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March 10, 2015

Ms. Barbara Barhydt City of Portland, Planning Division 389 Congress Street, 4th Floor Portland, ME 04101

Dear Barbara:

On behalf of MSD Properties LLC, please find attached a Zoning Map Amendment Application related to 665-667 Congress Street. Redfern Properties is working in partnership with MSD Properties LLC and Joe's Super Variety to redevelop the property with a multi-family apartment building, consisting of 7-8 stories and roughly 130 apartments. Joe's Super Variety will occupy the ground floor retail space.

Per the attached, Zoning Map, the property currently is partially in the B-3 Zone and partially in the R-6 Zone. We are requesting a Map Amendment that would designate the entire property B-3. We believe that this is a very logical change that would result in a more sensible Zoning Map. The proposed project is very consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan and would fill the current need for rental apartment housing.

Please find attached the following in support of this application:

- 1. Zoning Map Amendment Application Form
- 2. Copy of Property Deed
- 3. Vicinity Map Showing Current Zoning
- 4. Aerial Photo of City Block showing current building types
- 5. Preliminary Proposed Site Plan
- 6. Preliminary Proposed Building Rendering

We are committed to creating a progressive and noteworthy project that will enhance this important urban neighborhood. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Culley

Redfern Properties LLC



Zoning Map/Text Amendment Application Portland, Maine

Planning and Urban Development Department Planning Division and Planning Board

Portland's Planning and Urban Development Department coordinates the development review process for requests for zoning map amendments, zoning text amendments and contract or conditional rezoning. The Division also coordinates site plan, subdivision and other applications under the City's Land Use Code. The **Application Process for a Zone Change** is summarized below under Section I and the associated costs for reviews are found under Section II, **Development Review Fees, Public Notices and Guarantees**, and are listed on the fee structure sheet.

I. APPLICATON SUBMITTAL

Pre-application meeting

Prior to submitting a zoning amendment application, the Planning Division recommends that the applicant or the designated representative schedule a pre-application meeting to discuss the review process and applicable standards for a proposal. Please contact Barbara Barhydt, Development Review Services Manager at 874-8699 to schedule a meeting.

Zoning Amendment Application

All plans and written application materials must be uploaded to a website for review. At the time of application, instructions for uploading the plans will be provided to the applicant. One paper set of the plans, written materials and application fee must be submitted to the Planning Division Office to start the review process.

- Submit one (1) complete paper set of the zoning amendment application with a concept plan and a written narrative. Contract and conditional rezoning applications must include site plans and written material that address physical development and operation of the property to ensure that the rezoning and subsequent development are consistent with the comprehensive plan, meet applicable land use regulations, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Applications may be submitted between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Planning Division on the 4th floor of City Hall, 389 Congress Street, Portland.
- All applications are processed in the order in which they are received.
- In order for the Planning Division's Administrative Staff to accept and log-in an application, the
 application form must be complete, it shall be signed by the applicant's or the applicant's
 designated representative, and all applicable fees paid at the time of submittal.
- The Land Use Code is available on the City's website at <u>www.portlandmaine.gov</u>.
- If the application is found to be incomplete, the applicant will be informed in writing of the required plans and materials.

II. DEVELOPMENT REVIEW FEES, PUBLIC NOTICES AND GUARANTEES Zoning Application Fees

- Each application must be submitted with the applicable fees as listed in the fee structure on page 4. The fees cover general administrative processing costs.
- Application fees may be paid in cash or by check (addressed to the City of Portland).
- An application will not be processed without the required application fees.

Fee for City Review Services

- The City of Portland charges fees for service to cover the cost of reviews by Planning and Legal staff members. The charges will be billed at an hourly rate and will be invoiced monthly for reimbursement.
- Current billing rates: Planning services, \$40.00/ hour and Legal services: \$75.00/hour.

Fee for Third Party Review

 Portland contracts with local engineering firms to conduct engineering reviews of development proposals. The direct cost of all engineering services or third-party consultant reviews, such as the civil engineering review of stormwater management plans, traffic impact reviews and such other reviews as required under the City's Ordinances, will be included in the monthly invoices for reimbursement.

Public Notices

- Public notices must be sent to property owners within 500 for all proposals at the time an application is received. Zoning map amendments for Industrial zones require notices to be sent to property owners within 1,000 feet.
- In advance of a Planning Board workshop or public hearing, public notices for projects must be sent
 to property owners and are posted in a legal ad in the Portland Press Herald and on the City's web
 site.
- In addition, zoning map amendments, text amendments and conditional rezoning agreements require individual notices to be posted in the Portland Press Herald.
- The Planning Division mails public notices and posts notices in the newspaper. The applicant will be billed for actual or apportioned costs for advertising and sending mailed notices.
- The applicant is required to hold a neighborhood meeting under the City's regulations for zone change requests. The mailing labels must be purchased from the Planning Division for the neighborhood meeting invitation. A request for labels requires a minimum of two business days to generate the mailing labels and a charge of \$1.00 per sheet will be payable upon receipt of the labels.

Third Party Review Fees

- Engineer and Third Party Review Fees The fees are assessed by the Consulting Engineers and Third Party Reviewers.
- Inspection Fee This fee is 2% of the Performance Guarantee or as assessed by Planning or Public Works Engineer with \$300.00 being the minimum.

Noticing/Advertisements Planning Board/City Council Review

Legal Advertisement:

Percent of total bill

Notices:

.75 cents each

(notices are sent to neighbors upon receipt of an application, workshop and public hearing meetings for Planning Board and public hearing meeting for City Council)

Planning Division Fourth Floor, City Hall 389 Congress Street (207) 874-8721 or 874-8719 Office Hours Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PROJECT ADDRESS:	667 Congress St.
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CHART/BLOCK/LOT: 46-C-19-20

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE AND PROJECT:

We are seeking to change the the rear half of the parcel from R-6 to B-3. The front half of the parcel is already B-3. We are proposing to build

a 7-8 story multi-family apartment building with roughly 130 rental apartments and parking under and behind the building.

	Applicant's Contact for electronic plans
	Name: Jonathan Culley
CONTACT INFORMATION:	e-mail Address jonathan@redfernproperties.com
	work # 207-221-5746
Applicant – must be owner, Lessee or Buyer	Applicant Contact Information
Name: Redfern Properties LLC on behalf of MSD Properties LLC	Work # 207-221-5746
Business Name, if applicable: MSD Properties LLC	Home#
Address: P.O. Box 5055	Cell # 207-776-9715 Fax# 207-221-2822
City/State : Portland, ME Zip Code: 04101	e-mail: jonathan@redfernproperties.com
Owner – (if different from Applicant)	Owner Contact Information
Name: MSD Properties LLC	Work # Adam Taylor, Attorney 207-828-2005
Address: P.O. Box 5055	Home#
City/State: Portland, ME Zip Code: 04101	Cell # Fax# 207-347-4523
	e-mail: ataylor@tmfattorneys.com
Agent/ Representative	Agent/Representative Contact information
Name: Jonathan Culley/Redfern Properties LLC	Work # 207-221-5746
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Name:	Work #
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Surveyor	Surveyor Contact Information	
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City/State : Portland, ME Zip Code: 04103	e-mail: jim@nadeaulandsurveys.com	
Architect	Architect Contact Information	
Name: Ryan Senatore Architecture	Work # 207-650-6414	
Address: 565 Congress St., Suite 304	Cell # 207-650-6414 Fax#	
City/State: Portland, ME Zip Code: 04101	e-mail: ryan@senatorearchitecture.com	
Attorney	Attorney Contact Information	
Name: Eben Adams/Pierce Atwood	Work # 207-791-1175	
Address: Merrill's Wharf 254 Commercial St.	Cell # Fax# 207-791-1350	
City/State: Portland, ME Zip Code: 04101	e-mail: eadams@pierceatwood.com	

Right, Title, or Interest: Please identify the status of the applicant's right, title, or interest in the subject property:

The applicant is MSD Properties LLC. A copy of the deed demonstrating fee ownership is attached. The applicant is working in partnership with Redfern Properties LLC to rezone and redevelop the property.

Provide documentary evidence, attached to this application, of applicant's right, title, or interest in the subject property. (For example, a deed, option or contract to purchase or lease the subject property.)

Vicinity Map: Attach a map showing the subject parcel and abutting parcels, labeled as to ownership and/or current use. (Applicant may utilize the City Zoning Map or Parcel Map as a source.)

Existing Use: Describe the existing use of the subject property:

The property is currently used for retail service and parking. It is the home of Joe's Super Variety with surface parking to the rear of the store.

Current Zoning Designation(s):

The front half of the property is currently zoned B-3, while the rear half is zoned R-6. We seek Zone Map Amendment for the rear half half of the property to match the front half, such that the entire property would be zoned B-3.

Proposed Use of Property: Please describe the proposed use of the subject property. If construction or development is proposed, please describe any changes to the physical condition of the property.

MSD Properties LLC and Redfern Properties are working in conjunction to develop a multi-family apartment building with ground floor retail. Joe's Super Variety would occupy the ground floor retail space. Preliminary renderings of the proposed building are attached.	

Site Plan: On a separate sheet, please provide a site plan of the property showing existing and proposed improvements, including such features as buildings, parking, driveways, walkways, landscape and property boundaries. This may be a professionally drawn plan, or a carefully drawn plan, to scale, by the applicant. (Scale to suit, range from 1" = 10' to 1' = 50'.) Contract and conditional rezoning applications may require additional site plans and written material that address physical development and operation of the property to ensure that the rezoning and subsequent development are consistent with the comprehensive plan, meet applicable land use regulations, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood.

APPLICATION FEE:

Check the type of zoning review that applies. Payment may be made in cash or check payable to the City of Portland.

Zoning Map Amendment x \$2,000.00 (from R-6 zone to B-3 zone) Zoning Text Amendment\$2,000.00 (to Section 14) (For a zoning text amendment, attach on a separate sheet the exact language being proposed, including existing relevant text, in which language to be deleted is depicted as crossed out (example) and language to be added is depicted as underline (example)	Fees Paid (office use)	The City invoices separately for the following: Notices (\$.75 each) (notices are sent to neighbors upon receipt of an application, workshop and public hearing meetings for Planning Board and public hearing meeting for City Council) Legal Ad (% of total Ad) Planning Review (\$40.00 hour) Legal Review (\$75.00 hour) Third party review is assessed separately.
Combination Zoning Text Amendment and Zoning Map Amendment\$3,000.00	_	
Conditional or Contract Zone\$3,000.00 (A conditional or contract rezoning map be requested by an applicant in cases where limitations, conditions, or special assurances related to the physical development and operation of the property are needed to ensure that the rezoning and subsequent development are consistent with the comprehensive plan, meet applicable land use regulations, and compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Please refer to Division 1.5, Sections 14-60 to 62.)		

Signature of Applicant:	Date:
Me	3/10/15

MSD PROPERTIES LLC / MICHAEL J. DISCATION
Further Information MANAGING MEMBER

In the event of withdrawal of the zoning amendment application by the applicant, a refund of two-thirds of the amount of the zone change fee will be made to the applicant as long as the request is submitted to the Planning Division prior to the advertisement being submitted to the news paper.

DEED OF SALE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Maine Statutory Short Form

WE, LOUIS A. DISCATIO, of 18 Smith Farm Lane, Portland ME 04103, and TERESA REO, aka THERESA DISCATIO, of 99 Lowell Street, South Portland ME 04106, duly appointed and acting PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES of the ESTATE of JOSEPH L. DISCATIO, Cumberland Probate Docket #2012-1034, by the power conferred by the Probate Code, and every other power, and with the right provided by decedent to convey property without notice to devisees or heirs, for consideration paid, grant to MSD PROPERTIES, LLC, a Maine Limited Liability Company with a principal place of business at 665 Congress Street, Portland ME 04101, certain lots or parcels of land and improvements in Portland, Cumberland County Maine on the northerly side of Congress Street bounded on the south by Congress Street, on the west by Vernon Place, and on the east by Avon Street, of approximately .6 acres, described on Exhibit A attached.

This property was conveyed to Joseph L. Discatio and Mary Discatio as joint tenants by warranty deed of Joseph L. Discatio dated September 16, 1990 and recorded on September 18, 1990 in Book 9322 Page 86 of the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds. Mary Discatio died on July 8,1999; her estate was not probated.

ا WATNESS, my	hand and seal this <u>/ / / _</u> day of June, 2013.
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	Estate of Joseph L. Discatio
Mh	- Jeresa a. Beo
litn es s	Grantor - Teresa Reo, aka Theresa Discatio,
	Personal Representative Estate of Joseph L. Discatio

State of Maine Cumberland, SS

Personally appeared before me, the above named Louis A. Discatio and Teresa Reo, aka Theresa Discatio, in their capacity as Joint Personal Representatives of the Estate of Joseph L. Discatio, acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free act and deed, and subscribed the same.

Before me, 6-10-20/3

Date

Andrew J. Doukas, Attorney At Law

ME BAR #2932

EXHIBIT A – LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY AT 665 CONGRESS STREET, PORTLAND, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, MAINE

PARCEL I

A certain lot or parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northwesterly corner of Congress Street and Congress Place, in said City of Portland, County of Cumberland and State of Maine, and having a frontage of thirty-eight (38) feet on Congress Street, and a frontage of about two hundred two (202) feet on Congress Place, with a depth of forty-five (45) feet at the northerly end. Said premises being bounded on the south by Congress Street, on the east by Congress Place, on the north by land now or formerly of T.A. and W.H. Roberts, and on the west by land now or formerly of H.W. and A. Deering, and by land of St. Stephens Church.

Congress Place is now known as Avon Street.

PARCEL II

<u>First:</u> A certain lot or parcel of land situated in said Portland on the easterly side of Vernon Court and numbered 13 and 15 on said Court, and being the same property conveyed by Grenville H. Deering to Ernest J. Eddy by deed dated November 2, 1907 and recorded in Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Book 816, Page 149, to which deed and the deeds therein referred to reference is hereby made for a more particular description.

<u>Second:</u> A certain lot or parcel of land, with any buildings thereon, situated on the easterly side of Vernon Court in said Portland and being the most northerly lot of land on the easterly side of said Court and being the premises numbered 19 and 21 as shown on the city valuation plan recorded in Cumberland County Registry of Deeds in Book 5, Page 46, and being the same premises conveyed by Elizabeth E. Deering to said Ernest J. Eddy by deed dated December 18, 1908 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 835, Page 6, to which deed and the deeds therein referred to reference is hereby made for more particular description of the premises.

<u>Third:</u> A certain lot or parcel of land, with any buildings thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of Vernon Court, otherwise known as Vernon Place, and being the same property conveyed by Robert C. Schmidt to said Ernest J. Eddy by deed dated December 14, 1908 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 835, Page 4, to which deed and the deeds therein referred to reference is hereby made for a more particular description of the premises.

<u>Fourth:</u> A certain lot or parcel of land at 18-22 Avon Street running in a southerly direction towards Congress Street from the southerly boundary line of the former Kelsey property at the southwest corner of Avon and Deering Streets, a distance of seventy-three and one-half (73 ½) feet, more or less to a junction with the property now or formerly of the Avon Corp. located at the west corner of Avon and Congress Streets, bounded on the southerly side by the said property now or formerly of the Trustees of the Dalton Memorial Chapel and Burnham Hall; bounded on the west by property now or formerly of the Trustees of the Dalton Memorial Chapel and Burnham Hall and

bounded on the north by said former Kelsey property and property now or formerly of said Avon Corp.

<u>Fifth:</u> A certain lot or parcel of land at number 11 (called 5) Vernon Place, together with the brick frame dwelling, or apartment house thereon, the said property being bounded as follows: On the northerly side by the land, brick and frame house of the said Dalton Memorial Chapel and Burnham Hall, a distance of forty-five (45) feet, more or less, on the easterly side by property now or formerly of the Avon corp. located at the northwesterly corner of Congress and Avon Streets a distance of approximately thirty-six (36) feet, more or less, to a junction with the land and Parish house of the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephen's Parish, or Church; on the southerly side by the said land and Parish House of said Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Stephens's Parish or Church; on the westerly side by the line of Vernon Place.

Sixth: Also releasing and conveying all my right, title and interest in the following described real estate: A certain lot or parcel of land with (any) buildings thereon, situated on the northerly side of Congress Street and numbered 665 ½ Congress Street and now or formerly known as "Joe's Smoke Shop," said land beginning at a point one hundred and eighty-five (185) feet, more or less, from State Street at the easterly line of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church edifice and extending in an easterly direction eight and one-half (8 ½) or nine (9) feet thence in a northerly direction a distance of thirty-six (36) feet; thence approximately seven (7) feet in a westerly direction to the easterly wall of the said St. Stephen's Episcopal Church edifice, the said wall being the westerly boundary of the said property.

<u>Seventh:</u> Also a certain other lot or parcel of land, with any buildings thereon, known as St. Stephen's Church, and situated on the northerly side of Congress Street in said Portland, bounded and described as follows:

Said lot is on the corner of Congress Street and Vernon Court, so-called, and is sixty-three (63) feet on Congress Street running back on Vernon Court one hundred and thirty (130) feet, more or less, on the easterly side of said court as far northerly as the land formerly owned and occupied by Hiram W. and Alvin Deering, said lot is bounded on the easterly side thereof by a line described in a Decree of the Supreme Judicial Court held in and for the County of Cumberland, April Term 1838 in the case of Hannah Harding In Equity vs. Job Randall, as a "line drawn from the northerly corner of said lot to Main Street and intersecting said Street two (2) feet easterly of the easterly end of the dwelling house in said pleadings mentioned and excluding the well near said house," to which Decree, duly entered on the Docket of said Court, in said suit, reference for a particular description of said easterly side line of the lot hereby conveyed is always to be had.

Meaning and intending to convey, and hereby conveying, all right, title and interest in and to lots 19-23 as shown on City of Portland Assessors Chart Plan 46, Block C, as recorded in the City Assessors, Portland, Maine.

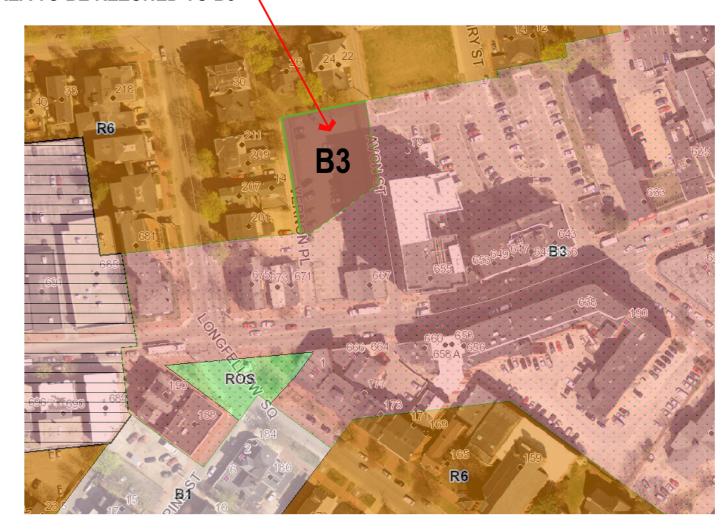
Meaning and intending to convey, and hereby conveying, all real estate of the grantor which is situated in the block in said Portland which is bounded southerly by Congress Street; westerly by Vernon Place and easterly by Avon Street.

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PROPOSED AREA TO BE REZONED TO B3 -



EXISTING ZONING MAP



PROPOSED ZONING MAP



8 STORY APARTMENT BUILDING

PROPOSED 8 STORY APARTMENT BUILDING



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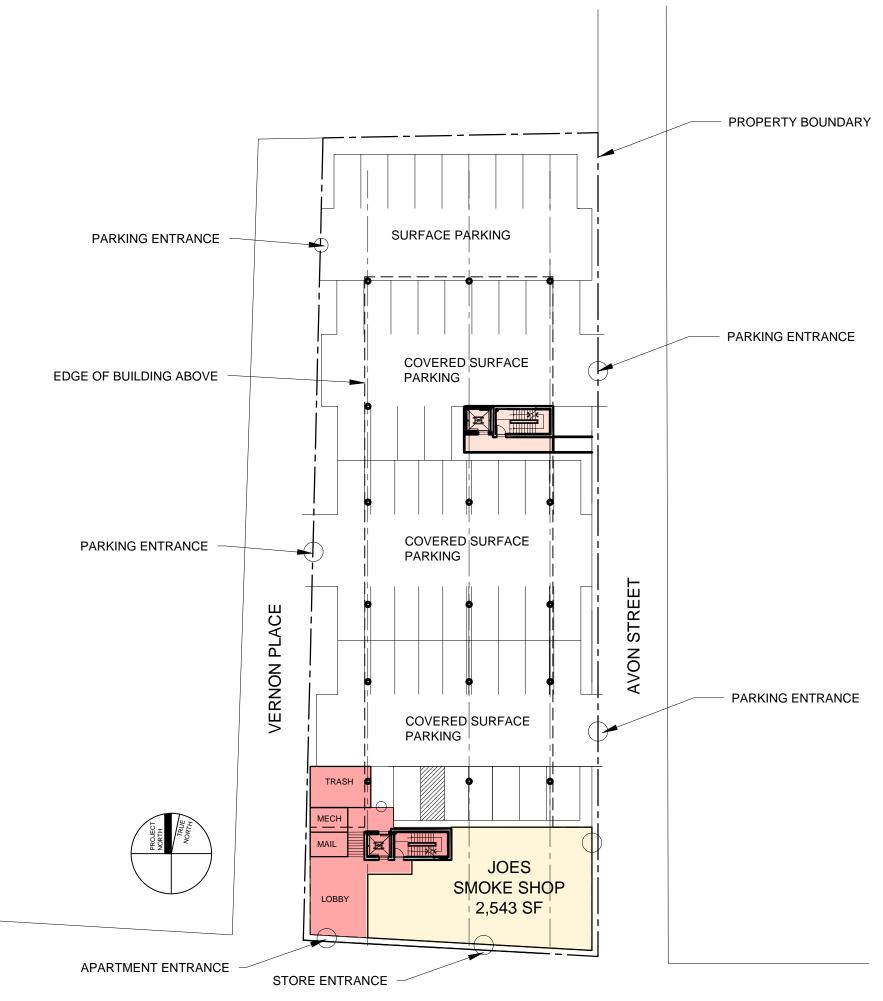
7 STORY APARTMENT BUILDING



NEIGHBORHOOD BIRDSEYE VIEW

SCALE : NTS





CONGRESS STREET



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE: 1/32" = 1'-0"







CONGRESS STREET RENDERING

SCALE : NTS

