stairs from the cellar, and in event this enclosure leaves the cellar stairs in darkness, adequate electric lights suitably controlled will be provided in the cellarway.

7. In event the policy is adopted in the future of allowing cooking in any of the rooms except as noted herein, thus making apartments of such rooms, standard fire extinguishers of a type bearing the label of approval of the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. for the use intended, will be provided, one in the cellar near the heater, and one in either front or rear hall on each of the three floors above the cellar, making four extinguishers in all, all extinguishers to be in a conspicuous place and always ready for use.

8. Electric lights adequate in size and location to illuminate all means of egress from the building will be provided in public and stair halls on the owner's meter, controlled by a time switch, and these lights will always be kept burning from sunset to sunrise each night.

9. If a new heater is installed, or if new apparatus for heating domestic hot water is installed, these appliances will be covered by separate permits applied for and secured by those installing them. If the smokepipe from the heater is maintained in its present location, a shield of so-called "asbestos lumber" no less than three times the diameter of the smokepipe in width will be suspended about halfway between the top of the smokepipe and the woodwork above at every point where the top of the smokepipe is less than 15 inches below the woodwork above.

10. Before any part of the building is occupied, the certificate of occupancy from the Inspector of buildings will be secured.

*Abraham Frank*

*Herman Cohen*

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APARTMENT HOUSE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Permit No. JUL 12 1940

Portland, Maine, June 27, 1940

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 115 Benforth Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Abraham Wink and Herman Cohen Telephone
Contractor's name and address John Fage-Pistaki & Sons, 12 Briggs St. Telephone 2-1743
Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 3
Proposed use of building Rooming House No. families
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 250 Fee \$ .75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 3 Heat hot air Style of roof flat Roofing
Last use dwelling house No. families 1

General Description of New Work

To Change Use of building from one family dwelling house to Rooming House
To put in 18' crossway partition as shown on plan
To put in new 12' non-bearing partition second floor
To build new stairway, front, second to third floor
To put in new 18' crossway partition, third floor, to make two rooms of one existing room,
To a cutting in new door to public hall
To enlarge existing closet to provide bath room 6' x 8', cutting in new door from hall, and
new window at least three square feet in area for ventilation of same
To remove existing stairway, third floor to roof, providing 3'x4' scuttle to roof
To enlarge nine windows on third floor, making 48"x58" openings
All new partitions to be 2x3 studs, 16" OC, plaster board
7/10/40 A means of egress satisfactory to the Board of Fire Engineers from the upper stories
will be provided before the building is occupied in any way. An amendment to this per-
mit with plans covering details of such fire escape will be filed and approval obtained
before any work is started on this detail.
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? yes
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 cella.
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 Abraham Wink & Herman Cohen
INSTRUCTION COPY
OFFICE OF THE DEPT.



FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

Permit No. **0809**



### APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

June 13, 1932  
Portland, Maine

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 116 Danforth Street Use of Building dwelling house  
Name and address of owner William R. Cutler, 116 Danforth St. Ward 6  
Contractor's name and address H. J. Higgins, 69 West St. Telephone P 4152

#### General Description of Work

To install Oil Burning Equipment

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE  
Is heater or source of heat to be in cellar? yes If not, which story \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of Fuel concrete  
Material of supports of heater or equipment (concrete floor or what kind) \_\_\_\_\_  
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of boiler or casing top of furnace \_\_\_\_\_  
from top of smoke pipe \_\_\_\_\_, from front of heater \_\_\_\_\_ from sides or back of heater \_\_\_\_\_

IF OIL BURNER  
Name and type of burner Laco Label and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? yes  
Will operator be always in attendance? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) gravity  
Location oil storage basement No. and capacity of tanks 1 - 275 gal.  
Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? yes How many tanks fireproofed? \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of fee enclosed? 1.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)  
Signature of contractor H. J. Higgins

INSPECTION COPY

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION  
R.S. 6/13/32

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War 1 6 Permit No. 32/809  
 Location 11 1/2 Danforth St.  
 Owner William P. C. T. T.  
 Date of perm: 6/13/32  
 Notif. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspn. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Final Notif. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Final Inspn. 11/3/32  
 Cert. of Occupancy issued None

11832 -  
 11/3/32 - This was in-  
 stalled under old  
 code so vent is O.K.  
 and no fusible link  
 valve is required by c.

NOTES

1. Kind of heat Steam
2. Label ✓
3. Anti-siphon ✓
4. Oil storage ✓
5. Tank station ✓
6. Vent pipe 3/4" ✓
7. Fill pipe ✓
8. Gauge no ✓
9. Rigidity ✓
10. Feed safety ✓
11. Pipe size & material ✓
12. Control valve ✓
13. Ash pit vent ✓
14. Pump or pressure safety ✓
15. Instruction card ✓
16. \_\_\_\_\_

11/3/32 - House ...  
 ...