

**Jeanie Bourke - Re: Fwd: 737 Congress St. storefront permit BP.2014-02785**

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**From:** Jeanie Bourke  
**To:** Benjamin Wallace  
**Date:** 12/30/2014 9:17 AM  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: 737 Congress St. storefront permit BP.2014-02785  
**CC:** Craig Messinger; David Petruccelli

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Hi Ben,

While I may have been involved with some discussions/meetings on this property, I agree, it is hard to determine the egress question with the plans submitted. I believe my involvement was specifically regarding door swing direction based on occupant load. My assumption, right or wrong, is that the 2 restored storefronts are existing and there is no change in the proposal from the existing configuration.

This appears evident when comparing the proposed elevation with the existing photo in Eplan. This permit is only for the storefront restoration and will not impact the interior layout and exit pathways.

Also, I will upload this email from the architect to include in the approved permit documents, which includes his attesting to the egress question at hand. To be sure, conditions of approval should also be levied.

Thanks,  
Jeanie

>>> Benjamin Wallace 12/23/2014 8:50 AM >>>

Jeanie,

Can you confirm this: that the egress access within the spaces that will be exiting through the two new exits are within required common path of travel? The applicant's provided no floor plans showing how the exit access is arranged and distances. She may be fine, but I have no way of knowing this.

Thanks,  
Ben

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Lt. Wallace,

I've been involved with the property for over 14 years attempting the design restoration of the 1920's storefront with the City. The owners have not found a financial plan previously which works.

There is no change to the first floor egress pattern for the other units in the building, because the stand-alone retail spaces do not exit or enter through the central hall. Jeannie Bourke has been involved with the most recent proposals and confirms there is no additional requirement based on retail customer occupancy well below

50 persons, and antique door restoration may be allowed. Neither space communicates with the rest of the property, and the former bakery has only been used for basement access for storage.

Thanks for your interest in this historic restoration.

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