

Department of Urban Development Joseph E. Gray, Jr. Director

CITY OF PORTLAND

Dr. Sara Cope 265 Western Promenade Portland, ME 04102 September 15, 1998

RE:

265 Western Promenade - 63-A-8 - R-4 Zone

Dear Dr. Cope,

I have enclosed some copies from our microfiche files. They clearly show that our office has considered your building a residential use. We have never considered it a business use. An approved home occupation, such as you were granted in 1970, is an accessory use to a residential use as stated in the City's Zoning Ordinance. Business uses are not allowed in residential zones. Perhaps you can ask the Assessor's Department if this makes a difference in their consideration of how they tax your property. I am not aware of their criteria for assessing buildings. However, I am sure they would be glad to sit down with you and explain more fully some of the changes that you have recently experienced.

I hope that this helps you in some way. Again, feel free to contact me if you have any other questions.

Very Truly Yours

Marge Schmuckal / Zoning Administrator

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