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Department of Urban Development
Joseph E. Gray, Jr.
Director

CITY OF PORTLAND

Marion S. Christy
1479 Washington Avenue
Portland, ME 04103

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RE: 64 Auburn Street - B-1/R-3 - 375-A-3

Dear Mrs Christy,

It has recently come to our attention that you removed a fence that ran along Washington Avenue at the rear of the property now known as Paris Farmers Union hardware store. This fence removal has revealed a massive, unsightly storage of materials that is falling onto the City sidewalk.


The exterior storage of these materials for the hardware store is not allowed. The hardware store property lies in an area with 2 separate zones. Most of the lot and all of the buildings are in a B-1 business zone. At the end of the existing building and 40 feet toward Washington Avenue is an R-3 Residential Zone. The storage of business materials in a Residential zone is prohibited. This is not even an appealable matter since the Board of Appeals does not have the right to allow a business use in a residential zone.

Please also note that the B-1 zone has external effects requirements that also do not allow exterior storage of materials. All materials shall be stored completely within an enclosed structure.

It will be necessary to remove all these items immediately within 30 days of the date on this letter. If the items are not removed within this time frame, it will be necessary to turn this matter over to our Corporation Counsel for further legal action.

If you have any other questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 874-8695.

Very truly yours,


Marge Schmuckal
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Cc: City Councilors
Corporation Counsel
Mark Adleson, Neighborhood and Human Services
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