

I'm writing to confirm our recent conversation regarding your proposal to install an AC compressor on an exterior wall of 727 Congress Street. As I explained, the installation of an AC compressor does require review and approval under Portland's historic preservation ordinance if the unit will be visible from any public way. Most of these reviews are conducted at the staff level and most of the applications have been approved, some with conditions. In general, compressors are required to be installed on the ground, not directly on a building exterior wall. We also encourage that they be located away from prominent facades of the building and be screened if visible from the street. We are happy to meet with applicants on site to find a suitable location/screening solution.

As I understand the location of your proposed installation, the compressor will not be visible from any public way. As it cannot be seen from a public way, the historic preservation regulations do not apply. If other condo unit owners wish to install permanent AC in their units, they will need to apply for Historic Preservation approval. We will review their requests on a case-by-case basis. (Removable window units do not require review, provided they are temporary.)

Hope this is helpful.

Deb Andrews  
Historic Preservation Program Manager

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Deb, can you answer this? Thank you, Lannie

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For the buildings files.

Thanks you,

Chris



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