

AP 73 Bearing Street-1

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Mrs. Euleta J. White
73 Bearing Street
Mr. Edward A. Dunn
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So. Portland 7, Maine

Subject: Building permit for alterations in the building at 73 Bearing Street, corner of Wallen Street and change of use of the building from single family dwelling house to suites of doctor's offices in first and second stories and two apartments on third floor

Dear Madam & Gentlemen:

Although the revised plans received here February 25, still do not clear up the means of egress situation from third floor completely and still do not show the required fire resistive enclosure of the cellar stairs in the cellar, at Mrs. White's request of yesterday, I am issuing the building permit to her, herewith, subject to the following:

1. The permit is based on architect's sheets 1, 2 & 3 dated as revised on February 4, 1946, and sheet 4 dated as revised February 21, 1946.
2. Vestibule locksets have been shown on doors as per item number 6 of my check list of January 25. Some savings perhaps can be had by using just ordinary locksets without any dead bolt in them on interior doors.
3. Since the original application for the permit was made, plans of the owner have been changed to show two apartments on third floor instead of one and Mrs. White has authorized me to change the application for the permit accordingly. Since the provision of two apartments on the third floor makes more than one apartment on a single floor above the first story, Section 30821 of the Building Code requires that the cellar stairs be enclosed in the cellar with fire resistive enclosures and fire door in the same manner as required for apartment houses. Since there has been so much delay on this project, I am issuing the building permit at Mrs. White's request without this fire resistive enclosure being shown on the plans, but with the understanding that the cellar stairs in the cellar are to be enclosed with fire resistive partitions consisting of no less than 2x3 studs set upright no more than 16 inches from center to center and covered on both sides with plaster on perforated gypsum lath or on metal lath. If so desired, and if the present stair construction is strong enough, the enclosing partitions might be supported upon the present stairway construction and instead of carrying them down to the cellar floor, retaining the plaster under the soffit or under side of the stairs to make a tight box. If this latter method is used and perforated gypsum lath is used, 3-inch wide strips of metal lath are required to be applied over the joints of the perforated lath on all overhead work before the plaster is applied. The door in the enclosure at the foot of the stairs is required to be a standard fire resistive door and frame as specified by Section 30804 of the Building Code and does not require a label, but should comply with these specifications and should fit the metal covered door frame so closely that when the door is closed there will be no crack around the edge wider than $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch. The door is required to be made self-closing by means of a liquid door closer. Probably an electric light will be required in the cellar stairs enclosure and a handrail will be required full length of these stairs on at least one side.