

| City of Portland, Maine - Building or Use Permit Application | Permit No: | Issue Date: | CBL: |
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| 389 Congress Street, 04101 Tel: (207) 874-8703, Fax: (207) 874-8716 | 10-1446 |  | 161 E003001 |


| Location of Construction: 978 WASHINGTON AVE | Owner Name: SHIR SADRI | Owner Address: <br> 41 OCEAN HOUSE RD | Phone: |  |
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| Business Name: | Contractor Name: | Contractor Address: | Phone |  |
| Lessee/Buyer's Name | Phone: | Permit Type:Change of Use - Commercial |  | $R 5$ <br> Zone: |
| Past Use:   <br> Commercial - TV Repair   <br>   Proposed Use: <br>  <br> Residential - Permit will suppport   <br> the Conditional use of the property   <br> as a place of religious assembly   |  | Permit Fee: Cost of Work: CEO District: <br> $\$ 105.00$ $\$ 105.00$ 4 |  |  |
|  |  | FIRE DEPT:  <br>  $\square$ approved <br> $\square$ Denied  <br> $*$ See Condition$\|$INSPECTION: <br> Use Group: |  |  |
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City of Portland

## CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I am the owner of record of the named property, or that the proposed work is authorized by the owner of record and that I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his authorized agent and I agree to conform to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in the application is issued, I certify that the code official's authorized representative shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by such permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provision of the code(s) applicable to such permit.

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## Proposed Use:

Commercial - Place of Assembly \& Residential - Permit will suppport the Conditional use of the property as a place of religious assembly

Proposed Project Description:
Permit will suppport the Conditional use of the property as a place of religious assembly

Dept: Zoning
Status: Approved with Conditions Reviewer: Marge Schmuckal Note:

1) All requirements of the conditional use appeal shall be maintained during the life of the place of assembly use.
2) With the issuance of this permit, this property shall remain a place of assembly on the first floor with a single farnily dwelling unit on the second floor. Any change of use shall require a separate permit application for review and approval.
3) Separate permits shall be required for any new signage.
4) This permit is being approved on the basis of plans submitted. Any deviations shall require a separate approval before starting that work.
Dept: Building Status: Approved with Conditions $\quad$ Reviewer: Jeanine Bourke $\quad$ Approval Date: 12/07/2010

## Note:

1) This is a Change of Use ONLY permit. It does NOT authorize any construction activities.
2) Separate permits are required for any electrical, plumbing, sprinkler, fire alarm HVAC systems, heating appliances, including pellet/wood stoves, commercial kitchen exhaust hood systems and fuel tanks. Separate plans may need to be submitted for approval as a part of this process.

## Dept: Fire

Status: Approved with Conditions
Reviewer: Capt Keith Gautreau
Approval Date:
12/02/2010
Note:
Ok to Issue:

1) This permit is for change of use only, any construction shall require additional permits. The occupancy shall meet NFPA 101 code requirements upon inspection.

## Comments:

11/19/2010-mes: 7/27/10 the PB approved the conditional use for a change of use of the first floor from a tv repair shop to a place of religious assembly. The second floor is one residential dwelling unit.

## PERMIT ISSUED

## BUILDING PERMIT INSPECTION PROCEDURES <br> Please call 874-8703 or 874-8693 (ONLY) <br> or email: buildinginspections@portlandmaine.gov

With the issuance of this permit, the owner, builder or their designee is required to provide adequate notice to the City of Portland Inspection Services for the following inspections. Appointments must be requested 48 to 72 hours in advance of the required inspection. The inspection date will need to be confirmed by this office.

- Please read the conditions of approval that is attached to this permit!! Contact this office if you have any questions.
- Permits expire in 6 months, if the project is not started or ceases for $\mathbf{6}$ months.
- If the inspection requirements are not followed as stated below additional fees may be incurred due to the issuance of a "Stop Work Order" and subsequent release to continue with construction.
$\qquad$ Final/Certificate of Occupancy: Prior to any occupancy of the structure or use.
NOTE: There is a $\$ 75.00$ fee per inspection at this point.

The project cannot move to the next phase prior to the required inspection and approval to continue, REGARDLESS OF THE NOTICE OR CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF THE PERMIT REQUIRES A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY, IT MUST BE PAID FOR AND ISSUED TO THE OWNER OR DESIGNEE BEFORE THE SPACE MAY BE OCCUPIED.

## PERMIT ISSUED

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## CITY OF PORTLAND <br> DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING \& URBAN DEVELOPMENT

389 Congress Street
Portland, Maine 04101
INVOICE FOR PERMIT FEES


Make checks payable to the City of Portland, ATTN: Inspections, 3rd Floor, 389 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101.

General Building Permit Application

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Nailing address: 401 Cumberland Ave. Suite 105 Portland, ME 04101
Please submit all of the information outlined on the applicable Checklist. Failure to do so will result in the automatic denial of your permit.

In oral: to be sure the City fully understands the full scope of the project, the Planning and Development Department may request additional information prior to the issuance of a permit. For further information or to download copies of this form and other applications mist the Inspections Division on-line at ante potthandmane ans, of stop by the Inspecron Dimsion office, room 315 Civ Gall or call $S^{-}+8703$
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## CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

## Department of Building Inspections

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Certificate of Occupancy Fee: $\qquad$
Total: $\qquad$
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Other CBL:


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No work is to be started until permit issued. Please keep original receipt for your records.

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WHITE - Applicant's Copy
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PINK - Permit Copy


Planning \& Urban Development Department<br>Penny St. Louis Littell, Director<br>Planning Division<br>Alexander Jaegerman, Director

July 29, 2010
Zachary Heiden, Esq. Maine Civil Liberties Union 401 Cumberland Avenue Portland, Maine 04101

Project Name:

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Portland Masjid and Islamic Center 978 Washington Avenue, Portland ME Place Of Assembly - Conditional Use 10-97900001
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Maine Civil Liberties Union. Zachary Heiden Esq.
Molly Casto, Senior Planner

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The approval is based upon the submitted materials and the findings related to applicable conditional use review standards as contained in Planning Report \#22-10 for application $10-$ 97900001 , which is attached.

## Standard Conditions of Approval.

Please note the following applicable standard conditions of approval and requirements for all approved applications:

1. The site shall be developed and maintained as depicted in the site plan and the written submission of the applicant. Modification of any approved site plan or alteration of a parcel which was the subject of site plan approval after May 20, 1974, shall require the prior approval of a revised site plan by the Planning Board or the planning authority pursuant to the terms of this article. Any such parcel lawfully altered prior to the enactment date of these revisions shall not be further altered without approval as provided herein. Modification or alteration shall mean and include any deviations from the approved site plan including, but not limited to, topography, vegetation and impervious surfaces shown on the site plan. No action, other than an amendment approved by the planning authority or Planning Board, and field changes approved by the Public Services authority as provided herein, by any authority or department shall authorize any such modification or alteration.
2. The above approvals do not constitute approval of building plans, which must be reviewed and approved by the City of Portland's Inspection Division.

If you have any questions, please contact Molly Casto, Senior Planner at (207) 874-8901 or by email at mpecaportlandmaine.gov.

Sincerely,


Bill Hall, Chair<br>Portland Planning Board

Attachments:
Planning Board Report $\# 22-10$

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## PLANNING BOARD REPORT PORTLAND, MAINE

PORTLAND MASJID AND ISLAMIC CENTER<br>978 Washington Avenue<br>Conditional Use<br>PROJECT ID \#97900001<br>Zachary Heiden, Esq. Maine Civil Liberties Union, Applicant

| Submitted to: | Prepared by: |
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| Portland Planning Board | Molly Casto, Senior Planner |
| Public Hearing Date: Juty 27, 2010 | Date: July 15,2010 |

## 1. INTRODUCTION

Mr. Zachary Heiden of the Maine Civil Liberties Union Foundation (MCLU), on behalf of the property owner, Mrs. Sadri Shir, requests the Planning Boards review and approval of a proposed change of use from a repair shop to place of assembly for Mrs. Shir's property located at 978 Washington Avenue. The applicant does not propose any development or alteration to the site at this time. The project is being reviewed as a conditional use in the R-5 zone. The City has determined that the application is not subject to site plan review (see attached memorandum from Corporation Counsel - Attachment 2). The property does not meet the square footage threshold for site plan review of interior site alteration and the site is not proposed to be altered from its existing condition.

219 notices were sent to area residents and interested parties. Notice also appeared in the July $12^{\text {th }}$ and July 19th, 2010 editions of the Portland Press Herald.

## 2. PROJECT DATA

Total Area of Lot:
Zone:
Existing Uses:

Proposed Use:

Bldg. Square Footage: Total Area for Proposed Change of Use:

14,400 sq. ft. (. 331 acres)
R-5 Residential
Television Repair (currently vacant) and Residential ( $2^{\text {nd }}$ floor apartment)
Place of Assembly (small) and Residential (retain existing $2^{\text {nd }}$ floor apartment).
3,465 sf ( 1,155 sf footprint)

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Existing Parking: Proposed Parking:

Gravel Lot (Approx. 7 spaces)
7 spaces

## 3. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The property encompasses a 14,400 s.f. parcel on Washington Avenue near the corner of Fall Brook Street. The property is in an R-5 Residential Zone, which permits places of assembly as a conditional use, to be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board. Places of Assembly became a permitted conditional use in the R-5 zone and in the other R-zones on January 4, 2010 as a result of ordinance amendments approved by the Planning Board and City Council. The total square footage of the building is $3,465 \mathrm{sf}$. The applicant proposes to change the use of approx. 665 s.f. of the first floor, the most recent use of which was for television repair and sales, to a mosque (place of assembly). The remaining
 490 sf of first floor area has been and will remain as storage space. The second floor will remain as a residential apartment.

The proposed assembly area measures $20^{\prime} 4^{\prime \prime} \times 35^{\prime \prime}$. The applicant proposes to retain 7 existing parking spaces on an existing gravel parking area, defined by large logs placed on the ground (see Feb 11, 2010 sketch plan in the application packet - Attachment 1). The remainder of the site is grassed. There is a dense vegetated buffer along the rear (southerly) property boundary. There is one existing exterior light on the easterly wall of the building to illuminate the parking area. This light appears not to be functional at this time. There are two existing curb cuts accessing the site from Washington Avenue and an existing brick sidewalk and granite curbing along the Washington Avenue frontage. The site is abutted on three sides by single-family residential homes.

## 4. BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF REVIEW

The owner illegally paved and expanded the existing gravel parking area without approval from the City. Ultimately, the City and the property owner reached an agreement in December, 2009 where the owners removed all pavement and gravel that had been installed, filled a drainage course that had been created to divert water, re-graded the property to a flat contour and restored the area outside what had been existing gravel parking with loam and seed. The lot has been returned to its original condition (Attachment 3 - Agreement between Sadri Shir, Nawad Shir and Portland Masjid and Islamic Center and City of Portland).

The proposed new use as a place of assembly is subject to the conditional use provisions of the Land Use Code. The proposal is not subject to City site plan requirements because the lot was returned to its original configuration, thus it is no longer subject to the site plan threshold concerning construction of a parking lot. In addition, the site plan ordinance includes exemptions for alterations inside a structure due to a change of use if those changes impact less than $5,000 \mathrm{sf}$. As previously noted, the proposed change of use is limited to 665 sf . of the first floor. Gary Wood, Corporation Counsel has provided the Board with a memorandum detailing this determination (Attachment 2).

## 5. RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST

The applicant has submitted a Warranty Deed, dated November, 2005 confirming Mrs. Sadri Shir as owner of the property at 978 Washington Avenue (Attachment 1).

## 6. STAFF REVIEW

The proposed development has been reviewed by staff for conformance with applicable conditional use standards of the Land Use Code. These include Section 14-118, the Conditional Use Standards of the R-5 zone, and Section 14-474, Conditional Use Standards. The proposal is also subject to applicable standards of Division 20, Off-Street Parking.

## A. Zoning Assessment

Marge Schmuckal, Zoning Administrator submitted the following review comments on June 3, 2010. She has no additional comments for the Planning Board since the workshop:

This property is located in an R-5 Residential Zone which allows Places of Assembly as a Conditional Use before the Planning Board. This is a change of use from a $T V$ service repair and sales on the first floor and a single family on the second floor, to a Place of Assembly on the first floor and a single family dwelling on the second floor. This is considered to be a "Small" Place of Assembly which requires a minimum lot size of 10,890 square feet. The current lot size is 14,400 square feet. The required minimum lot size for the Place of Assembly use is being met.

The exterior and interior of the building was inspected on February 11, 2010. Under the parking requirements for Places of Assembly, one (1) parking space for each one hundred and twenty five (125) square feet of floor area used for assembly area not including bathrooms, bulk storage, stairways, closets or other non-assembly areas, it was determined that six parking spaces are required for the Place of Assembly use plus one parking space for the existing dwelling unit is required for a total of seven (7) parking spaces. Seven parking spaces are being shown on the submitted plot plan and meets the minimum requirements.

Section 14-337 requires parking for more than six vehicles to be no closer than 25 feet to any residential structure on an adjoining lot. The scaled drawings show the parking area to be at least 30 feet away from the closest residential structure.

During a building permit review and approval, the application will be conditioned with compliance with Section 14-338 which states that "Where off-street parking shall abut a lot in residential use or an un occupied lot which is located in a residence zone, a fence no less than forty-eight (48) inches shall be provided and maintained between such off-street parking and that part of the lot line involved."

Also during the building permit review and approval, the application will be conditioned with compliance with Section 14-340 which states, "where artificial lighting is provided, it shall be shaded or screened so that no light source shall be visible from outside the area and its access driveways.

## B. Conditional Use Standards

The Board is asked to review the proposal for conformance with the following relevant Conditiona! Use standards. The standards, along with Planning staff discussion, are provided below

## DIVISION 6. R-5 RESIDENTIAL ZONE

Sec. 14-118 (b) 3: Conditional uses for places of assembly.
(a) In the case of expansion of existing such uses onto land other than the lot on which the principal use is located, it shall be demonstrated that the proposed use cannot reasonably be accommodated on the existing site through more efficient utilization of land or buildings, and will not cause significant physical encroachment into established residential areas.

The proposed use is confined to the existing site and does not propose to expand onto land other than the lot in which the principal use is located.
(b) The proposed use will not cause significant displacement or conversion of residential uses existing as of June 1, 1983, or thereafter.

The use is proposed in a former television repair and retail shop, thus it is not displacing a residential use. The existing residential apartment on the second floor will remain residential.
(c) In the case of a use or use expansion which constitutes a combination of the above listed uses (elementary, middle, and secondary school; lang-term and extended care facilities; Intermediate care facility for thirteen (13) or more persons; Places of assembly; Hospital; College, university, trade schooll with capacity for concurrent operations, the applicable minimum lot sizes shall be cumulative.

The proposal does not constitute a combination of the uses listed in Section 14-118 and above.
(d) In the case of places of assembly (including places of religious assembly, community halls and private club or fraternal organizations) the proposed use shall be subject to the requirements of article $V$ (site plan) of this chapter.

The City has determined, in this case, that the proposed change of use is not subject to site plan review because it does not meet the site plan review thresholds and, after previously being modified, the site has since been brought back to its previously existing, original condition (see Attachment 2 - memorandum from Corporation Counsel)

At the June workshop, the Planning Board questioned Corporation Counsel's interpretation of Section 14-118(b). Corporation Counsel was present at the workshop and responded that the language of Section 14-118(b) 3 (d) would need to be amended to that that Places of Assembly are subject to the requirements of Article V notwithstanding exceptions listed in Section 14-523. Planning Board member, Lee Lowry asked that Corporation Counsel initiate such an amendment to this section. Gary Wood, Corporation Counsel agreed but noted the importance of carefully reviewing the type and scale of uses that would be subject to this provision to be sure that costs associated with site plan review would not be onerous for smaller applications.

DIVISION 28. JURISDICTION OF BOARD OF APPEALS
Sec. 14-474. Conditional uses.
(2) Standards. Upon a showing that a proposed use is a conditional use under this article, a conditional use permit shall be granted unless the board determines that:
(a) There are unique or distinctive characteristics or effects associated with the proposed conditional use;

The proposed use as a place of assembly would not result in unique or distinctive characteristics. There are no changes proposed to the exterior of the building or the site. The mosque remains open during the day but sees the majority of the congregation for Friday services at noon. These typically last for $1 / 2$ hour. The number of cars arriving at the mosque for these Friday serves has traditionally not exceeded ten. The site accommodates the majority of these vehicles and there is on-street parking available on adjacent side streets.
(b) There will be an adverse impact upon the health, safety, or welfare of the public or the surrounding area;

It does not appear that there will be any adverse impacts associated with the proposed project. The proposed use will be limited to worship and study.
(c) Such impact differs substantially from the impact which would normally occur from such a use in that zone.

The impacts of this site will not differ from those normally expected from such a use in the R-5 Residential zone.
(d) Conditions on conditional use permits. The board of appeals may impose such reasonable conditions upon the premises benefited by a conditional use as may be necessary to prevent or minimize adverse effects therefrom upon other property in the neighborhood. Such conditions shall be expressly set forth in the resolution authorizing the conditional use permit and in the permit. Violation of such conditions shall be a violation of this article.

## 7. STAFF RECCOMENDATION

Planning staff recommends that the Planning Board approve the applicant's conditional use application with a condition of approval requiring the applicant to obtain all necessary building permits for change of use and to comply with corresponding building permit standards of Section 14-338 and 14-340 addressing screening of the parking area and exterior lighting.

## 8. MOTIONS

## Conditional Use:

On the basis of the application, plans, reports and other information submitted by the applicant, findings and recommendations contained in the Planning Board Report for application \#97900001 relevant to Portland's Conditional Use Standards and other regulations, and the testimony presented at the Planning Board hearing:

The Planning Board finds the proposed conditional use for a Place of Assembly in the R-6 Zone (does or does not) meet the standards of Sections 14-474 and 14-118, subject to the following conditions of approval:
(1) The applicant shall obtain all necessary building permits for the change of use. As part of the building permit review process, the applicant shall comply with applicable requirements for fencing to screen off street parking and shading of exterior light fixtures, as described in Section 14-338 and 14 340 of the Land Use Code.

## 9. ATTACHMENTS

(1) Application
a. Cover Letter from Zachary L. Heiden, Counsel for Plaintiffs
b. Conditional Use Application
c. Warranty Deed
d. Tax Map
e. Site Plan sketch
f. Floor Plan sketch
g. Aerial photo
h. Site photos
i. Wastewater flow calculations
j. Assessor's database information
(2) Memorandum from Gary Wood, Corporation Counsel, June 10, 2010
(3) Copy of December, 2009 agreement between Portland Masjid and Islamic Center and the City of Portland.

## MAINE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION

May 17. 2010

via regular mail.<br>Coning Board of Appeals<br>City of Portland<br>389 Congress Street<br>Portland. Maine 04101

Re: Conditional Use Application (Place of Assembly) for 978 Washington Avenue (16)-E-3)

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Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,



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## See Schedule A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the said Sadri Shair, her heirs, her successors and assigns forever. We do covenant with the said Grantee, her heirs, her successors and assigns, that we are lawfully seized in fee of the premises, free of all encumbrances and that we do have good right to sell and convey the same to the said Grantees to hold as aforesaid; and that we and our successors shall and will warrant and defend the same to the said Grantee, her heirs, her successors and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the said Mary N. Blessing, Justina Ives, Jeannette A. Breggia, John DiMillo, and Adelia C. Jackson have caused these presents to be signed this 30 th day of vaventer 2005.



Then personally appeared the above-named Mary N. Blessing, Justina Ives, Jeannette A Breggia, John DiMillo and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their free acts and deeds before me.


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# City of Portland Development Review Application Planning Division Transmittal form 

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| Address: | 978 Washington Ave $\quad$ CBL: 161-E-003-001 |
| Project Description: | Washington Avenue -978; Places Of Assembly Conc. Use; Zachary <br> Heiden, Applicant. |
| Zoning: | Rs |

Other Reviews Required:
Review Type:
CONDITIONAL USE
Applicant:
Zachary Heiden
401 Cumberland Avenue
Portland Me 04101


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Preliminary Comments needed by: Wednesday, June $2^{\text {nd }}, 2010$
Final Comments needed by:

## MAINE CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION

VIA REGULAR MAIL<br>Zoning Board of Appeals<br>City of Portland<br>389 Congress Street<br>Portland, Maine 04101



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CC: Mary E. Costigan, Esq.
Danielle P. West-Chuhta, Esq.

## Conditional Use Application <br> PORTLAND, MAINE

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## OWNER

(Provide documentary evidence, attached to this application, of applicant's right, title, or interest in the subject property. (For example, a deed, option or contract to purchase or lease the subject property.)

VICINITY MAP: Attach a map showing the subject parcel and abutting parcels, labeled as to ownership and/or current use.


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## CONDITIONAL USE AUTHORIZED BY: SECTION $14-118(b)(3)$

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Sec. 14-339. When located adjacent to a street or a residential use.

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Sec. 14-337. Location in residence zones for more than six vehicles.

Where off-street parking for more than six (6) vehicles is required or provided for nonresidential uses in residence zones, it shall not be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any residential structure on an adjoining lot.
(Code 1968, § 602.14.G)

Sec. 14-338. When located within required open yard areas in

\section*{MARGE SCHMUCKAL, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR}

\section*{JUNE 3, 2010}

This property is located in an R-5 Residential Zone which allows Places of Assembly as a Conditional Use before the Planning Board

This is a change of use from a TV service repair and sales on the first floor and a single family on the second floor, to a Place of Assembly on the first floor and a single family dwelling on the second floor. This is considered to be a "Small" Place of Assembly which requires a minimum lot size of 10,890 square feet. The current lot size is 14 , 400 square feet. The required minimum lot size for the Place of Assembly use is being met.

The exterior and interior of the building was inspected on February 11, 2010. Under the parking requirements for Places of Assembly, one (1) parking space for each one hundred and twenty five (125) square feet of floor area used for assembly area not including bathrooms, bulk storage, stairways, closets or other non-assembly areas, it was determined that six parking spaces are required for the Place of Assembly use plus one parking space for the existing dwelling unit is required for a total of seven (7) parking spaces. Seven parking spaces are being shown on the submitted plot plan and meets the minimum requirements.

Section 14-337 requires parking for more than six vehicles to be no closer than 25 feet to any residential structure on an adjoining lot. The scaled drawings show the parking area to be at least 30 feet away from the closest residential structure.

During a building permit review and approval, the application will be conditioned with compliance with Section 14-338 which states that Where a such off-street parking shall abut a lot in residential use or an un occupied lot which is located in a residence zone, a fence no less than forty-eight (48) inches shall be provided and maintained between such off-street parking and that part of the lot line involved.

Also during the building permit review and approval, the application will be conditioned with compliance with Section 14-340 which states, "where artificial lighting is provided, it shall be shaded or screened so that no light source shall be visible from outside the area and its access driveways.

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From: Gary Wood \\ To: Danielle West-Chuhta \\ Date: 6/16/2010 9:57 AM \\ Subject: Fwd: RE: 978 Washington- Zoning Assessment \\ CC: Marge Schmuckal
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what does"required to be kept open" mean?
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So, in this case, I think that the requirements of section \(14-338\) kick in since this is a residence zone, there is parking for more than six vehicles on the lot and they will be parking the front/side yards.

Danielle
>>> Gary Wood 6/16/2010 9:43 AM >>>
please review and comment
Isentit to Marge as well to take a look at

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\(\begin{array}{ll}\text { From: } & \text { Zachary Heiden < heiden@mclu.org> } \\ \text { To: } & \text { 'Gary Wood' <GARY@, portlandmaine.gov> } \\ \text { Date: } & \text { 6/15/2010 3:30 PM } \\ \text { Subject: } & \text { RE: } 978 \text { Washington- Zoning Assessment }\end{array}\)
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Thank you. Nice to be back. What does it mean, in 14-338, that "vehicles are to be
or may be parked within the area otherwise required to be kept open and unoccupied
for front, side and rear yards in the zone in which such parking is located"?
It seems to me that the fence requirement is only triggered if this qualification
is met.

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here you go welcome back

Land Use Chapter 14 Rev.1-5-10 including those fifteen (15) years of age: One (1) parking space for each room used for purposes of instruction.
(e) Schools providing instruction for students sixteen (16) years of age and over: One (1) parking space for each ten (10) seats or major fraction thereof, used for purposes of instruction; if no fixed seats, one (1) parking space for each one hundred (100) square feet or major fraction thereof used for purposes of instruction.
(f) Hospitals: One (1) parking space for each five hundred (500) square feet or major fraction thereof, of floor area, exclusive of cellar.
(g) Auditoriums, theaters, assembly halls, funeral homes: One (1) parking space for each five (5) seats or for each one hundred (100) square feet, or major fraction thereof, of assemblage space if no fixed seats.
(h) Retail stores: One (1) parking space for each two hundred (200) square feet of first floor area in excess of two thousand \((2,000)\) square feet not used for bulk storage and one (1) parking space for each seven hundred (700) square feet, or major fraction thereof, for each floor above the first floor not used for bulk storage.
(i) Restaurants or establishments constructed and intended for the dispensing of food and drink as the principal activity: One (1) parking space for each one hundred fifty (150) square feet, or major fraction thereof, of floor area not used for bulk storage or food preparation.
(j) Offices; professional and public buildings: One (1) parking space for each four hundred (400) square feet, or major fraction thereof, of floor area exclusive of cellar not used for bulk storage.
(k) Places of assembly (which includes private club and fraternal halls, places of religious assembly, and community halls): One (1) parking space for reach one hundred and twenty five (125) square feet, or major fraction thereof, of floor area used for assembly area not including bathrooms, bulk storage, stairways, closets or other non-assembly areas.
height and permanently anchored, shall be provided and maintained at least five (5) feet from the street line between such off-street parking and that part of the street line involved; or a continuous bumper guard of adequate strength, the top of which shall be at least twenty (20) inches in height, shall be provided and maintained between such off-street parking and that part of the street line involved so that bumpers of vehicles cannot project beyond its face toward the street line involved either above or below the impact surface.
(b) Where such off-street parking shall abut a lot in a residence zone or a lot in residential use, a chain link, picket or sapling fence, not less than forty-eight (48) inches in height, shall be provided and maintained between such off-street parking and that part of the lot line involved.
(Code 1968, §602.14.1)
Sec. 14-340. Construction requirements when more than six vehicles parked.

Where off-street parking for more than six (6) vehicles is required or provided, the following construction requirements shall apply:
(a) Appropriate driveways from streets or alleys, as well as maneuvering areas, shall be provided. Location and width of approaches over public sidewalks shall be approved by the traffic engineer.
(b) The surface of driveways, maneuvering areas and parking areas shall be uniformly graded with a subgrade consisting of gravel or equivalent materials at least six (6) inches in depth, well compacted, and with a wearing surface equivalent in quantities of compaction and durability to fine gravel.
(c) A system of surface drainage shall be provided in such a way that the waste run-off shall not run over or across any public sidewalk or street.
(d) Where artificial lighting is provided, it shall be shaded or screened so that no light source shall be visible from outside the area and its access drivewavs.

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I think that parking can be located within the required front, side and rear building setbacks based upon other setback requirements for parking that are listed in the ordinance. However, if the parking is located in those required yard setbacks for buildings, then the following listed requirements apply, such as the fencing. I interpret that to mean not just the actual parking spaces for the cars, but the area denoted for the entire parking lot, meaning access and driving areas needed to maneuver into the spaces. and the actual spaces involved.

In this case, there is a portion of their parking lot which is in the required building setback along the slde of the property. Because of that, I believe that the fencing requirements kick in as stated.
Marge
>>> Danielle West-Chuhta (Danielle West-Chuhta) 6/16/2010 10:55 AM >>>
I think that there is a requirement that the front/side setbacks be kept open in the residential zones - that is, no parking can be there....Marge?
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\section*{Danielle}

City of Portland
Code of Ordinances
Sec: 14-338

Land Use Chapter 14
Rev. 1-5-10
(a) Where off-street parking for more than six (6) vehicles is required or provided on a lot in a residence zone and vehicles are to be or may be parked within the area otherwise required to be kept open and unoccupied for front, side and rear yards in the zone in which such parking is located, the following requirements shall be met:
(1) A continuous curb guard, rectangular in cross-section, at least six (6) inches in height and permanently anchored, shall be provided and maintained at least five (5) feet from the street or lot line between such off-street parking and that part of the street or lot line involved; or a continuous bumper guard of adequate strength, the top of which shall be at least twenty (20) inches in height, shall be provided and maintained between such off-street parking and that part of the street or lot line involved so that bumpers of vehicles cannot project beyond its face toward the street or lot line involved, either above or below the impact surface.
(2) Where such off-street parking shall abut a lot in residential use or an unoccupied lot which is located in a residence zone, a chain link, picket or sapling fence, not less than forty-eight (48) inches in height, shall be provided and maintained between such off-street parking and that part of the lot line involved.
(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) of this section, parking shall be prohibited in the front yard of lots containing two (2) or more dwelling units, except within one (1) driveway on the lot. "Driveway," as used in this paragraph, shall not include any turnaround area.
(Code 1968, § 602.14.H; Ord. No. 231-90, § 2, 3-5-90)
Sec. 14-339. When located adjacent to a street or a residential use.

Where off-street parking for more than six (6) vehicles is required or provided on a lot in any business zone, the following requirements shall be met:
(a) Where vehicles are to be or may be parked within ten (10) feet of any street line, a continuous curb guard, rectangular in cross-section, at least six (6) inches in
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Gary, it is in the IBC 2003- Administration Chapter 1 Section 105.1 - permit required - Any owner... who intends to construct, enlarge alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy...
So if they changed the use they need a building permit The alterations can be part of the same permit.
>>> Gary Wood 1/27/2010 2:48 PM >>>
see attached
Zach is asking for the code references that could /would require a building permit in this change of use situation
I suspect but do not know if the alterations that they have already done inside to convert the former to repair space to a place of worship will require an after the fact permit
the more critical permit requirement at this point is what if any life safety requirements they might have to meet re number of exits, emergency lighting, smoke detectors stairways etc etc for which they would need a building permit. some of those issues will depend on the occupancy limit estaablished by Marge's internnal space measurement of the place of assembly
the changes passed by the council include our standard requirement that the occupancy limit for this type of use is 15 sq ft per person
this religion requires the use of prayer rugs.... please measure the prayer rug dimensions as that may lead to an agreed upon condition re allowed occupancy that is less than would be allowed by our 15 sq ft requirement```


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