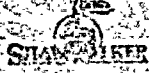


555 CUMBERLAND AVENUE



STANLEY BIKER

Full cut • 920R • Half cut • 9202H • Third cut • 9203R • Fifth cut • 9205R



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
 DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES
 ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Date Dec. 23, 1975
 Receipt and Permit number A 11638

To the CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, Portland, Maine:
 The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to make electrical installations in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Portland Electrical Ordinance, the National Electrical Code and the following specifications:

LOCATION OF WORK: 553 Cumberland Ave.
 OWNER'S NAME: Jeff Rice ADDRESS: ~~XXXX~~ 655 Congress St.

OUTLETS: (number of)
 Lights _____
 Receptacles _____ FEES
 Switches _____
 Plugmold _____ (number of feet)
 TOTAL _____

FIXTURES: (number of)
 Incandescent _____
 Fluorescent _____ (Do not include strip fluorescent)
 TOTAL _____
 Strip Fluorescent, in feet _____

SERVICES:
 Permanent, total amperes _____
 Temporary _____

METERS: (number of) _____

MOTORS: (number of)
 Fractional _____
 1 HP or over _____

RESIDENTIAL HEATING:
 Oil or Gas (number of units) _____
 Electric (number of rooms) _____

COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL HEATING:
 Oil or Gas (by a main boiler) _____
 Oil or Gas (by separate units) _____
 Electric (total number of kws) _____

APPLIANCES: (number of)
 Ranges _____ Water Heaters _____
 Cook Tops _____ Disposals _____
 Wall Ovens _____ Dishwashers _____
 Dryers _____ Compactors _____
 Fans _____ Others (denote) _____
 TOTAL _____

MISCELLANEOUS: (number of)
 Branch Panels _____
 Transformers _____
 Air Conditioners _____
 Signs _____
 Fire/Burglar Alarms 1 3.00
 Circus, Fairs, etc. _____
 Alterations to wires _____
 Repairs after fire _____
 Heavy Duty, 220v outlets _____
 Emergency Lights, battery _____
 Emergency Generators _____

INSTALLATION FEE DUE: _____
 FOR ADDITIONAL WORK NOT ON ORIGINAL PERMIT DOUBLE FEE DUE: _____
 FOR REMOVAL OF A "STOP ORDER" (304-16.b) _____
 FOR PERFORMING WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT (304-9) _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: 3.00

INSPECTION:
 Will be ready on _____, 19____; or Will Call X

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Larry McMahon
 ADDRESS: 12 Clifton St.
 TEL.: 774-4137

MASTER LICENSE NO.: 3403 SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR: Larry W. McMahon
 LIMITED LICENSE NO.: _____

dk

INSPECTOR'S COPY



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

B.O.C.A. USE GROUP
B.O.C.A. TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION
ZONING LOCATION PORTLAND, MAINE, Dec. 23, 1975

PERMIT ISSUED

DEC 23 1975

1105
CITY OF PORTLAND

To the DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect, alter, repair, demolish, move or install the following building, structure, equipment or change use in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Portland B.O.C.A. Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland with plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

LOCATION 553 Cumberland Ave. 655 Cumberland Ave. Fire District #1 [], #2 []
1. Owner's name and address Jeff Rice Telephone
2. Lessee's name and address Telephone
3. Contractor's name and address Larry McMahon 12 Clifton St Telephone 774-4137
4. Architect Specifications Plans No. of sheets
Proposed use of building apt. bldg. No. families
Last use No. families
Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated contractual cost \$ Fee \$15.

FIELD INSPECTOR—Mr. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This application is for: @ 775-451
Dwelling Ext. 234 To install a Fire Lite Alarm system in three
Garage storerooms living area and basement.
Masonry Bldg. Approx. 60 sensors, with 2 bells - on 1st & 3rd
Metal Bldg. Stamp of Special Conditions floor
Alterations
Demolitions
Change of Use
Other

Sent to Fire Dept 12-23-75
Rec'd from Fire Dept 12-23-75

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Separate permits are required by the installers and subcontractors of heating, plumbing, electrical and mechanicals.

PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED TO 1 [] 2 [] 3 [x] 4 []
Other:

DETAILS OF NEW WORK

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?
Is connection to be made to public sewer? If not, what is proposed for sewage?
Has septic tank notice been sent? Form notice sent?
Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof
Size, front depth No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar
Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel
Framing Lumber—Kind Dressed or full size? Corner posts Sills
Size Girder Columns under girders Size Max. on centers
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging on every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet
Joists and rafters: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof
On centers: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof
Maximum span: 1st floor 2nd 3rd roof
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

IF A GARAGE

No. cars now accommodated on same lot to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

APPROVALS BY: DATE MISCELLANEOUS
BUILDING INSPECTION—PLAN EXAMINER Will work require disturbing of any tree on public street?
ZONING:
BUILDING CODE: Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent
Fire Dept. to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto
Health Dept. are observed? YES
Others:

Signature of Applicant Larry McMahon Phone #
Type Name of above Larry McMahon 1 [] 2 [] 3 [] 4 []

FIELD INSPECTOR'S COPY

Other and Address

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Application for Permit to Install Wires

Permit No. 551 36
 Issued 1/24/66
 8/29 1966
 Portland, Maine

To the City Electrician, Portland, Maine.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install wires for the purpose of conducting electric current, in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Electrical Ordinance of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

(This form must be completely filled out — Minimum Fee, \$1.00)

Owner's Name and Address *Harry K. C. 133 1/2 Ave. 16th Tel. 773-2905*
 Contractor's Name and Address *Paul's - Farmer 1020 4th St. Tel. 777-1*
 Location *551-553 Cumberland Ave* Use of Building *Apt. House*
 Number of Families _____ Apartments _____ Stores _____ Number of Stories _____
 Description of Wiring: New Work _____ Additions Alterations _____

Pipe _____ Cable _____ Metal Molding _____ BX C _____ Plug Molding (No. of feet) _____
 No. Light Outlets _____ Plugs _____ Light Circuits _____ Plug Circuits _____
 FIXTURES: No. _____ Light Switches _____ Fluor. or Strip Lighting (No. feet) _____
 SERVICE: Pipe _____ Cable _____ Underground _____ No. of Wires _____ Size _____
 METERS: Relocated _____ Added _____ Total No. Meters _____
 MOTORS: Number _____ Phase _____ H. P. _____ Amps _____ Volts _____ Starter _____
 HEATING UNITS: Domestic (Oil) _____ No. Motors _____ Phase _____ H. P. _____
 Commercial (Oil) No. Motors *2* Phase *1* H.P. *1/2*
 Electric Heat (No. of Rooms) _____
 APPLIANCES: No. Ranges _____ Watts _____ Brand Feeds (Size and No.) _____
 Elec. Heaters _____ Watts _____
 Miscellaneous _____ Watts _____ Extra Cabinets or Panels _____
 Transformers _____ Air Conditioners (No. Units) _____ Signs (No. Units) _____
 Will commence *8/14/66* 19*66* Ready to cover in _____ 19 _____ Inspection *2 weeks*
 Amount of Fee \$ *2.00*

Signed *[Signature]*

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

SERVICE		METER		GROUND	
VISITS: 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12

REMARKS:

INSPECTED BY

(OVER)

LOCATION *Cumb Ar 557553*
 INSPECTION DATE *10/66*
 WORK COMPLETED *10/10/66*
 TOTAL NO. INSPECTIONS *1*

REMARKS:

FEEES FOR WIRING PERMITS EFFECTIVE JULY 31, 1963

WIRING		
1 to 30 Outlets	(including switches)	\$ 2.00
31 to 60 Outlets	(including switches)	3.00
Over 60 Outlets, each Outlet	(including switches)	.05
(Each twelve feet or fraction thereof of fluorescent lighting or any type of plug molding will be classed as one outlet).		
SERVICES		
Single Phase		2.00
Three Phase		4.00
MOTORS		
Not exceeding 50 H.P.		3.00
Over 50 H.P.		4.00
HEATING UNITS		
Domestic (Oil)		2.00
Commercial (Oil)		4.00
Electric Heat (Each Room)		.75
APPLIANCES		
Ranges, Cooking Tops, Ovens, Water Heaters, Disposals, Dishwashers, etc. — Each Unit		1.50
TEMPORARY WORK (Limited to 6 months from date of permit)		
Service, Single Phase		1.00
Service, Three Phase		2.00
Wiring, 1-50 Outlets		1.00
Wiring, each additional outlet over 50		.02
Circuits, Carnivals, Fairs, etc.		10.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
Distribution Cabinet or Panel, per unit		1.00
Transformers, per unit		2.00
Air Conditioners, per unit		2.00

(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT



Class of Building or Type of Structure Retaining wall
Portland, Maine, November 2, 1948

PERMIT ISSUED
02034
NOV 9 1948
CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair or reconstruct the following building... in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 553 Cumberland Avenue Within Fire Limits? Dist. No.
Owner's name and address Aaron Davidson, 61 Sherman Street Telephone
Lessee's name and address Telephone
Contractor's name and address Simonds Construction Co., Inc. 12 Monument Square Telephone
Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building No. families
Last use No. families
Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 1,000 Fee \$ 4.00

General Description of New Work

To provide reinforcing wall for existing retaining wall as per plan.

124-126 Sherman - up E.B. - over the garden lot 30' x 20'
owner 1946 Stephen & Katherine A.
Simonds

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO Simonds Construction Co., Inc.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?
Height average grade to top of plate Height: average grade to highest point of roof
Size, front de. No. stories solid or filled land? earth or rock?
Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar
Material of underpinning Height Thickness
Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering
No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining Kind of heat fuel
Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?
Corner posts Sills Girt or ledge board? Size
Girders Size Columns under girders Size Max. on centers
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
On centers: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
Maximum span: 1st floor, 2nd, 3rd, roof
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot, to be accommodated number commercial cars to be accommodated
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building?

APPROVED:

[Signature lines for approval]

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Aaron Davidson
Simonds Construction Co., Inc.

Signature of owner BY: [Signature]

INSPECTION COPY

LOCATION Cumby Road Apt.

DATE 2/17/48

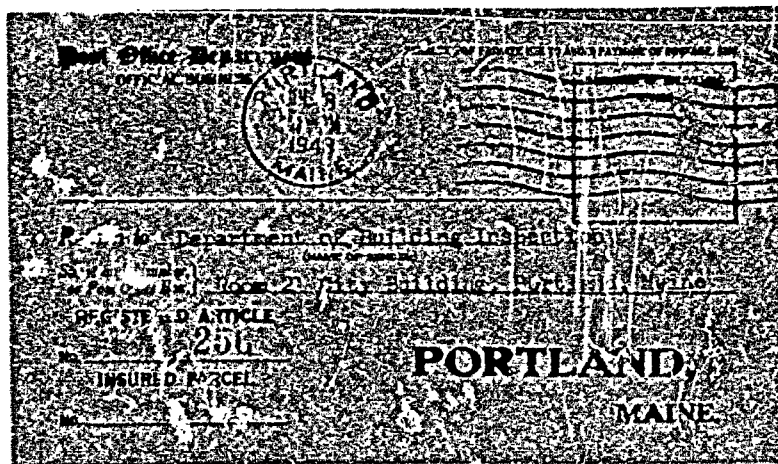
PERMIT _____

INQUIRY _____

COMPLAINT _____

*The window sashes
cannot be closed, window
has been insured
and retained well
the window is out
from today but will
look in situation
for repair*

W.C.



Form 8505-B (Rev. 11-46)

Receipt for Registered Article No. 256 Postmark per SEP

Fee paid 10 cents. Class postage 1/2 POSTMARK

Declared value None Surcharge paid, \$.....

Deliv. Receipt for..... Epl. Deliv. for.....

Deliv. restricted to addressee.....

in person..... or order..... Fee paid.....

Accepting employe will place his initials in space indicating restricted delivery.

NOTICE TO SENDER—Enter below name and address of addressee as an identification of recipient and attach this receipt in case of inquiry or application for indemnity.

..... (Name of addressee) (P. O. and State of address)

6-43/66-1

July 7, 1948

Mr. Aaron Davidson
61 Sherman Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Dangerous retaining wall at the rear
549-551 Cumberland Avenue

Dear Mr. Davidson:

As explained to Mrs. Davidson over the phone this afternoon, the high retaining wall at the rear of the property at 549-551 Cumberland Avenue, which you are reported to own, is found to be cracked and bulging to an extent to be deemed dangerous, and this letter constitutes notice to you of this condition as required by Section 109a of the Building Code (copy enclosed).

Under the same section it is my duty to order and you are hereby directed to have this dangerous condition corrected forthwith.

There are at least two bad cracks in this wall, the worst one being toward the east end where the wall is also evidently bulging or pressing toward Sherman Street to such an extent that the adjoining wall at about right angles with Cumberland Avenue appears to be broken clear through near the corner of the two walls.

The ground on the low side toward Sherman Street is probably several feet below the floor in the rear of your cellar and whether or not the rear foundation will of your building goes to such a depth that the weight of the building and its contents is not producing additional thrust on this wall cannot be told. If your building is tending to push the wall outward toward Sherman Street, it is a serious condition indeed. Should the wall fail, extensive damage to your own building and also the building facing on Sherman Street is quite possible.

There should be no delay what temporarily safe, and I recommend a contractor to adequately shore to secure the right to trespass party fronting on Sherman Street.

Shoring this wall undoubtedly and at least a procure a thoroughly competent shoring. To do this, you or he will need shoring timbers on the adjoining pro-

When this has been done, competent engineering services should be secured to design a strengthening or replacement of the wall to provide permanent safety.

Permanent changes in the wall will require permits from this office and with the application design plans of the wall showing what loads the wall must withstand should be filed. The safety of the occupants of both buildings demands immediate action.

Very truly yours,



(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE
CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION
COMPLAINT

Complaint No. 48/66

INSPECTION COPY

Date Received May 27, 1948

Location 549-551 Cumberland Avenue

Use of Building Apartment House

Owner's name and address Aaron Davidson, 61 Sherman Street

Telephone 2-2759

Tenant's name and address _____

Telephone _____

Complainant's name and address ATH

Telephone _____

Description: Retaining wall rear of this apartment house in questionable condition because of cracks. Wall is about 70' long and 10' to 12' high.

to what extent they may be
increasing. The weather will
of course get colder and it is
very doubtful that it will warm
without getting worse.
There may be some improvement
in this wall but checked out
see as if
It seems this is a job for
a competent mason to look
over and make recommendations
acting for its erection and
repair. CC
7/7/48
Examined - WMC
7/7/48 - [Signature]
WMC
7/16/48 - [Signature]
I said that no one had
heard one and the other
could not come till upon
7/19/48 when he found some
which led to this case. He
said he would to the office
4 1/2 hrs. was first
8/11/47 - [Signature]
Reached to judge making
what was the [Signature]
going to be [Signature] 8/11/48
to complete temporary [Signature]

APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE

Complaint No. 48/65
 Location 549-551 Cumberland Avenue
 Date Received 5/27/43
 Date Disposed of 11/9/46
 See permit 45/2094

NOTES

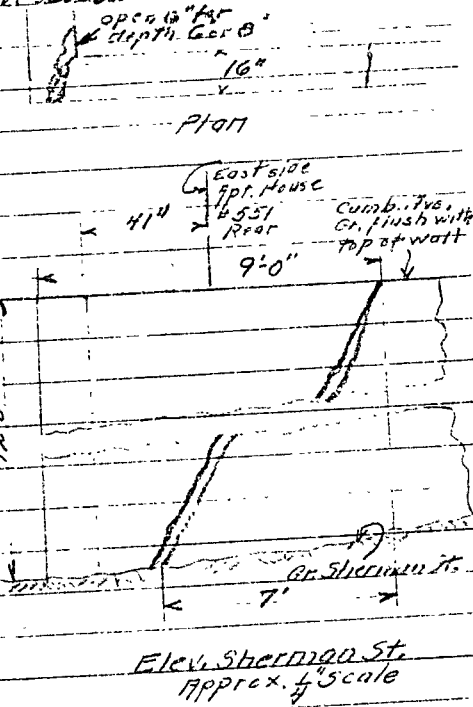
5/27/40. I came across this while making an inspection recently on some other work. The condition can best be seen from the Sherman St. side.

There is a diagonal crack about 9' from the end (looking from Sherman St.) that runs from top to bottom, is open 1" to 2", and about 12" deep, that is, you can run a ruler in about 12". At the top of the wall it is through the full thickness, which is 16" thick. The angle of this crack is about 7' in 12", and the wall at this point is out of plumb 1" in 13" alt. is 8' from the house which runs approx parallel and practically by entire length of wall.

Another crack occurs

at the east corner where the wall makes a right angle to the rear wall. This is not too bad from the Sherman St. side, but

is open 6" or 8" open at top. There is 41" from the house to this wall.



These cracks apparently are not too recent, but their depth prevents determining.



(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE
CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION
COMPLAINT

Complaint No. 18/66

INSPECTION COPY

Date Received May 27, 1948

Location 549-551 Cumberland Avenue

Use of Building

Apartment House

Owner's name and address Aaron Davidson, 61 Sherman Street

Telephone 2-2759

Complainant's name and address

Complainant's name and address ATH

Telephone

Description: Retaining wall rear of this apartment house in questionable condition because of cracks. Wall is about 7' long and 10' to 12' high.

to what extent they may be increasing. This condition will of course get no better and it is very doubtful that it will remain without growing worse.

There may be reinforcement in this wall but I did not see any.

It seems this is a job for a competent man to look over and make recommendations for its condition and safety.

7/7/48

Examined - WMS

7/7/48 - Better
WMS

7/16/48 - Mrs. David called & said that no work had been done and she was afraid it would come till upon 7/19/48. When he found out what it is he would be well come to the office & tell us that.

8/12/47 - Nothing done. Talked to Judge Mahony who would call on the owner to get the work done. WMS



Original Permit No. 10/2067
Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, June 12, 1911

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 10/2067 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location 551 Cumberland Avenue Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 2
Owner's or lessee's name and address Aaron Davidson, 141 Grant Street
Contractor's name and address Charles Hill, 531 Cumberland Ave. 2-1251
Plans filed as part of this Amendment no No. of Sheets _____
Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
Increased cost of work 200 Additional fee 25
Framing Lumber: Kind? _____ Dressed or Full Size? _____

Description of Proposed Work

To make the add alterations as given in original permit on first floor of building, thus making thirty-one apartments in building

Approved:

Aaron Davidson

Signature of Owner

Chief of Fire Department

Approved:

Inspector of Buildings

INSPECTION COPY

Commissioner of Public Works

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December 17, 1940

Mr. Aarón Davidson,
144 Grant Street,
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Davidson:

Your contractor, Mr. Charles Hill, has applied for a permit in your name to make alterations in the apartment house at 551-553 Cumberland Avenue by way of providing a short corridor between the front section and the rear larger section of this tenement house on the second, third and fourth floors and providing on each of these floors two apartments near the junction of these two sections of the building where a single four room apartment has existed before.

Chief Sanborn is unwilling to approve this building permit on the basis that the change just as you have proposed it would increase the fire hazard by making it more easy for fire to travel from one section of the building to the other. After going over the matter with him quite thoroughly I find that he would be willing to approve the permit if you will adopt one of the following alternatives:

1. Make all of the new work of both partitions forming the corridor on each floor of wooden studs covered on both sides with plaster on metal lath or incombustible plaster base. Provide a brick wall in the cellar completely cutting off the cellars of the front section and the rear section of the building (if absolutely necessary a self-closing fire door would be permitted in this fire wall in the cellar, the term self-closing meaning a door that is normally closed and kept closed by an approved device.) Provide a self-closing Kalumet fire door at the end of each new hall toward Cumberland Avenue at each floor level.

2. Provide the plaster on incombustible base on the corridor partitions as above, but in lieu of all of the other protection indicated in paragraph No. 1, equip the entire building in cellars, public halls and stair halls and in attics and blind spaces, if any, with a standard automatic sprinkler system. (The sprinkler system would probably materially reduce the fire insurance rate on the building)

Please decide what you will do under these circumstances. If you will adopt either of the above alternatives, so indicate clearly on plans and application, so that the Fire Chief's approval may be secured and the permit issued. If you are unwilling to adopt either alternative, and will return the receipt for the fee paid to this office, your money will be refunded by voucher, as the permit cannot be issued.

Very truly yours,



GENERAL RESIDENCE HOME
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No.

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class DEC 31 1940

Portland, Maine, December 26, 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location: 551-553 Cumberland Avenue Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3
 Owner's or lessee's name and address Aaron Davidson, 144 Grant St. Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Charles Hill, 531 Cumberland Ave. Telephone 2-1254
 Architect _____ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 2
 Proposed use of building Apartment House No. families 30
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ 400. Fee \$.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine
 331-333 Cumberland Ave.-Alterations for Aaron Davidson-Contractor, Charles Hill-12/31/40

To Owner and Builder:

This permit issued based on agreement of contractor to carry the first alternative contained in Paragraph numbered 1 in my letter of Dec. 27, 1940.

The frame of the fire door in the brick wall in the cellar is to be structural metal while the frames of the three fire doors above in the wooden partitions may be covered with metal as long as one is excluded from the frames. All fire doors should comply with insurance underwriters' standards. It is recommended that a special door closer be used on each door of such a type that when the door is opened wide it will not open, but in case it is open and fire occurs, a fusible element in the closer will melt and the door close of itself.

At time of inspection the self-closing fire door to the heater room was found propped open in such a way that it could not do any good. Painter's overalls and other combustible material were found under the cellar stairs. These conditions should be permanently corrected.

CC Aaron Davidson, 144 Grant St.

(Signed) Warren McDonald
 Inspector of Buildings

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
 REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes
 Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate _____
 Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
 To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
 Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
 Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
 Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
 No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
 Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
 Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
 Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
 Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____
 Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

Aaron Davidson

By Charles Hill

6114



GENERAL RESIDENCE ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class Permit No. DEC 31.1.
Portland, Maine, December 20, 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to
with the Laws of the State of Maine
and the town

No. families 27

General Description of New Work

To make alterations to existing apartment of four rooms and bath on second, third and fourth floors of rear building adjoining front building, on first, second and third floors, to make of ^{each of} these apartments two apartments, one - one room, bath and kitchenette, the other two rooms, bath and kitchenette - new kitchenettes to be ventilated by vent shaft thru roof of adequate size, all bath rooms to be vented by an existing window at least three square feet in area, - all as shown on plans submitted.

This change is made in order to provide a connecting hall, between the existing main halls in each building thus providing a much better means of egress in both buildings

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes
Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____
Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? _____
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

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Signature of owner

Aaron Davidson

By Charles Hill

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(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 1000
PERMIT ISSUED

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, July 12, 1939 12 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter ~~insert~~ the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 553 Cumberland Avenue Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3
Owner's or Lessee's name and address A. Davidson, 114 Grant St. Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Chas. Hill, 531 Cumberland Ave. Telephone 2-4254
Architect _____ Plans filed _____ No. of sheets _____
Proposed use of building Apartment house No. families 27
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 200. Fee \$.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use Apartment house No. families 25

General Description of New Work

To put 10' partition (2x3 studs 16" OC) across rear bedroom, first and third floors, to provide ~~separate apartment~~ kitchenette and bath, existing window at least three square feet in area for ventilation of each, to make a separate apartment of one room, bath and kitchenette in rear of first and third floors the same as provided on the second floor under permit No. 39/178

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Height average grade to top of plate _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of Roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
Framing Lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or Full Size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____
Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes
A. Davidson

Signature of owner Chas. Hill

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Permit No. 39/1000
 Location 553 Cumberland Ave
 Owner G. Davidson
 Date of permit 7/12/39
 Notif. closing-in
 Inspn. closing-in
 Final Notif.
 Final Inspn. **INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED**
 Cert. of Occupancy issued

son says that he will
 make after 3 G's

NOTES

9/7/39 - Work completed.

Went for gas stove

to a metal box about

6x8 which runs thru

roof but it is the same

which was set there

floor + space between

ceiling and flat roof.

10/13/39 - Mr. Davidson

to provide J. L. H. with

original plan for

to install

4/12/39 - Mr. Davidson

checked

11/20/39 - Mr. Davidson

12/11/39 - Same - (check)

2/6/40 - James M. David

Rept. 36130-1

January 4, 1933

Mr. Aaron Davidson,
144 Grant Street,
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Davidson:

The application which Mr. Hill has filed in your name for a permit to cover alterations which would provide an additional apartment in the second story of the front part of the large tenement house at 543-583 Cumberland Avenue brings up fresh difficulties which we have experienced with this building since the rear portion was built in 1923-24.

I realize that you are not responsible for these conditions, but I am afraid conditions must be corrected which are now dangerous before any increase in occupancy can be sanctioned.

As a matter of fact I suppose it is the duty of the undersigned to require that you make some corrections in the conditions anyway, whether increase in number of apartments is made or not.

Even when the large rear building was built the Building Code required that all stairs between the cellar and the first floor be enclosed with wooden stud partitions covered with metal lath and plaster on both sides and that self-closing fire doors be provided in the enclosures at the foot of the stairs; also that the ceiling of the cellar in buildings four stories in height or more (the rear portion is four stories high) be covered with metal lath and plaster or plaster board. The first of these requirements was never performed, and both cellar stairs are unprotected at present. I rather think the second requirement was not complied with either.

You are no doubt aware that there was considerable difficulty about the responsible person in charge of the building even before it had been occupied.

A few years ago repair after fire was made without a permit having been issued at a time when the building was apparently in the charge of M. J. Callahan.

Before a permit may be issued to cover this change which you propose or any other change, it will be necessary either to enclose all of the cellar stairs and cover the ceiling of the cellar of the four story portion as indicated above.

At some time in the past two metal clad doors leading to the boiler room have been provided but they stand open without any automatic closing device and the walls of the boiler room are of flimsy construction and pierced at many places.

Aaron Davidson-----2

January 4, 1938

It is possible, if Chief Sanborn will approve that we may be able to work out an alternate whereby, you may be permitted to enclose the boiler room with tight partitions covered on both sides with metal lath and plaster with all openings to the room protected by self-closing fire doors set in fire door frames and with the ceiling over the heater room, fuel, storage, smokepipe, and firing spaces covered with metal lath or perforated gypsum lath and plaster.

It will be necessary to provide these protective features before the permit now applied for, can be issued.

Please advise what you propose to do in these circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WCD/H

CC: Charles Hill
531 Cumberland Avenue

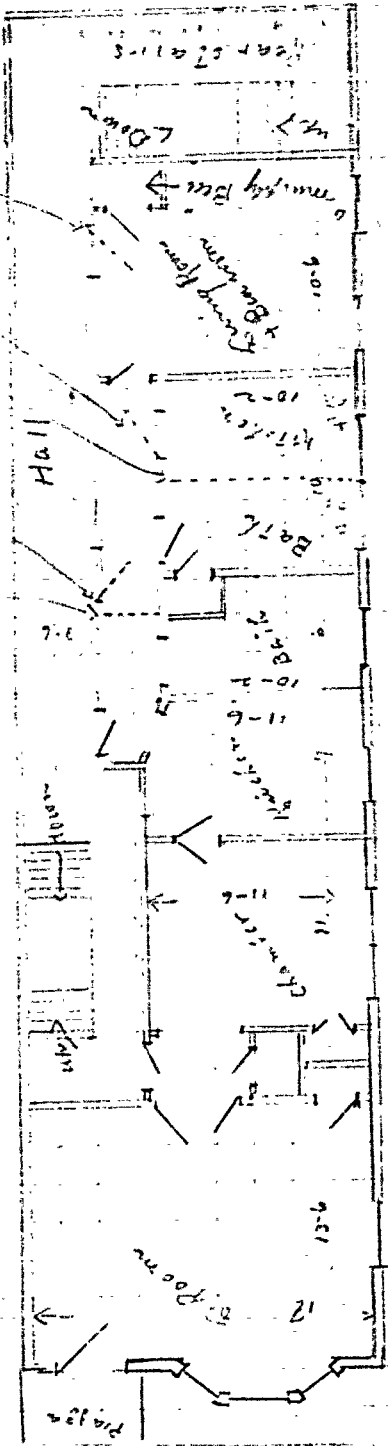
Dear Sir: We consider the front part on Cumberland Avenue and the rear four story portion as all one building. Please change your application showing the total number of apartments at present in the entire building and the total number that there will be in the entire building if the work is done. The present figures on the application apparently apply only to the front portion, and I am not sure they are correct for that part.

Warren McDonald

Chief Sanborn: Please note the above. You will remember that there was a fire in this building in 1928 at which time some of these hazardous conditions came to light. I am assuming that the Board of Fire Engineers would not approve this additional apartment, now applied for, until at least the above mentioned provisions had been made.

Warren McDonald

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DEC 29 1938
MAYOR'S OFFICE
CITY OF PORTLAND



Scale 1/8" = 1'-0"
- 2nd floor -

Envelope under
stairs
from [unclear]
length of [unclear]

new partition
from [unclear]
new partition
from [unclear]
new partition
from [unclear]



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure tenement house alter
Portland, Maine, December 29, 1918

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 553 Cumberland Avenue Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3
Owner's or Lessee's name and address A. Davidson, 114 Grant St. Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Chas. Hill, 531 Cumberland Ave. Telephone 2-1254
Architect _____ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building tenement house (Gleason) No. families 25
Other buildings on same lot 2 tenement houses
Estimated cost \$ 1000 Fee \$ 50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 3 Heat steam Style of roof flat Roofing T&G
Last use tenement house (one each floor and basement) No. families 24

General Description of New Work

To make minor alterations on second floor of building to provide new apartment of one room and bath - existing window at least three square feet in area for ventilation of new kitchenette and bath - new partitions to be 2x3 studs 16" O.C., rock lath and plaster

Cooking to be done by gas which will be vented as required by Building Code
To change partitions around heater room construction an additional wooden stud partition (2x3 studs, 16" O.C.) covered on both sides with metal lath or perforated gypsum lath and plaster providing a self-closing metal covered swinging fire door set in metal covered frame or angle iron frame in such a way that the heater room will be completely cut off from the balance of the cellar by fire resistive partitions and fire doors; also to cover the entire heater room ceiling with metal lath or perforated gypsum lath and plaster.

Preliminary permit given to provide fire resistive enclosure for ceiling and heater room ONLY

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Height average grade to top of plate _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of Roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
Framing Lumber-- Kind _____ Dressed or Full Size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x6 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____
Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes
Signature of owner A. Davidson
Chas Hill

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This permit should
be handled same
as Mr. Hayden's
Weinstein.

WWT

R-4/5/28

March 26, 1928

Mr. M. J. Callahan
24 Thomas Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

We have been with-holding the permit to repair after fire at 551-553 Cumberland Avenue applied for in your name by P. J. Cunningham and Sons because the Fire Department have reported conditions which need to be corrected. They are as follows:

The metal fire escape on the easterly side of the building should be thoroughly scraped and painted and should be extended to the ground as should also the wooden stairway in the light court which is intended to be used as a fire escape.

There is a standpipe connection in each floor of the building, but there is no hose attached to it. You should either provide a suitable hose rack and 75 feet of hose connected to each standpipe outlet or provide at least one fire extinguisher of a type approved by the Chief of the Fire Department close by the standpipe connections. These fire extinguishers to be in lieu of the former hose.

This building has either been cleaned since the building was finished and occupied or else the law was never complied with in the first place. Both sets of stairs to the cellar are open to the floors above, and the boiler room, while it is enclosed after a fashion, has several windows in the enclosing partition and the doors although metal covered are not self-closing and are not tight. It would be necessary for you to either enclose the boiler room with a solid fire resistive partition with metal lath and plaster or equal on both sides and equipped with a door to the boiler room with a metal covered automatic fire door with metal covered frame; or else it will be necessary to enclose both of the cellar stairs with similarly fire resistive partitions and with similar fire doors at the foot of each set of stairs, but in this case the fire doors should be self-closing instead of automatic.

There is a tile pipe in the boiler room leading to the space under the front part of the building evidently intended originally for a thimble for steam or other pipes. It has never been used and should be permanently closed with masonry to prevent the travel of fire.

There is no means of cleaning out the large sized horizontal run of smoke pipe in the boiler room. A T should be provided in this smoke pipe or some other device so that the horizontal part of it may be cleaned out periodically.

The doors to the dumb-waiter shaft in the basement should be equipped with a heavy spring or other device to keep them closed at all times.

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Please make arrangements to provide these safeguards promptly. If you will have your contractor come to this office and include the above mentioned items in the application for the permit, we will be able to issue the permit to cover the repair after fire and also changes all in one.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings



Permit No. _____

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REPAIR BUILDING

Third Class Building

Portland, Maine, March 15, 1298

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to repair the following described building in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 551-553 Cumberland Avenue Ward 6 Within fire limits? Yes Dist. No. 3

Owner's name and address M. J. Callahan, 24 Thomas St. Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address F. W. Cunningham & Sons, 101 State St. Telephone 5580

Use of building Tenement house 20 families

No. stories 4 Height _____ ft. Gross area _____ sq. ft., Style of roof _____

Type of present roof covering _____

General Description of New Work

Repair after fire to former condition. No alterations.

(Principal damage to first floor)
212 - 160.0

If Roof Covering is to be Repaired or Renewed

When last repaired? _____ Area then repaired _____ sq. ft.

Are repairs or renewal due to damage by fire? Yes If so, what area damaged? _____ sq. ft.

Area of roof to be repaired now? _____ No. plies _____

Type of roofing to be used _____

Trade name and grade of roof covering to be used _____ Fee \$.25

Estimated cost \$ _____

Signature of owner M. J. Callahan
By F. W. Cunningham & Sons

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Permit No. _____
 51-553 Bunt's Ave.
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 Date of permit _____
 Notif. closing-in _____
 Inspn. closing-in _____
 Final Notif. _____
 Final Inspn. _____
 Cert of Occupancy issued _____

Provide
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 Scepter joint for
 escape

NOTES

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Location, Ownership and detail must be correct, complete and legible.
 Separate application required for every building.
 Plans must be filed with this application.

Application for Permit for Alterations, etc.

To the Portland, Oregon, July 17, 1920
 INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS: 191

The undersigned applies for a permit to alter the following-described building:—

Location 549 Cumberland Avenue Ward, 7 in fire-limits? no
 Name of Owner or Lessee, Mrs. M. M. Kila Address 549 Cumberland Avenue
 " " Contractor, J. P. Kenney " 29 Westminister Avenue
 " " Architect, _____ " _____
 Description of Present Bldg. Material of Building is wood Style of Roof, pitch Material of Roofing, shingles
 Size of Building is _____ feet long; _____ feet wide. No. of Stories, 3
 Cellar Wall is constructed of stone is _____ inches wide on bottom and batters to _____ inches on top.
 Underpinning is brick is _____ inches thick; is _____ feet in height.
 Height of Building, 35ft Wall, if Brick; 1st, _____ 2d, _____ 3d, _____ 4th, _____ 5th, _____
 What was Building last used for? tenement No. of Families? 5
 What will Building now be used for? 6 apartments Estimated Cost, \$ 1000.

PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK

DETAIL OF PROPOSED WORK

Interior alterations by changing tenement house into apartments
3 ft. in rear and 8 ft. on one side
to comply with the building ordinance

IF EXTENDED ON ANY SIDE

Size of Extension, No. of feet long? _____; No. of feet wide? _____; No. of feet high above sidewalk? _____
 No. of Stories high? _____; Style of Roof? _____; Material of Roofing? _____
 Of what material will the Extension be built _____ Foundation? _____
 If of Brick, what will be the thickness of External Walls? _____ inches; and Party Walls _____ inches.
 How will the extension be occupied? _____ How connected with Main Building? _____

WHEN MOVED, RAISED OR BUILT UPON

No. of Stories in height when Moved, Raised or Built upon? _____ Proposed Foundations _____
 No. of feet high from level of ground to highest part of Roof to be? _____
 How many feet will the External Walls be increased in height? _____ Party Walls _____

IF ANY PORTION OF THE EXTERNAL OR PARTY WALLS ARE REMOVED

Will an opening be made in the Party or External Walls? _____ in _____ Story.
 Size of the opening? _____ How protected? _____
 How will the remaining portion of the wall be supported? _____

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative J. P. Kenney
 Address 24 Westminister Ave



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

389 CONGRESS STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE 04101
(207) 874-8300

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT

P. SAMUEL HOFFSES, CHIEF
INSPECTION SERVICES DIVISION

June 17, 1991

Rice Management Company
655 Congress Street
Portland, ME 04101

ATTN: Sandra

Re: 553 Cumberland Avenue
Apt. 17

Dear

We recently received a complaint and an inspection was made by Code Enforcement Officer Kevin W. Carroll of the property owned by you at 553 Cumberland Ave., Apt. 1A, Portland, Maine. As a result of the inspection, you are hereby to correct the following substandard housing conditions:

1. Repair or replace broken security lock to habitable unit

Work Complete
[Signature]

The above mentioned conditions are in violation of Article 1 of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, Maine, and must be corrected on or before 24 hours from receipt of this notice.

Failure to comply with this order may result in a complaint being filed for prosecution in District Court.

Sincerely,
Joseph E. Gray, Director of
Planning & Urban Development

[Signature]
Code Enforcement Office

By *[Signature]*
P. Samuel Hoffses
Chief of Inspection

