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Jeff Levine, AICP, Director Marge Schmuckal, Zoning Administrator

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Brian and Catherine Williams 14 Anthony Avenue Portland, ME 04103

RE:

14 Anthony Avenue – 172-E-1, 2, 3 - R-3 Zone with Shoreland/Stream

Protection

It has recently come to my attention that you are running a business, The Great Outdoors, from your home located at 14 Anthony Avenue, an R-3 residential, single family zone, not a business zone. In addition to running an illegal business in a residential zone, your exterior equipment, such as trucks, trailers and off the road equipment, piles of loam and other materials and unpermitted structures are located across Anthony Avenue on City property without any permission. Apparently you are also locating equipment and sheds and such on property other than yours that is owned by St. Joseph's Manor. The R-3 Zone prohibits business uses as stated under 14-87 thru 14-89 of the Land Use Zoning Ordinance.

Your property is adjacent to the Fallbrook River watershed which is protected by the Shoreland Stream Protection Zone and prohibits such described activities (parking and structures) within 75° of the Fallbrook. Your present activities are in violation of the Stream Protection Zone (14-453). The Fallbrook River is an important river in the City of Portland. The City is taking every effort to keep our rivers and streams protected and clean.

You are ordered to remove your equipment and other business use activities from City owned land located across the street from your home immediately. You are also ordered to remove all business activities and equipment from your home and the residential zone and from the protected Stream Protected 75 foot area within 30 days from the date on this letter.

Please note that section 14-473(c)4 of the Land Use Ordinance specifically prohibits the Zoning Board of Appeals from granting a variance to allow a business use in any residential zone.

A reinspection will be made next week confirming the removal of business use, storage and equipment on the City land across the street from your residence. A further inspection will be made thirty (30) days from the date on this letter for compliance with the removal of your business use, storage and equipment from your property and from the protected 75 foot Stream Protection area.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (207) 874-8695.

Very truly yours,

Marge Schmuckal

Zoning Administrator City of Portland

Cc:

Jeff Levine, Director of Planning and Development Doug Roncarati, Stormwater Program Co-ordinator Mike Morse, Department of Environmental Protection

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