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512 Island Avenue, Peaks Island
90-AA-1, 2, 5 – IR-2/I-B Zone

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The applicant, Mr. Ivers, is showing a vehicle parking lot for seven (7) vehicles located at 512 Island Avenue, Peaks Island. Currently a single family house is located on one portion of the lot. The proposed parking area will be located on another portion of the lot and has sufficient space to park four 2,800 gallon fuel trucks and three passenger-vehicle sized service vehicles. The vehicles are all to be actively used by Mr. Ivers in his heating and fuel oil business. The proposed parking area is shown entirely within the I-B zone.

Section 14-223(f) indicates that “off-street parking” is a permitted use in the I-B island business zone.

Section 14-331 defines “off-street parking” as parking “either by use of open-air spaces or by garage spaces which meet the standards set forth in the City of Portland Technical Manual, as hereafter amended....”

The above sections do not limit the allowable “off-street parking” to any particular type of vehicle or only allow parking as an accessory use. Instead, the I-B zone allows off-street parking as a specific permitted use and the definition makes clear that the parking spaces can either be open-air or garage spaces that meet the standards in the City’s Technical Manual. The proposed parking area is meeting the standards in the City’s Technical Manual. As a result, I have determined that the parking lot described in Mr. Iver’s application is permitted under the City Code.

It is important to note that I have reviewed the definition for a truck terminal. A “truck terminal” is defined in the City’s Land Use Zoning Ordinance as:

“a building and premises devoted to handling and temporary warehousing of goods, which may include facilities for the maintenance and repair (except body repairs, frame straightening and painting), fueling and storage of trucks or tractor-trailer combinations”.

Mr. Iver’s proposed parking lot is not a truck terminal. This is because his trucks are not warehoused or stored on the site. The trucks are also not filled, fueled and no product will be dispensed on the site. Instead, the trucks are just parked on this site for active use as needed in Mr. Ivers’ propane and oil delivery business. The other vehicles that will be parked on the site are also for active use with Mr. Ivers’ heating repair business. Mr. Ivers’ business has been active through four generations and has garnered many clients on Peaks Island.

You have the right to appeal my decision. If you wish to exercise your right to appeal, you have thirty days from the date of this letter in which to appeal. If you should fail to do so, my decision is binding and not subject to appeal. Please contact this office for the necessary paperwork that is required to file an appeal.

Very truly yours,

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Zoning Administrator

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