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Dept. of Building Inspections
City of Portland Maine

Zoning Administrator
City of Portland
Room 315
389 Congress St.
Portland, ME 04101

Re: 23 Sanborn Street Application to Legalize Non-Conforming Dwelling

Dear Administrator:

I am the owner of 33 Sanborn Street. I am writing to express some concern over the application mentioned above.

My concern is that having single family homes turned into multi-units will diminish the long standing characteristic of a single family neighborhood.

I can appreciate an owner wanting to create an additional living space for a needy family member such as an "in-law" residence space, but if intended purely for rental does impact the neighborhood in my view.

Of course, if Ms. Abramson's application meets the eligibility standards for approval then I certainly can and should accept that. I have lived at 33 Sanborn St. since 2001. I have no knowledge of whether the non-conforming dwelling unit was in existence since 1995. I have never been in the unit, only the yards. My observation were that the prior owners were a single family but I assume you check with the prior owners.

I cannot say whether the applicant constructed or established the non-conforming dwelling unit. I assume you will ask the applicant about the construction activity that took place last year.

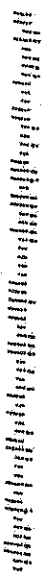
Thanks for your time in reviewing this.

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