

## **Department of Permitting and Inspections**

Ann Machado, Zoning Administrator

June 23, 2016

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Attn: Tabatha Berube

Re: 971 Congress Street, Portland – Map 65, Block A, Lot 013 – Anchor Investment Properties, LLC – B-2 Community Business Zone

To Whom It May Concern:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated June 20, 2016, seeking a zoning determination regarding the above-captioned property (the "Property"). This letter will answer each of your questions.

- The Property is located in the City's B-2 Community Business Zone.
- Our records show that a building permit and certificate of occupancy were issued in 1962 to build a "Retail Store (stamp store)". The permit and certificate of occupancy were issued after the Zoning Board of Appeals approved a Miscellaneous Appeal granting relief from the setback requirements that were applicable to the Property at that time. In 1984, an amended permit was issued to construct a two-story addition. The use was listed as "retail of paint & decorating". A series of building permits for the installation of commercial signs have been issued for the Property, the most recent of which was in December 2014. Retail is a permitted use in the B-2 Community Business Zone [§ 14-182(b)].
- To the best of my knowledge the Property is in compliance with all applicable Municipal zoning and land-use codes, regulations and ordinances.
- A search of the City's records does not reveal any pending or threatened violations of the City's land use code.



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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 874-8709.

Very truly yours,

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