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February 2, 2005

James Nadeau
264 Stevens Ave
Portland, Maine 04103

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Re: Permit for Second means of egress 264 Stevens Ave.

Dear Jim,,

Thank you for the sketches . This office has reviewed the sketches and have the following comments:

- 1) There treads and riser at 8 inches would exceed the limitations of the building code for an exterior stair. As I stated in our meeting, if there is space to comply on the lot, the code would not allow a "fire escape". I believe I gave you a copy of the code.
- 2) The bottom landings at 34 inches is too narrow and could not be approved.

Please note that the permit cannot be issued until comprehensive code compliant construction documents are reviewed and approved.

Yours truly,


Mike Nugent

Director of Inspection Services

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February 1, 2005

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RE: Fire Escape – 264-266 Stevens Avenue, Portland, Maine

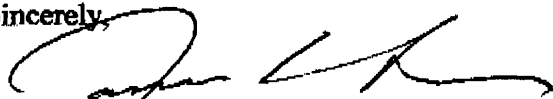
Dear Mike,

Please find attached a very crude schematic drawing of a proposed fire escape at the above noted address. I have made the appropriate field measurements and office drafting to compute that a fire escape stairwell (8" by 8") will fit within the existing porch, but a standard stairwell (11" by 7") will not. Prior to the preparation of design drawings for final approval, it is my desire that the attached design be preliminarily approved in concept only that the fire escape stairwell should be used. Of course, design drawings depicting size and location of building materials is required.

I believe that this design best fits the existing structure as it will minimize usage of space and will be generally a covered concept since it will be within the existing porch. I have not shown and railings on the roof, but am aware that would be required in my design drawings.

Hopefully, I will hear back from you as soon as possible so I may continue my prompt attention on addressing this matter. Thank you in advance for your time. I can be reached at 878-7870 (office) or my preference, surveys@gwi.net (e-mail)

Sincerely,



James D. Nadeau, P.L.S.
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