

DEP INFORMATION SHEET

Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision

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SUMMARY

There are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner: (1) in an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) in a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. This INFORMATION SHEET, in conjunction with consulting statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, can help aggrieved persons with understanding their rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO THE BOARD

LEGAL REFERENCES

DEP's General Laws, 38 M.R.S.A. § 341-D(4), and its Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters (Chapter 2), 06-096 CMR 2.24 (April 1, 2003).

HOW LONG YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

The Board must receive a written notice of appeal within 30 calendar days of the date on which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board. Appeals filed after 30 calendar days will be rejected.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

Signed original appeal documents must be sent to: Chair, Board of Environmental Protection, c/o Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017; faxes are acceptable for purposes of meeting the deadline when followed by receipt of mailed original documents within five (5) working days. Receipt on a particular day must be by 5:00 PM at DEP's offices in Augusta; materials received after 5:00 PM are not considered received until the following day. The person appealing a licensing decision must also send the DEP's Commissioner and the applicant a copy of the documents. All the information listed in the next section must be submitted at the time the appeal is filed. Only the extraordinary circumstances described at the end of that section will justify evidence not in the DEP's record at the time of decision being added to the record for consideration by the Board as part of an appeal.

WHAT YOUR APPEAL PAPERWORK MUST CONTAIN

The materials constituting an appeal must contain the following information at the time submitted:

- 1. Aggrieved Status. Standing to maintain an appeal requires the appellant to show they are particularly injured by the Commissioner's decision.
- 2. The findings, conclusions or conditions objected to or believed to be in error. Specific references and facts regarding the appellant's issues with the decision must be provided in the notice of appeal.
- 3. The basis of the objections or challenge. If possible, specific regulations, statutes or other facts should be referenced. This may include citing omissions of relevant requirements, and errors believed to have been made in interpretations, conclusions, and relevant requirements.
- 4. The remedy sought. This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license or permit to changes in specific permit conditions.



STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE HOUSE STATION 17 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

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PORTLAND PINETREE LLC & HERITAGE SPE, LLC Cumberland County PINE TREE SHOPPING CENTER L-21903-23-A-N (approval) L-21903-TC-B-N

) SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT
) NATURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION Portland,
) TIER 1 WETLAND ALTERATION
) WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION
) FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER

Pursuant to the provisions of 38 M.R.S.A. Sections 481 et seq. and 480-A et seq., and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Department of Environmental Protection has considered the application of PORTLAND PINETREE LLC AND HERITAGE SPE, LLC with the supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

- A. History of Project: The Pinetree Shopping Center was constructed on a 28.9 acre parcel of land in the late 1950s/early 1960s before the effective date of the Site Location of Development Act (Site Law).
- B. Summary: The applicants are seeking a Site Law permit to redevelop 17.71 acres of the Pinetree Shopping Center, including 11.6 acres of impervious area. This impervious area includes 4.3 acres of new impervious area and 7.29 acres of existing impervious area that will have a change in use. Most of the buildings in the redeveloped area will be demolished and replaced with a 168,407 square foot anchor store and two, 10,000 square foot retail buildings. The parking areas will be upgraded and landscaped. The remaining area of the shopping center will continue to be "grandfathered" under the Site Law unless changes are proposed to the grandfathered area that would trigger Site Law jurisdiction. The redevelopment project is shown on a set of plans the first of which is entitled "Pine Tree Shopping Center," prepared by Sebago Technics, and dated October 1, 2004, with a last revision date on any of the sheets of October 26, 2004. The project site is located on the south side of Brighton Avenue in the City of Portland.
- C. Current Use of Site: The site of the proposed project is currently a fully developed shopping center with numerous buildings and large parking areas.

2. FINANCIAL CAPACITY:

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$2,944,300. The applicants submitted a letter from Citizens Bank, dated May 24, 2004, indicating that it is interested in providing financing for this project. Prior to the start of construction, the applicants must submit evidence that they have been granted a line of credit or a loan by a financial institution authorized to do business in this State or evidence of any

other form of financial assurance determined by Department Rules, Chapter 373(1), to be adequate to the Bureau of Land and Water Quality for review and approval.

The Department finds that the applicants have demonstrated adequate financial capacity to comply with Department standards provided that additional financial information is submitted prior to the start of construction as outlined above.

3. <u>TECHNICAL ABILITY:</u>

The applicants provided resume information for key persons involved with the project and a list of projects successfully constructed by the applicants. The applicants also retained the services of Sebago Technics, a professional engineering firm, to assist in the design and engineering of the project.

The Department finds that the applicants have demonstrated adequate technical ability to comply with Department standards.

4. <u>NOISE</u>:

The applicants submitted a statement attesting to the minor nature of the anticipated sound impact of their development. The Department concurs with this assessment and finds that the proposed project will have a minor sound impact.

5. <u>SCENIC CHARACTER:</u>

The proposed project is a redevelopment of an existing shopping center. The proposed buildings will improve the visual quality of the area by replacing dated facades with modern architectural styles designed to complement the surroundings. The parking lots at the project site will be upgraded with landscaped islands and the Brighton Avenue/Rand Road intersection will be improved in accordance with the recommendations of the Brighton Avenue Beautification Study.

Based on the project's location and design, the Department finds that the proposed project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the scenic character of the surrounding area.

6. <u>WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES</u>:

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife (MDIFW) reviewed the proposed project. In its comments, MDIFW stated that it found no records of any essential or significant wildlife habitats, or other wildlife habitats of special concern associated with this site. No fisheries concerns were identified.

The Department finds that the applicants have made adequate provision for the protection of wildlife and fisheries.

7. <u>HISTORIC SITES AND UNUSUAL NATURAL AREAS</u>:

The Maine Historic Preservation Commission reviewed the proposed project and stated that it will have no effect upon any structure or site of historic, architectural, or archaeological significance as defined by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

The Maine Natural Areas Program database does not contain any records documenting the existence of rare or unique botanical features on the project site and, as discussed in Finding 6, MDIFW did not identify any unusual wildlife habitats located on the project site.

The Department finds that the proposed development will not have an adverse effect on the preservation of any historic sites or unusual natural areas either on or near the development site.

8. <u>BUFFER STRIPS</u>:

Because the project is surrounded by existing business uses on all sides, no formal buffers are proposed.

9. <u>SURFACE WATER QUALITY:</u>

The proposed project is not located within the watershed of a lake or great pond. The entire project site is located within the Nason's Brook watershed, which ultimately discharges to the Fore River. Nason's Brook is identified by the Department as an Urban Impaired Stream. No discharges to surface waters are proposed other than stormwater.

Stormwater runoff from the project site must be treated to meet the 80 percent Total Suspended Solids (TSS) standard outlined in Chapter 500 of the Department Rules. To comply with City of Portland standards, the applicants were also required to treat existing grandfathered impervious areas so the total TSS removal for the entire project site will be 118% per cent. To achieve this level of stormwater quality treatment, the applicants are proposing to install 2 HIL Downstream Defender Units (8-foot and 10-foot) diameter and one Vortechnics 4000 unit.

The applicants' proposed stormwater quality treatment system was reviewed by the Division of Watershed Management of the Bureau of Land and Water Quality (DWM) who stated that the proposed system complies with Department standards for stormwater quality treatment.

Based on the design of the stormwater quality treatment system and DWM's review, the Department finds that the applicants have made adequate provision to ensure that the proposed project will meet the stormwater quality standards contained in Department Rules, Chapter 500 and to ensure that the project will not have an unreasonable adverse impact on surface water quality.

10. <u>SOILS</u>:

The applicants submitted a medium intensity soil survey map and a geotechnical report) based on the soils found at the project site. This report was prepared by a registered professional engineer.

The Department finds that, based on this report, the soils on the project site present no limitations to the proposed project that cannot be overcome through standard engineering practices.

11. STORMWATER MANAGEMENT:

The majority of the project site consists of pavement and buildings, with the exception of the rear/south side and southwest corner of the site. The southwest corner of the site is wooded and includes a wetland area that drains off site to the south. No existing natural or manmade drainage ways on the project site

will remain after the proposed project is constructed. Stormwater runoff from the project site will flow to the City of Portland's storm drain system. The applicants submitted a letter from the City Engineer, dated September 27, 2004, stating that the City's storm drain system in Rand Road has adequate capacity to accept the anticipated flows from the project site.

The applicants are proposing to utilize a stormwater quantity management system consisting of a Stormtech underground storage system and underground collection system with level spreaders. This system is based on estimates of pre- and post-development stormwater runoff flows obtained by using Hydrocad, a stormwater modeling software that utilizes the methodologies outlined in Technical Releases #55 and #20, U.S.D.A., Soil Conservation Service and detains stormwater from 24-hour storms of 2-, 10-, and 25-year frequency. The post-development peak flow from the site will not exceed the pre-development peak flow from the site.

The stormwater quantity management system proposed by the applicants was reviewed by, and revised in response to, comments from DWM. In its comments, DWM stated that the proposed system complies with Department standards for stormwater quantity management.

Based on the system's design and DWM's review, the Department finds that the applicants have made adequate provision to ensure that the proposed project will meet the stormwater quantity standards for: (1) peak flow from the site and peak flow of the receiving waters; (2) grading or other construction activity; (3) channel limits and runoff areas; (4) maintenance; and (5) level spreaders.

12. MAINTENANCE OF COMMON FACILITIES:

The applicants will be responsible for the maintenance of all common facilities including the road and stormwater management system, which maintenance will include, but not be limited to, any necessary erosion and sedimentation control measures, and the long-term maintenance of the stormwater management system as outlined in the a document entitled "Maintenance Plan of Stormwater Management Facilities", which was last revised September 30, 2004. Prior to occupancy of any of the new buildings, the applicants must submit a copy of an executed long-term maintenance contract (minimum of 5 years and renewable) for the on-going maintenance of the stormwater quality treatment units to the Bureau of Land and Water Quality

13. <u>EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL:</u>

The applicants submitted an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan as Section 14 of the application. This plan and plan sheets containing erosion control details were reviewed by, and revised in response to the comments of DWM. Erosion control details will be included on the final construction plans and the erosion control narrative will be included in the project specifications to be provided to the construction contractor

The Department finds that the applicants have made adequate provision to control erosion and sedimentation.

14. GROUNDWATER:

The project site is not located over a mapped sand and gravel aquifer. The proposed project does not propose any withdrawal from, or discharge to, the groundwater.

The Department finds that the proposed project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on ground water quality.

15. WATER SUPPLY:

When completed, the proposed project is anticipated to use 12,800 gallons of water per day. The Portland Water District will supply water. The applicants submitted a letter from the District, dated May 24, 2004, indicating that it will be capable of servicing this project.

The Department finds that the applicants have made adequate provision for securing and maintaining a sufficient and healthful water supply.

16. WASTEWATER DISPOSAL:

When completed, the proposed project is anticipated to discharge 12,800 gallons of wastewater per day to the Portland Water District's wastewater treatment facility. The applicants submitted a letter from the City of Portland's Department of Public Works stating that it will accept these flows. This project was reviewed by the Division of Engineering, Compliance and Technical Assistance of the Bureau of Land and Water Quality (DECTA), which commented that the Portland Water District's facility has the capacity to treat these flows and is operating in compliance with the water quality laws of the State of Maine.

Based on DECTA's comments, the Department finds that the applicants have made adequate provision for wastewater disposal at a facility that has the capacity to ensure satisfactory treatment.

17. SOLID WASTE:

All general solid wastes from the proposed project will be disposed of at Regional Waste Systems or Maine Energy Recovery Company, both of which are currently in substantial compliance with the Solid Waste Management Regulations of the State of Maine.

All stumps and grubbings will be ground on site and used as erosion control mulch.

All construction and demolition debris will be disposed of at the Riverside Recycling Facility, which is currently in substantial compliance with the Solid Waste Management Regulations of the State of Maine.

Based on the above information, the Department finds that the applicants have made adequate provision for solid waste disposal.

18. FLOODING:

The proposed project is not located within the 100-year floodway of any river or stream.

The Department finds that the proposed project is unlikely to cause or increase flooding or cause an unreasonable flood hazard to any structure.

19. <u>WETLAND IMPACTS:</u>

The applicants propose to alter 13,200 square feet of forested wetland to construct the large building, a truck access drive to the side and rear of the building and a parking lot for the building. The fill area is an isolated wetland pocket that discharges to the City's storm drain system.

The Department finds that the applicants has avoided and minimized wetland impacts to the greatest extent practicable, and that the proposed project represents the least environmentally damaging alternative that meets the overall purpose of the project.

BASED on the above findings of fact, and subject to the conditions listed below, the Department makes the following conclusions pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. Sections 480-A et seq. and Section 401 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act:

A. The proposed activity will not violate any state water quality law including those governing the classifications of the State's waters.

BASED on the above findings of fact, and subject to the conditions listed below, the Department makes the following conclusions pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. Sections 481 et seq.:

- A. The applicants have provided adequate evidence of financial capacity and technical ability to develop the project in a manner consistent with state environmental standards provided that additional financial information is submitted prior to the start of construction as outlined in Finding 2.
- B. The applicants have made adequate provision for fitting the development harmoniously into the existing natural environment and the development will not adversely affect existing uses, scenic character, air quality, water quality or other natural resources in the municipality or in neighboring municipalities.
- C. The proposed development will be built on soil types, which are suitable to the nature of the undertaking and will not cause unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment nor inhibit the natural transfer of soil.
- D. The proposed development meets the standards for storm water management in Section 420-D and the standard for erosion and sedimentation control in Section 420-C provided a long-term maintenance contract for the stormwater quality treatment units is executed as outlined in Finding 12.
- E. The proposed development will not pose an unreasonable risk that a discharge to a significant groundwater aquifer will occur.
- F. The applicants have made adequate provision of utilities, including water supplies, sewerage facilities, solid waste disposal and roadways required for the development and the development will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the existing or proposed utilities and roadways in the municipality or area served by those services.
- G. The activity will not unreasonably cause or increase the flooding of the alteration area or adjacent properties nor create an unreasonable flood hazard to any structure.

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the application of PORTLAND PINETREE LLC AND HERITAGE SPE, LLC to redevelop the Pine Tree Shopping Center as outlined above, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS and all applicable standards and regulations:

- 1. The Standard Conditions of Approval, a copy attached.
- 2. In addition to any specific erosion control measures described in this or previous orders, the applicants shall take all necessary actions to ensure that their activities or those of their agents do not result in noticeable erosion of soils or fugitive dust emissions on the site during the construction and operation of the project covered by this approval.
- 3. Prior to the start of construction, the applicants shall submit evidence that they have been granted a line of credit or a loan by a financial institution authorized to do business in this State or evidence of any other form of financial assurance determined by Department Rules, Chapter 373(1), to be adequate to the Bureau of Land and Water Quality for review and approval.
- 4. Prior to occupancy of any of the new buildings, the applicants shall submit a copy of an executed long-term maintenance contract (minimum of 5 years and renewable) for the on-going maintenance of the stormwater quality treatment units to the Bureau of Land and Water Quality.

THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE OR SUBSTITUTE FOR ANY OTHER REQUIRED STATE, FEDERAL OR LOCAL APPROVALS NOR DOES IT VERIFY COMPLIANCE WITH ANY APPLICABLE SHORELAND ZONING ORDINANCES.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 27 DAY OF _____, 2004.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

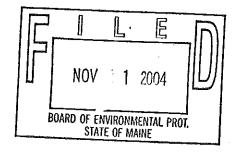
By:

DAWN R. GALLAGHER, COMMISSIONER

PLEASE NOTE THE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application June 25, 2004 Date of application acceptance July 9, 2004

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection LK/ATS52762&52763/L21903AN&BN



SITE LOCATION OF DEVELOPMENT (SITE) STANDARD CONDITIONS

STRICT CONFORMANCE WITH THE STANDARD AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF THIS APPROVAL IS NECESSARY FOR THE PROJECT TO MEET THE STATUTORY CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL.

- 1. This approval is dependent upon and limited to the proposals and plans contained in the application and supporting documents submitted and affirmed to by the applicant. Any variation from the plans, proposals and supporting documents is subject to the review and approval of the Board prior to implementation. Further subdivision of proposed lots by the applicant or future owners is specifically prohibited, without prior approval by the Board of Environmental Protection, and the applicant shall include deed restrictions to this effect.
- 2. The applicant shall secure and comply with all applicable Federal, State and local licenses, permits, authorizations, conditions, agreements, and orders, prior to or during construction and operation as appropriate.
- 3. The applicant shall submit all reports and information requested by the Board or Department demonstrating that the applicant has complied or will comply with all conditions of this approval. All preconstruction terms and conditions must be met before construction begins.
- 4. Advertising relating to matters included in this application shall refer to this approval only if it notes that the approval has been granted WITH CONDITIONS, and indicates where copies of those conditions may be obtained.
- 5. Unless otherwise provided in this approval, the applicant shall not sell, lease, assign or otherwise transfer the development or any portion thereof without prior written approval of the Board where the purpose or consequence of the transfer is to transfer any of the obligations of the developer as incorporated in this approval. Such approval shall be granted only if the applicant or transferee demonstrates to the Board that the transferee has the technical capacity and financial ability to comply with conditions of this approval and the proposals and plans contained in the application and supporting documents submitted by the applicant.
- 6. If the construction or operation of the activity is not begun within two years, this approval shall lapse and the applicant shall reapply to the Board for a new approval. The applicant may not begin construction or operation of the development until a new approval is granted. Reapplications for approval shall state the reasons why the development was not begun within two years from the granting of the initial approval and the reasons why the applicant will be able to begin the activity within two years from the granting of a new approval, if granted. Reapplications for approval may include information submitted in the initial application by reference.
- 7. If the approved development is not completed within five years from the date of the granting of approval, the Board may reexamine its approval and impose additional terms or conditions or prescribe other necessary corrective action to respond to significant changes in circumstances which may have occurred during the five-year period.
- 8. A copy of this approval must be included in or attached to all contract bid specifications for the development.
- 9. Work done by a contractor pursuant to this approval shall not begin before the contractor has been shown by the developer a copy of this approval.

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NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACT (NRPA) STANDARD CONDITIONS

THE FOLLOWING STANDARD CONDITIONS SHALL APPLY TO ALL PERMITS GRANTED UNDER THE NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION ACT, TITLE 38, M.R.S.A. SECTION 480-A ET.SEQ. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFICALLY STATED IN THE PERMIT.

- A. <u>Approval of Variations From Plans.</u> The granting of this permit is dependent upon and limited to the proposals and plans contained in the application and supporting documents submitted and affirmed to by the applicant. Any variation form these plans, proposals, and supporting documents is subject to review and approval prior to implementation.
- B. <u>Compliance With All Applicable Laws.</u> The applicant shall secure and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local licenses, permits, authorizations, conditions, agreements, and orders prior to or during construction and operation, as appropriate.
- C. <u>Erosion Control.</u> The applicant shall take all necessary measures to ensure that his activities or those of his agents do not result in measurable erosion of soils on the site during the construction and operation of the project covered by this Approval.
- D. <u>Compliance With Conditions.</u> Should the project be found, at any time, not to be in compliance with any of the Conditions of this Approval, or should the applicant construct or operate this development in any way other the specified in the Application or Supporting Documents, as modified by the Conditions of this Approval, then the terms of this Approval shall be considered to have been violated.
- E. <u>Initiation of Activity Within Two Years.</u> If construction or operation of the activity is not begun within two years, this permit shall lapse and the applicant shall reapply to the Board for a new permit. The applicant may not begin construction or operation of the activity until a new permit is granted. Reapplications for permits shall state the reasons why the applicant will be able to begin the activity within two years form the granting of a new permit, if so granted. Reapplications for permits may include information submitted in the initial application by reference.
- F. <u>Reexamination After Five Years.</u> If the approved activity is not completed within five years from the date of the granting of a permit, the Board may reexamine its permit approval and impose additional terms or conditions to respond to significant changes in circumstances which may have occurred during the five-year period.
- G. No Construction Equipment Below High Water. No construction equipment used in the undertaking of an approved activity is allowed below the mean high water line unless otherwise specified by this permit.
- H. Permit Included In Contract Bids. A copy of this permit must be included in or attached to all contract bid specifications for the approved activity.
- I. <u>Permit Shown To Contractor.</u> Work done by a contractor pursuant to this permit shall not begin before the contractor has been shown by the applicant a copy of this permit.

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- 5. All the matters to be contested. The Board will limit its consideration to those arguments specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
- 6. Request for hearing. The Board will hear presentations on appeals at its regularly scheduled meetings, unless a public hearing is requested and granted. A request for public hearing on an appeal must be filed as part of the notice of appeal.
- 7. New or additional evidence to be offered. The Board may allow new or additional evidence as part of an appeal only when the person seeking to add information to the record can show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process or show that the evidence itself is newly discovered and could not have been presented earlier in the process. Specific requirements for additional evidence are found in Chapter 2, Section 24(B)(5).

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD

- 1. Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record. A license file is public information made easily accessible by DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make the material available during normal working hours, provide space to review the file, and provide opportunity for photocopying materials. There is a charge for copies or copying services.
- 2. Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing your appeal. DEP staff will provide this information on request and answer questions regarding applicable requirements.
- 3. The filing of an appeal does not operate as a stay to any decision. An applicant proceeding with a project pending the outcome of an appeal runs the risk of the decision being reversed or modified as a result of the appeal.

WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD

The Board will formally acknowledge initiation of the appeals procedure, including the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal, within 15 days of receiving a timely filing. The notice of appeal, all materials accepted by the Board Chair as additional evidence, and any materials submitted in response to the appeal will be sent to Board members along with a briefing and recommendation from DEP staff. Parties filing appeals and interested persons are notified in advance of the final date set for Board consideration of an appeal or request for public hearing. With or without holding a public hearing, the Board may affirm, amend, or reverse a Commissioner decision. The Board will notify parties to an appeal and interested persons of its decision.

II. APPEALS TO MAINE SUPERIOR COURT

Maine law allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court, see 38 M.R.S.A. § 346(1); 06-096 CMR 2.26; 5 M.R.S.A. § 11001; & MRCivP 80C. Parties to the licensing decision must file a petition for review within 30 days after receipt of notice of the Commissioner's written decision. A petition for review by any other person aggrieved must be filed within 40-days from the date the written decision is rendered. The laws cited in this paragraph and other legal procedures govern the contents and processing of a Superior Court appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, contact the DEP's Director of Procedures and Enforcement at (207) 287-2811.

Note: The DEP provides this INFORMATION SHEET for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.