



Administrative Authorization Application

Portland, Maine

Planning and Urban Development Department, Planning Division

PROJECT NAME: _____

PROJECT ADDRESS: _____ **CHART/BLOCK/LOT:** _____

APPLICATION FEE: _____ (\$50.00)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: (Please Attach Sketch/Plan of the Proposal/Development)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

OWNER/APPLICANT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Work #: _____

Cell #: _____

Fax #: _____

Home #: _____

E-mail: _____

CONSULTANT/AGENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Work #: _____

Cell #: _____

Fax #: _____

Home #: _____

E-mail: _____

Criteria for an Administrative Authorization:

(see section 14-523(4) on pg .2 of this appl.)

Applicant's Assessment

Y(yes), N(no), N/A

- a) Is the proposal within existing structures? _____
- b) Are there any new buildings, additions, or demolitions? _____
- c) Is the footprint increase less than 500 sq. ft.? _____
- d) Are there any new curb cuts, driveways or parking areas? _____
- e) Are the curbs and sidewalks in sound condition? _____
- f) Do the curbs and sidewalks comply with ADA? _____
- g) Is there any additional parking? _____
- h) Is there an increase in traffic? _____
- i) Are there any known stormwater problems? _____
- j) Does sufficient property screening exist? _____
- k) Are there adequate utilities? _____
- l) Are there any zoning violations? _____
- m) Is an emergency generator located to minimize noise? _____
- n) Are there any noise, vibration, glare, fumes or other impacts? _____

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO APPLICANT: The granting of an Administrative Authorization to exempt a development from site plan review does not exempt this proposal from other required approvals or permits, nor is it an authorization for construction. You should first check with the Building Inspections Office, Room 315, City Hall (207)874-8703, to determine what other City permits, such as a building permit, will be required.



Jeff Levine, AICP, Director
Planning & Urban Development Department

Tammy Munson, Director
Inspections Division

Electronic Signature and Fee Payment Confirmation

Notice: Your electronic signature is considered a legal signature per state law.

By digitally signing the attached document(s), you are signifying your understanding this is a legal document and your electronic signature is considered a **legal signature** per Maine state law. You are also signifying your intent on paying your fees by the opportunities below.

I, the undersigned, intend and acknowledge that no permit application can be reviewed until payment of appropriate permit fees are **paid in full** to the Inspections Office, City of Portland Maine by method noted below:

Within 24-48 hours, upon receipt of an e-mailed invoice from Building Inspections, which signifies that my electronic permit application and corresponding paperwork have been received, determined complete, entered by an administrative representative, and assigned a permit number, I then have the following four (4) payment options:

provide an on-line electronic check or credit/debit card (we now accept American Express, Discover, VISA, and MasterCard) payment (along with applicable fees beginning July 1, 2014),

call the Inspections Office at (207) 874-8703 and speak to an administrative representative to provide a credit/debit card payment over the phone,

hand-deliver a payment method to the Inspections Office, Room 315, Portland City Hall,

deliver a payment method through the U.S. Postal Service, at the following address:

City of Portland, Inspections Division
389 Congress Street, Room 315
Portland, Maine 04101

Once my payment has been received, this then starts the review process of my permit. ***After all approvals have been met and completed, I will then be issued my permit via e-mail.*** No work shall be started until I have received my permit.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have provided digital copies and sent them on: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: All electronic paperwork must be delivered to buildinginspections@portlandmaine.gov or by physical means ie; a thumb drive or CD to the office.

PROVISION OF PORTLAND CITY CODE
14-523 (SITE PLAN ORDINANCE)
RE: Administrative Authorization

Sec. 14-523 (b). Applicability

No person shall undertake any development identified in Section 14-523 without obtaining a site plan improvement permit under this article. (c) Administrative Authorization. Administrative Authorization means the Planning Authority may grant administrative authorization to exempt a development proposal from complete or partial site plan review that meets the standards below, as demonstrated by the applicant.

1. The proposed development will be located within existing structures, and there will be no new buildings, demolitions, or building additions other than those permitted by subsection b of this section;
2. Any building addition shall have a new building footprint expansion of less than five hundred (500) square feet;
3. The proposed site plan does not add any new curb cuts, driveways, or parking areas; the existing site has no more than one (1) curb cut and will not disrupt the circulation flows and parking on-site; and there will be no drive-through services provided;
4. The curbs and sidewalks adjacent to the lot are complete and in sound condition, as determined by the public works authority, with granite curb with at least four (4) inch reveal, and sidewalks are in good repair with uniform material and level surface and meet accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act;
5. The use does not require additional or reduce existing parking, either on or off the site, and the project does not significantly increase traffic generation;
6. There are no known stormwater impacts from the proposed use or any existing deficient conditions of stormwater management on the site;
7. There are no evident deficiencies in existing screening from adjoining properties; and
8. Existing utility connections are adequate to serve the proposed development and there will be no disturbance to or improvements within the public right-of-way.
9. There are no current zoning violations;
10. Any emergency generators are to be located to minimize noise impacts to adjoining properties and documentation that routine testing of the generators occur on weekdays between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Documentation pertaining to the noise impacts of the emergency generator shall be submitted; and
11. There is no anticipated noise, vibration, glare, fumes or other foreseeable impacts associated with the project.

- a. **Filing the Application.** An applicant seeking an administrative authorization under this subsection shall submit an administrative authorization application for review, detailing the site plan with dimensions of proposed improvements and distances from all property lines, and stating that the proposal meets all of the provisions in standards 1-11 of Section 14-423 (b)1. **The application must be accompanied by an application fee of \$50.**
- b. **Review.** Upon receipt of such a complete application, the Planning Authority will process it and render a written decision of approval, approval with conditions or denial, with all associated findings.
- c. **Decision.** If a full administrative authorization is granted, the application shall be approved without further review under this article, and no performance guarantee shall be required. In the event that the Planning Authority determines that standards a and b of Section 14-523 (b) (1) and at least four (4) of the remaining standards have been met, the Planning Authority shall review the site plan according to all applicable review standards of Section 14-526 that are affected by the standards in this subsection that have not been met. If an exemption or partial exemption from site plan review is not granted, the applicant must submit a site plan application that will undergo a full review by the Planning Board or Planning Authority according to the standards of Section 14-526.