
Re: 23 Sanborn Street

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Cc: Zoning <zoning@portlandmaine.gov>

Thu, Mar 16, 2017 at 3:26 PM

I'm sorry. Yes this is my formal letter opposing their request to make the single family house an apartment building or I should say a two unit.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2017, at 3:12 PM, cstacey <cstacey@portlandmaine.gov> wrote:

Hi Shannon,

I wanted to confirm with you that I have received your e-mail. Also, in reading your e-mail, I wanted to get clarification of whether you intend this to be a formal letter of opposition to the project and are requesting the permit be referred to the Zoning Board of Appeals for decision? This was my impression from our discussion yesterday but your e-mail doesn't specifically state that. Please write back and let me know your intent.

Sincerely,
Chris Stacey
Zoning Specialist

On Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 1:56:00 PM UTC-4, Shannon Roy wrote:

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter regarding the request to turn a single family home into a 2 unit apartment building located at 23 Sanborn Street in Portland.

My husband and I live at 13 Sanborn Street and have lived on Sanborn Street longer than any other resident currently living there. I grew up going to 13 Sanborn Street when I was a child. This was my Aunt and Uncles home that my husband purchase almost 20 years ago.

When we purchased 13 Sanborn Street we were aware that there was a building on the street that had multiple business' in the building. They also had parking across the street from the building and the business' closed at 5:00.

Over the years of living on Sanborn Street we have seen many changes some good some bad. We have always called this home until recently.

This little street we used to call home has now just become another house on another street in Portland. That's it. We no longer consider this our home.

Shortly after the family moved into the single family house located at 23 Sanborn Street the noise from the household added to the already increased noise on the street. The front lawn became a parking lot, there is an increase in trash and trash bins in front of the house. We noticed that work was being done to the house yet no permit was posted.

Shortly after we found out there was an apartment in this single family house that had never been there before nor had it been approved by the City of Portland. I contacted Code Enforcement about this, it was confirmed that this was not a legal apartment. Along with this illegal apartment was added traffic and parking on the street that caused issues when it came to parking during snowstorms and the cars not moving during snow bans. Periodically the tenants would park in another neighbors yard but for the most part there was always cars parked on the side of the road making snow removal difficult.

Currently there is another tenant living in this house with an illegal apartment. We have concerns over the type of tenants the family will allow in the house. The noise that is already loud, how much more traffic and parking issues are going to be there, how much more trash, how many people etc.

We are not opposed to someone wanting to improve their homes, make a better life for their family but we are opposed to the illegal addition to this single family home, the disrespect they have brought to the neighborhood the lack of respect for the neighbors, the lack of respect for the law.

After living in this house for almost 20 years we are ready to move because we no longer feel that this is a home to us. We shouldn't have to move or feel as though we have to in order to enjoy our house, yard and neighborhood.

This addition to the single family home that has ALWAYS been a single family home is not good for the neighborhood. We are very much opposed to this and hope this does not happen.

Thank you

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