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Planning and Urban Development Department Gregory A. Mitchell, Acting Director

October 27, 2011

Mr. Ken Guimond P.O Box 179 South Freeport, ME 04078

Re:

660 Congress Street

Dear Mr. Guimond:

I am in receipt of your letter to Penny St. Louis dated October 10, 2011, in which you requested a "waiver" of the section 14-483 (i.e. the "Housing Replacement Ordinance") for the consolidation of dwelling units within the structure at 660 Congress Street from the Department of Planning and Urban Development. You indicated that you currently have a Purchase and Sale Agreement for this property.

After consulting with the City's legal department, and based on your plans/description of your project to date, it appears that a waiver is not necessary under Housing Replacement Ordinance since you have proposed to reduce the number of residential units within the building from seven (7) to three (3). See 14-483(d). Please note that you will still need to submit an application and plans as specified in the Land Use Code.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Mitchell Acting Director

cc: Deb Andrews, Historic Preservation Manager

Barbara Barhydt, Development Review Services Coordinator

Marge Schmuckal, Zoning Administrator

Danielle West-Chuta, Associate Corporation Counsel