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Director of Planning and Urban Development
Penny St. Louis Littell

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Abdi Abu
288 Harvard Street
Portland, ME 04103

RE: 3 Deering Ave. Permit Application #08-0483
CBL: 047 A004

Dear Abdi,

This letter serves as notification that the above referenced application for permit to change the use of this property from a bicycle shop to a restaurant or shisha bar is deemed abandoned. A meeting was held in this office on June 3, 2008 with Al Fishman, Halima Abu, inspector Jon Rioux and the Division Director Jeanie Bourke. The discussion centered on the allowable use of the property and since a shisha bar is not recognized by zoning, the thought was that it could be a restaurant. The code requirements for a restaurant were discussed and it was left that plans would be submitted with the necessary information to proceed with the review. To date, the City has not received further information.

Section 105.3.2 of the International Building Code states:

105.3.2 Time limitation of application.

An application for a permit for any proposed work shall be deemed to have been abandoned 180 days after the date of filing, unless such application has been pursued in good faith or a permit has been issued; except that the building official is authorized to grant one or more extensions of time for additional periods not exceeding 90 days each. The extension shall be requested in writing and justifiable cause demonstrated.

Per Section 105.3.2 of the International Building Code 2003 as adopted by the City of Portland this application for permit is no longer under consideration.

Feel free to contact me at 874-8715 with any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jeanie Bourke
CEO/Plan Reviewer

Cc: Alan Fishman
Ramesh Dronamraju