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Patricia & Louis Ciampi 326 Stevens Avenue Portland, ME 04103

RE: 441-449 Woodford Street cor. 3-13 Caldwell Street – 176-C-001 – R-5 Residential Zone

Dear Mr. & Mrs Ciampi,

It has recently come to my attention that a new fence has been erected on your property located at 443 Woodford Street. Please note that there are regulations concerning fences. Section 14-426 of the Land Use Zoning Ordinance states that no fence taller than four (4) feet shall be erected within twenty-five (25) feet of a street line. Also section 14-434 states that no fence shall be taller than $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet if located with twenty-five (25) feet of a corner. I am enclosing a copy of both requirements.

Your new fence violates these two requirements of the Land Use Zoning Ordinance. The fence is higher than $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet and 4 feet. I have already heard from the Public Services Department that your fence is a traffic sight line safety issue.

It will be necessary to comply with the current requirements of the City's Ordinances. You must either move or reduce the height of the fence so that it will completely meet City requirements and eliminate safety hazards to drivers in the area. You have thirty (30) days from the date of this letter in which to comply with these requirements. If you have any questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at 874-8695.

Very truly yours,

Marge Schmuckal Zoning Administrator

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