

79 Clinton St

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Dear Ann,

Please know that in the past you were very helpful to me with a cottage that I owned on Peaks Island and have since sold.

Please also know that I am in receipt of the mailing regarding the above mentioned property that is requesting a
"Conditional Use Appeal" - for an existing third dwelling unit in its building which is legally a two-family.

I have resided next door @85 Clinton St for the last 50 years.

I believe the illegal apt on the third floor has existed for at least 15 yrs and possibly longer?

I was very busy owning & operating two seasonal businesses in southern Maine so was only residing at my home for a few months out of the year primarily in the winter months.
I probably became aware of it in 2002?

I certainly do not want to interfere with anyone's livelihood as I am a landlady myself and have owned & self managed alot of Portland rental property for 45 years.

The neighborhood is a long established one being ideally located to three schools and is seemingly very safe, sound, secure and quiet and am sure most of the residents would like to keep it this way.

I concern myself with the property next door being rented out to more people then, liability wise, they should be able to rent out to.

There should be a cap on the amount of people that can legally reside in the premises.

And, for the on street parking it brings with it - as presently the tenants would otherwise have to park in tandem - possibly 2 cars - maybe 3 at the most in the driveway?!

Presently, there are always 2 - 3 cars parking on the street and what with the winter snow loads it makes parking even more challenging.

I also concern myself with their possibly renting out as an Airbnb - as so many other landlords are doing in Portland - sometimes at the expense of their neighbors!

While managed & operated properly it need not negatively impact the neighbors but we all hear of some of the horror stories that it can bring with it!

Nevermind that being right next door my property value would most likely plummet possibly having an Airbnb right next door, with folks coming in and out all the time and in some instances w/little or no regard for the neighbors?

So while I have no clue as to what "conditional usage" means I sincerely hope we are not going in that direction?!

THANK YOU for your kind consideration!

Sincerely,

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