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Permitting and Inspections Department
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May 3, 2017

NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND ORDER TO CORRECT
Sent by Certified and Regular Mail

Roberto Hernandez-Alvarez and Alba Yanes-Vinajero
22 Ashmont St.
Portland, ME 04103

Re: 22 Ashmont Street, Portland, Maine – CBL 126-K-007 – R-5 Residential Zone

Dear Mr. Hernandez-Alvarez & Ms. Yanes-Vinajero:

On January 4, 2017, this office inspected the above-referenced property and observed that there were three dwelling units in the principal building. City records show that the legal use of the property is a two-family dwelling. The additional dwelling unit was constructed without the required permit, in violation of section 14-463 of the City's Code (available online or at the City Clerk's office), which requires that "no building or part thereof shall be constructed, altered, enlarged or moved unless a permit for such action has been issued by the building authority." The creation of a three-unit building also requires conditional use approval by the Zoning Board of Appeals, which has not been obtained, in violation of section 14-118 of the City Code.

To remedy these violations, you must 1) obtain conditional use approval and the appropriate permits; 2) obtain legalization of the dwelling unit under section 14-391 of the City Code; or 3) remove the illegal dwelling unit by removing the kitchen, including all equipment and plumbing.

Within 30 days of the date of this letter, you must either apply for legalization or conditional use approval, or remove the illegal unit. If you choose to apply for legalization or conditional use approval, and those applications are denied, you must remove the illegal unit within 30 days of the City's initial decision.

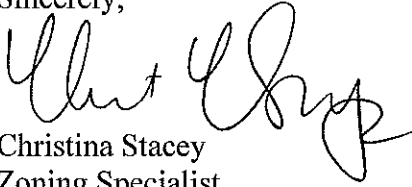
If you do not do so, the City will refer this matter to the City's Corporation Counsel's office for enforcement action. The City may be entitled to an order to correct the violations, civil penalties in the minimum of \$50 per violation per day, costs and fees, and other relief, under section 1-15 of the City Code and 30-A M.R.S. § 4452.

You have the right to appeal this Notice of Violation and Order to Correct pursuant to section 14-472 within thirty days from the date of this letter. If you do not appeal, you may be

barred from challenging my findings in the future. Please contact the Zoning Division for the necessary paperwork if you decide to file an appeal.

Please contact me with any questions. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christina Stacey', written in a cursive style.

Christina Stacey
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