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Mr. James Quinn  
3 Van Vechten Street  
Portland, ME  
04103

Re: 3 Van Vechten Street – 410 C036 - R-3 – disability variance – Permit #10-0358

Dear Mr. Quinn,

You applied for a permit to build a ramp and a five (5) foot by five (5) foot entry deck to make your house at 3 Van Vechten Street accessible for a wheel chair. 3 Van Vechten Street is located in the R-3 residential zone. The required front yard setback is twenty-five (25) feet [section 14-90(d)(1)]. The plot plan you submitted showed the setback to the proposed ramp as three (3) feet. The required side setback is eight (8) feet [section 14-90(d)(3)]. Your permit application had conflicting numbers for the side setback to the proposed ramp and entry deck. The plot plan said it was nine (9) feet but the information sheet said the setback to the existing house was eleven (11) feet which would make the entry deck six (6) feet from the side property line. Since the ramp has to be installed immediately, the permit has been issued to build it, but you need to apply for a disability variance within thirty days of the permit being issued, since the ramp and entry deck do not meet the required front setback and may not meet the required side yard setback.

I have enclosed the disability variance application and the information about the appeal process. Please feel free to contact me at 874-8709 if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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