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## CITY OF PORTLAND

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Matthew Bampton  
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Re: Building Code Stair Width Waiver Request (55 B052)

This Office has reviewed your written request for waiver pursuant to Section 121.1 of the City of Portland Building Code (1999 BOCA as amended). The following are the facts:

1. The use of the property is a single-family dwelling.
2. There are two stairways that communicate between the first and second floors.
3. The front existing stairway is 36 inches in width.
4. There is a structural beam in the kitchen that limits the ability of the builder to create a 36" stairway.
5. The proposed reconfigured stairway that discharges into the kitchen will be 32 inches in width.
6. The proposed reconfigured stairway that discharges into the kitchen will comply with all other provisions of the code including the winder provisions and headroom.

Based on these facts, this office finds that replacing the stairway that discharges into the kitchen with a code compliant width would create an undue hardship due to existing structural conditions. The proposal is not inconsistent with the purpose of the ordinance and is hereby granted subject to facts 1 through 6, which become conditions herein. Please feel free to contact this office if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mike Nugent  
Manager of Inspection Services