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## CITY OF PORTLAND

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Matthew & Katherine Hall  
165 Ocean Ave.  
Portland, Maine 04103

Re: Permit # 001164/165 Ocean Ave.(139 B001)

Dear Permittee,

We are in receipt of your request for modification dated 3/9/01. This office cannot review the first request because any structural capacity requests exceed the allowances found in Sections 121.1 and 106.2 of the City of Portland Building Code (1999 BOCA) and must be denied. This office is prepared to review and the facts and issue findings for the second request; a 6" modification to the entryway of the study/office/laundry. In reviewing the floor plan, the following are the facts:

1. The use of the property is a single-family dwelling.
2. The 10' X 11' area in question is to be used as a study/office/laundry and will not be a sleeping room.
3. The run of the "corridor" is 7' 6" with a width of 30".
4. The only area serviced by this "corridor" is the study/office/laundry.
5. The doorway is 36" in width.
6. Section 1017.3.8. of the Building Code allows for interior egress doorways within a dwelling unit to be as narrow as 29 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> in width.

Because of the practical difficulty in reframing the wall system and because the health and safety of the inhabitants is not compromised by the request and based on these facts and pursuant to 121.1 and 106.2 of the City of Portland Building Code (1999 BOCA), this office approves your request. All of the above facts become conditions of approval. Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mike Nugent  
Manager of Inspection Services