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**Re: BP#2016-01146 767 Congress Street**

1 message

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To: Laurie Leader <lrl@portlandmaine.gov>  
Cc: Keith Gautreau <kng@portlandmaine.gov>

Fri, Jun 24, 2016 at 10:53 AM

Hi Laurie,

I have done a site visit to 767 Congress Street, and there is no obstructions to the fire department connection for the proposed fence location.

Thank You,

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On Fri, Jun 24, 2016 at 9:58 AM, Laurie Leader <lrl@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Mike and Keith,

Regarding the above permit, here is how my code reads:

**912.3 Access.** Immediate access to fire department connections shall be maintained at all times and without obstruction by fences, bushes, trees, walls or any other fixed or moveable object. Access to fire department connections shall be *approved* by the fire chief. [F]

**Exception:** Fences, where provided with an access gate equipped with a sign complying with the legend requirements of [Section 912.4](#) and a means of emergency operation. The gate and the means of emergency operation shall be *approved* by the fire chief and maintained operational at all times.

**912.4 Signs.** A metal sign with raised letters at least 1 inch (25 mm) in size shall be mounted on all fire department connections serving automatic sprinklers, standpipes or fire pump connections. Such signs shall read: AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS or STANDPIPES or TEST CONNECTION or a combination thereof as applicable. Where the fire department connection does not serve the entire building, a sign shall be provided indicating the portions of the building served. [F]

I think I need approval from you to allow this fence. Also, are these signs typically in place all ready or should I put this in as a condition for approval.

Thanks,

Laurie

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