Lee Urban- Director of Planning and Development Michael J. Nugent- Inspections Division Director

January 26, 2006

RICE GEOFFREY I 658 CONGRESS ST 1ST FLOOR PORTLAND, ME 04101

CBL: 045 C002001 Located at 180 STATE ST Mail 70022410000081325157

Dear RICE GEOFFREY I,

The City has received a complaint that you did not remove the snow accumulation on the public sidewalk in front of your property. This condition is a violation of Section 25-173 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Portland, Removal of Snow and Ice.

This is a notice of violation pursuant to the Ordinance. A four foot path must be properly cleared the length of your frontage along the public street (s) within 24 hours of the date of this notice. A reinspection of the premises will occur, at which time compliance is required. Failure to comply will result in this office referring the matter to the City of Portland Corporation Counsel for legal action and possible civil penalties, as provided for in Section 1-15 of the Code.

If a property owner fails to clear their sidewalks 24 hours after receiving a notice of violation, the City can clear the sidewalk and bill the property owner the cost of doing so plus a 10% administrative charge.

This constitutes an appealable decision pursuant to Section 25-204 of the Code.

Enclosed is a copy of an informational brochure that outlines Property owner's responsibility with regard to the removal of snow and ice from the public sidewalk in front of the property. Please review the material and feel free to contact me at 874-8693 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Peter Merrow @ (207) 874-8707 Building Inspector

## GEOFFREY I. RICE First Floor 658 Congress Street Portland, Maine 04101 (207) 773-1814

February 14, 2006

City of Portland Building Inspections Division 389 Congress Street Portland, Maine 04101

Attention: Peter Merrow

**Building Inspector** 

Re: CBL: 045 002001

Located at 180 State Street

Dear Mr. Merrow:

I have received your letter of January 26, 2006 and enclosures. Thank you for sending me a copy of the City of Portland's ordinance regarding snow removal.

I have spoken to the gentleman in charge of snow removal at the above location. He has informed me that your claim is incorrect because he removes the snow within 24-hours after each storm, and the path is at least 4' wide.

Yours truly,

Geoffrey I. Rice

GIR/pjd

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