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Dear Marge:

I have enclosed two pictures of the room where I have been storing a refrigerator and stove. One picture reflects the stove and refrigerator, the second one reflecting removal of them.

I honestly believe this was nothing more than a misunderstanding concerning the use of this room. I made the mistake of referring to this room as a kitchen. It has been nothing more than a room used for storage. Years ago I renovated my kitchen on the first floor. The renovations included kitchen cabinets, hardwood floors, and all new appliances including stove and refrigerator. I moved the existing stove and refrigerator to the second floor rather than discarding them. As you can see by the photo the room is now empty.

I have reviewed the city code and cannot find anywhere stating a homeowner cannot have two kitchens. There may be references, however nothing expressly stated. It's like saying one can only have three bedrooms. If I store the items in question in my garage, would the city call it a kitchen? Sounds ridiculous, doesn't it?

Marge, the bottom line is I have done what you suggested. I might add, reluctantly. However, I want to thank you for intervening and resolving the issue.

Thanks a bunch.....

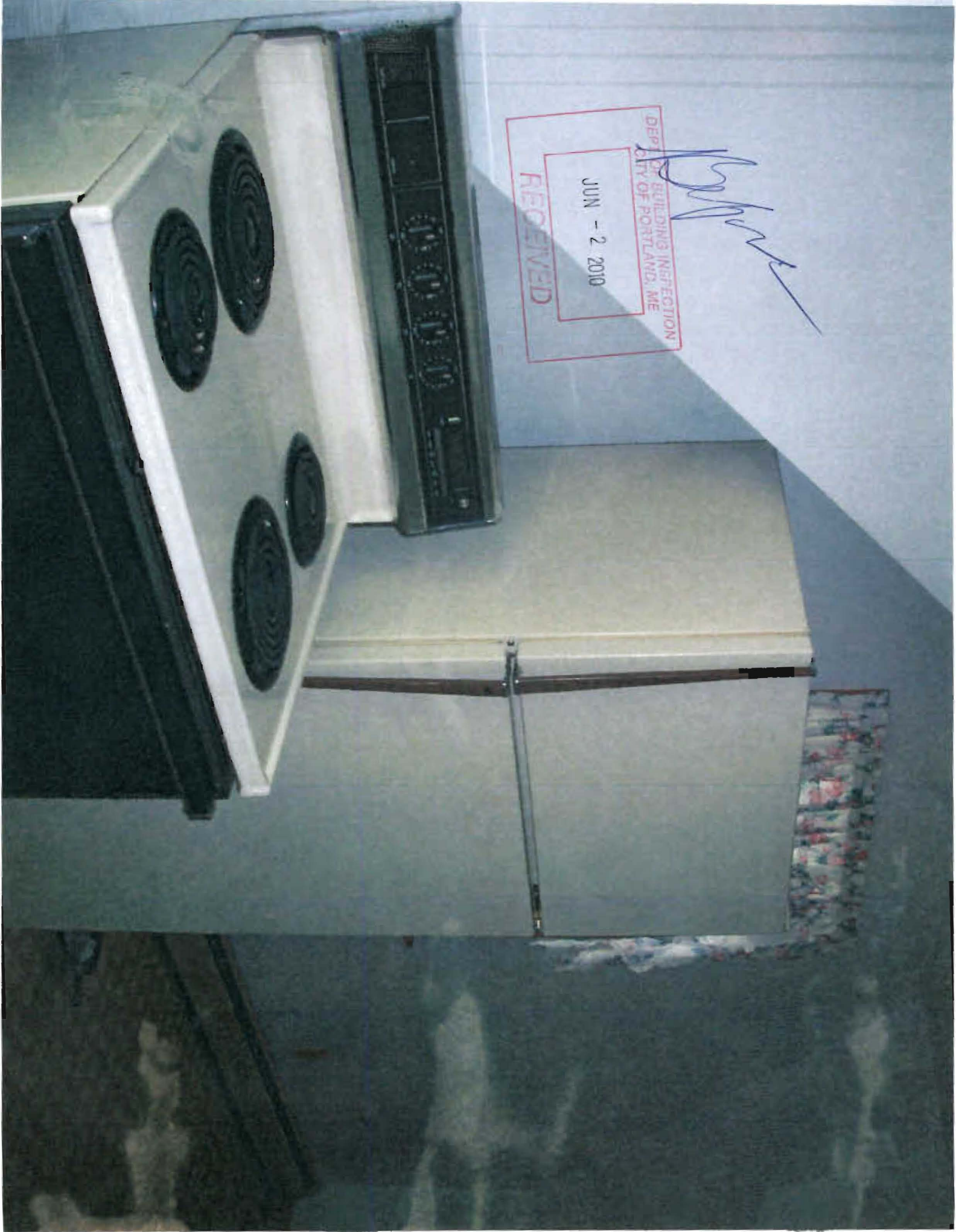

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