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CITY OF PORTLAND

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Louis & Michelle Butterfield
34 Codman St.
Portland, ME 04103

Re: Permit # 01-530/

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Butterfield,

We are in receipt of your request to allow the use of the existing stairway to access bedroom space that you wish to create on the existing 3rd floor at the above location. The following are the facts:

- 1) The space is regularly used as "home office" space.
- 2) The Stairs comply with tread, riser and width requirements.
- 3) The area of non-compliance is limited to a portion of three risers on the lower flight of stairs.
- 4) The condition is an existing structural condition that predates modern building code standards.

Based on these facts, this office makes the following findings:

- 1) The proposed alteration of the space to sleeping space will comply with all other applicable provisions of the code including Egress Window standards and Smoke Detection.
- 2) Modification of the stairway to meet 80" throughout the stairway would create undue hardship.
- 3) The waiver is hereby granted pursuant to Section 121.1 of the Code.

All other elements of this project must comply with all applicable codes.

Sincerely,


Mike Nugent
Manager of Inspection Services