

AP 879 Congress St.
Repair after fire and minor alterations of building housing store and dwelling house
(2 apartments)

May 20, 1960

Mr. Thomas P. Blake
879 Congress Street

Dear Mr. Blake:

Building permit for the above work is issued herewith subject to the following.

The application calls for changing existing door to window in basement apartment. We understand you have actually permanently closed this door instead of providing a window.

Inspection of the building and examination of the records here indicate that partitions were built in the basement some time ago and the apartment in the basement established without the required building permit or required certificate of occupancy. The construction of the partitions are contrary to Building Code requirements; and, the provisions for light and air and for means of egress are contrary to the Building Code requirements (secs. 203d and 203e) for an apartment house, which would be the classification by use of the building if the third apartment were established.

While it is quite evident that this basement apartment had been constructed and used before you came into ownership of the property, the use of the apartment would place the building and yourself in violation of the Building Code.

It is imperative then that no part of the basement be used again as living quarters of any kind, and, it is assumed that no formal orders from this department to this end are necessary.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Acting Deputy Insptr. of Bldgs.

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Encs: permit card and copy of application