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## CITY OF PORTLAND

Dorothy Osher  
265 Seaside Avenue  
Saco, ME 04072

October 19, 1999

RE: 96-100 West Street 63-F-1 R-4 Zone  
cor. 97-109 Chadwick Street

Dear Dorothy Osher,

It has come to our attention that you have changed the use of this property without the benefit of any required permits. This property is currently being used illegally as a commercial parking lot. On October 8, 1999 I witnessed up to eleven cars parked on this lot. Our microfiche does show that you were actually turned down by the Board of Appeals on March 14, 1974 on a request to allow the parking of 25 cars on this same property.

It will be necessary to discontinue this illegal use within ten (10) days of the receipt of this letter. If there is no change in the use and zoning compliance has not been achieved within that time, it will be necessary to turn this matter over to our Corporation Counsel for legal action.

Please note that this type of use for a commercial parking lot is not allowed under the R-4 residential zone. An appeal for this use would be considered a use variance, which is an almost impossible appeal to be granted by the Board of Appeals. You would need to prove that you have no other reasonable use allowed under the current R-4 zone available to you. And as you know from your 1974 appeal it would most likely be turned down.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 874-8695. Let me thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Marge Schmuckal  
Zoning Administrator.

cc: Mark Adelson, Housing & Neighborhood Services  
Karen Geraghty, City Councilor  
Corporation Counsel  
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