



PORTLAND MAINE

March 20, 2007

Reap & Tann Chork
50 Alice Court
Portland, ME 04103

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RE: 874 Washington Avenue – 170 B013 – R5 – illegal business

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Chork,

It has come to our attention that there is an illegal business at 874 Washington Avenue. In checking our records, the most recent permit we have is a change of use application from February of 1983 that attempted to change the use of the property from a two family dwelling to a three family dwelling. This application was denied, so the use of the building has remained as a two family. The business has never been permitted and therefore it is an illegal use.

874 Washington Avenue is located in the R-5 zone. Section 14-117(b)(3) of the ordinance states that a home occupation subject to the provisions of section 14-410 of the ordinance is permitted in the R-5 zone. I have enclosed an application for a home occupation that includes section 14-410 of the ordinance.

You have thirty days from the date of this letter to apply for a home occupation to legalize the business or remove it. If we do not receive an application within thirty days, and an inspection shows that the business is still there, we will turn this matter over to our corporation counsel, and they may begin legal proceedings to bring the use of your property into compliance.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call me at 874-8707.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hunt
Building Inspector
874-8707

