

Inspection Services
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Planning and Urban Development
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Director

CITY OF PORTLAND

March 20, 1997

338- E-009
Sidney A. Thorne, Sr.
105 Lexington Avenue
Portland, Maine 04103

RE: 105 Lexington Avenue
Sid's Taxi

Dear Mr. Thorne,

It has been brought to our attention by the City Clerk's Office that a taxi cab business, Sid's Taxi, is being conducted from the above referenced address. This is not a permitted use in an R-3 Zone under the City of Portland Land Use Code, Section 14-410, Home Occupation (see attached).

Up until recently, the City Clerk's Office did not submit documentation to this office for zoning review or code enforcement location inspection for taxi cab businesses. Since business uses are not allowed in residential zones, this service must cease as soon as possible. If this use is not discontinued within 30 days of receipt of this letter, we shall be forced to refer this matter to Corporation Counsel for legal action.

Sincerely,

Marge Schmuckal
Asst. Chief, Inspection Services Division

cc: P. Samuel Hoffses, C, Insp Svcs Div
City Clerk' Office
Corp Counsel
K. Carroll, CEO

ZONING ONLY

LICENSE INSPECTION SLIP

APPLICANT(S) Sidney A. Thorne Sr.

BUSINESS NAME Sid's Taxi

ADDRESS 105 Lexington Ave.

PHONE 756-0666

TYPE OF LICENSE(S) Taxicab Business

CLERK'S OFFICE USE ONLY

NEW RENEWAL

CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

DATE ISSUED 3/5/97

DATE OF APPLICATION:
3/3/97

(WHITE-Clerk, YELLOW-Inspections, PINK-Fire)

ZONING: APPROVED DENIED ZONE R-3

3/6/97 DATE V. Dower SIGNATURE OF ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL

COMMENTS: As per attached ltr, 105 Lexington Ave is used as a mailing address only. No business is being conducted from this address

INSPECTION SERVICES: APPROVED DENIED

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR _____

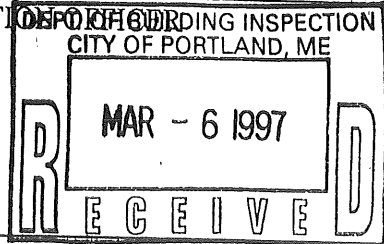
DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF CHIEF OR ASST. CHIEF OF INSPECTION _____

COMMENTS:

FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU: APPROVED DENIED

DATE _____ SIGNATURE OF FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER _____

COMMENTS:



March 31, 1997

City of Portland
Attn: Marge Schumuckal
Dept. of Planning & Urban Development
389 Congress Street, Room 315
Portland, ME 04101

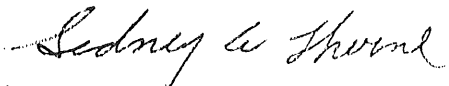
Dear Ms. Schumuckal:

I am writing in response to your letter in which it was implied that Sid's Taxi, Incorporated, a Maine corporation wholly owned by myself, is improperly operating out of a residential (R3) zone; that is, my personal residence, 105 Lexington Avenue, Portland, Maine.

The only way Sid's Taxi, Inc. may be associated with my personal residence in any way is that that is where my taxicab physically "rests" when it is not being used to solicit fares. There are absolutely no telephone calls or appointments taken at my personal residence that are in any way associated with Sid's Taxi, Inc. All business is conducted via car phone, from the car, on the road. I have enclosed a business card evidencing that my car phone number is the only telephone number used for my business.

I sincerely hope this letter will clear up any confusion you may have regarding Sid's Taxi, Inc. and where its business affairs are conducted. Should you have any further questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at my residence (797-0396) at any time.

Very truly yours,



Sidney A. Thorne, Sr.
Owner, Sid's Taxi, Inc.

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Received
4/2/97