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Portland, Maine



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Permitting and Inspections Department  
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## Application for Legalization of Nonconforming Dwelling Unit

Project Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Assessor's CBL: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chart #                      Block #                      Lot #

Number of legal dwelling units: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested number of units to be legalized: \_\_\_\_\_

Total number of units: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner Name (if different): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify that I am the owner of record of the named property, or that the owner of record authorizes the proposed work and that I have been authorized by the owner to make this application as his/her authorized agent. I agree to conform to all applicable laws of this jurisdiction. In addition, if a permit for work described in this application is issued, I certify that the Code Official's authorized representative shall have the authority to enter all areas covered by this permit at any reasonable hour to enforce the provisions of the codes applicable to this permit.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*This is a legal document and your electronic signature is considered a legal signature per Maine state law.*

**Review of this application will not begin until the permit payment is received. This is not a permit. Work may not commence until the permit is issued.**

### Review Process:

1. The application is reviewed to determine if the application is complete and the submitted materials sufficiently meet all requirements.
2. An inspection appointment is scheduled with the applicant. The inspection will determine if the nonconforming dwelling units and common areas comply or can brought into compliance with the City Housing Code and the NFPA Life Safety Code – Fire Prevention Code. The applicant will be provided with a list of items to bring the building into compliance, this may require an additional permit application if construction alterations are needed. The building must be brought into compliance before a Certificate of Occupancy will be issued.
3. Abutting property owners and those within 300 feet of the structure are sent a notification of the application to legalize the dwelling units. Any objection from a qualified person must be submitted in writing to the Zoning Administrator within ten (10) business days of notification.
4. If a timely and formal objection is received from a qualified person, or if the Zoning Administrator determines that the submitted application does not sufficiently satisfy all requirements, then the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is required to act on the application. The applicant has 30 days to file a Conditional Use Appeal with the ZBA from the date the objection is received or the date of the Zoning Administrator's decision. All ZBA appeal application, processing, and notification fees apply and shall be paid by the applicant.
5. After the permit is approved, and prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy, final inspections may need to be scheduled to ensure that the building is in compliance with all housing and fire codes.

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