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Greg Mitchell - Acting Director of Planning and Urban Development Marge Schmuckal, Zoning Administrator

May 24, 2012

Douglas and Elizabeth Andrews

RE:

417 Auburn Street (called parcel C) -382-A-009

12 Kenneth Street (called parcel B) - 382-A-5 & 6

22 Kenneth Street (called parcel A) – 382-A-7 & 8

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Andrews,

I am in receipt of your request of a determination concerning the properties located at 417 Auburn Street, 12 Kenneth Street and 22 Kenneth Street. I have based my determination response on a submitted survey prepared by Rex Croteau of Titcomb Associates dated March 14, 2012 with a job # 203067. The submitted survey is not signed and not sealed. I have also done research of the files located in Inspection Services and the Assessor's office. All the lots are located in a R-3 residential zone.

417 Auburn Street: Parcel C is shown to be 28,956 square feet in land area which is well over the R-3 minimum lot size of 6,500 square feet. The minimum street frontage and minimum lot width of the R-3 zone are being met. The building has existed prior to the basis of the City's current zoning ordinance of 1957. The legal use of the building is a single family with an accessory dwelling unit. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a conditional use for the accessory dwelling unit on 12/06/2007. Please note that all conditions must be maintained during the existence of the accessory dwelling unit, such as the owner residing on site in one of the approved units.

The survey shows the existence of a 6' x 23' deck on the rear of the building. Inspection Services never received a building permit for this deck. Using the Assessor's records, it appears the deck was erected between 1988 and 1990. Again, this office does not have any evidence of a required building permit. This is important because the deck has been built to within approximately 1 foot of the rear property line. The rear deck is in violation of the required rear setback in the R-3 residential zone. It is my understanding that parcel A is to be conveyed to a separate owner from parcel C. Under zoning, the deck creates a violation of the zoning ordinance. If the deck were to be removed, the violation of the zoning ordinance would be eliminated.

12 Kenneth Street: The submitted survey shows a 5.01 foot strip of land that extends from parcel B along Kenneth Street and ends at Clayton Street. The 5.01 foot of land is proposed to part of parcel B. Parcel B is shown to be 11,297 square foot in land area which is well over the R-3 minimum required land area of 6,500 square foot. The R-3 zone minimum requirement for street frontage and lot width are being met. The

proposed 5.01 foot strip is not in violation of the zoning ordinance. The proposed 5.01 foot strip does not require a subdivision review. It may be possible to position the 5.01 foot strip of land at the opposite side of the lot along the common property line of parcel A and parcel C as long as all R-3 zone requirements are met. It is not my role to design or recommend any lot configuration. My role is to be sure that the zoning ordinance is being met and any proposal is not in violation of the zoning ordinance.

22 Kenneth Street: Parcel A as shown on the submitted survey is shown to be 11,045 square foot in land area which is well over the R-3 minimum land area requirement of 6,500 square foot. It is being shown as having more than the minimum street frontage of 50 feet. It is being shown as having more than the minimum R-3 lot width requirement of 65 feet.

You have asked me further on whether the proposed changes should be made now or later. It is not under my purview to advise you on this issue. You should consult your own attorney on this issue before making any decision. My concern is to uphold the zoning ordinance.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (207) 874-8695.

Very truly yours

Marge Schmuckal Zoning Administrator May 6, 2012

To:

Marge Schmuckle

From:

Douglas and Elizabeth Andrews

Re:

417 Auburn Street, 22 Kenneth Street & 12 Kenneth Street

Dear Ms. Schmuckle:

As you know, Doug and I have been trying to sell our properties at the above addresses for some time. In March we put all three properties under contract with three different buyers. In the process of trying to close on these properties, several problems have come up. One problem is getting water to 12 Kenneth street and another problem is where the lot line between the two vacant lots falls in relationship to the back of the house. All parties have agreed that they would like a ruling by the City zoning department IN WRITING as to the solutions to these problems before they will close on the properties. The next scheduled closing is May 18.

Property C is the house lot and is being purchased by one person. There are no actual problems with this lot and its deed. However, Property A, 22 Kenneth Street, is being purchased by her partner and the plan is to use this lot simply as their back yard. Property B, 12 Kenneth Street, is being purchased by MZ Properties and their plan is to build on this property.

The first problem is that 12 Kenneth Street has no water access. There is no main water service on Kenneth Street and to provide one for this one property is cost prohibitive, quoted as 34 thousand dollars. However, like other properties on Kenneth, water could be supplied from either Jackson Street or Clayton Street provided there is at least five feet frontage on that street owned by 12 Kenneth Street. It is my understanding that this was previously discussed with you and that permission was granted verbally to put a five foot strip of land and a 15 ft wide easement along side it for the purpose of obtaining water from Clayton Street. This strip was proposed to go along the lot line between the house and the boundary of 22 Kenneth Street. However, no one seems to know who actually got this permission or from whom so I am requesting that permission now.

The problem with this request now lies in the fact that the perspective house owner and the perspective owner of the back yard lot, #22 Kenneth are not happy with this arrangement and do not want this strip and easement at that place in their yard. They are requesting that the strip and the easement be placed at the other end of the lot at 22 Kenneth Street. If this is allowed, there will still be 90 feet of road frontage on Clayton Street for this lot and so it should remain legal and buildable.

The second issue is that these same perspective owners would like to exchange the land they are giving to 12 Kenneth for a strip of land along the boundary between 22 Kenneth and 12 Kenneth. This makes good sense because the current boundary goes along the inside of a fence already in place and moving the line just a few feet will put the boundary at the fence. We assume this is just a matter of two abutters swapping some land, but of course we need to know that for fact.

THEREFORE, THE FOUR QUESTIONS WE NEED ANSWERED IN WRITING FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT ARE:

1. Can we make a five foot strip of land across Lot A but owned by Lot

2. If yes, can we place that along Kenneth Street at the front end of the lot or must we place it between the house lot and Lot A at the back and lot?

3. Can we move the lot line between I at A.

3. Can we move the lot line between Lot A and Lot B a few feet as they are abutting properties and movement of this lot line will make no important change in their size? APPLAYS So -

4. Can these changes (if allowed) be made by me before the sale or should they be made after the sale since there will be three different owners of three different lots and the term 'abutter" might be more cleanly defined? Notundar my purview

I have attached a copy of these proposed changes and a full sized copy of this proposal will be delivered to your office on Monday morning, May 7. I am also available to meet with you at your convenience or discuss this further by phone.

As soon as you email me or call with the amount of the fee for this service I will deliver it to your office as well.

If we can have the written decision emailed, that would be great. I will also come pick up the decision once it is ready. We are hopeful this can be

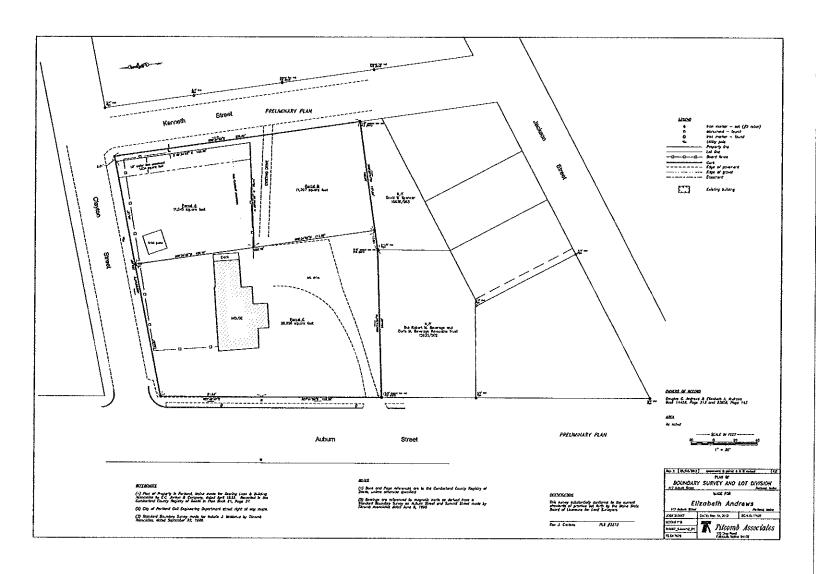
accomplished in time for our scheduled closing on May 18 and truly appreciate your timely consideration of this matter.

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

Elizabeth A. Andrews 207-831-8135 eandrews47@maine.rr.com

Douglas C. Andrews, DVM 207-632-9300 dandrew2@maine.rr.com





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Additional Comments: 12 & 22 Kenneth St. Determination

Thank You for your Payment!

Marge Schmuckal - 417 AUBURN STREET, 12 KENNETH STREET & 22 KENNETH STREET

From: Elizabeth Andrews <eandrews47@maine.rr.com>

To: <mes@portlandmaine.gov>

Date: 5/6/2012 12:50 PM

Subject: 417 AUBURN STREET, 12 KENNETH STREET & 22 KENNETH STREET

CC: Douglas Andrews <dandrew2@maine.rr.com>, Elizabeth Andrews <eandrews47@m...

Attachments: May 6zoning letter.doc; 203067 3May12 R1 .pdf

MARGE,

Here is a copy of the letter and proposed plan that is being delivered to your office on Monday morning, May 7.

Thank you again for your timely consideration of this matter.

Elizabeth Andrews

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Rex J. Croteau

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