



Jeff Levine, AICP, Director

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November 25, 2013

Abdela Tum &
Sherifa Hussen
155 Allen Avenue
Portland, ME 04103

Re: 155 Allen Avenue – 436 A024 – R5 residential zone – illegal auto repair

Dear Mr. Tum & Ms. Hussen –

On November 13, 2013, Code Enforcement Officer Chuck Fagone and Fire Prevention Officer Craig Messenger inspected your property at 155 Allen Avenue. Their inspection determined that an auto repair business is being operated at this property. 155 Allen Avenue is located in the R-5 residential zone. The zone does not allow the auto repair as a use. Since it is not a permitted use, it is not a legal use and it must be stopped at once.

The R-5 zone is primarily a residential zone. Section 14-117 lists the uses that are permitted in the zone. Section 14-118 lists the uses that are conditional in the zone. Section 14-119 states that “uses that are not expressly enumerated herein as either permitted uses or conditional uses are prohibited”. Auto repair is not listed as a permitted or conditional use therefore it is prohibited.

You need to bring your property into compliance immediately. To do this, you need to stop repairing cars at the property and return any existing cars that are being repaired to their owners. You may only work on cars that are registered to you. An inspection will be scheduled within the next thirty days to confirm that you have stopped repairing automobiles and that your property is now in compliance.

You have the right to appeal my decision. If you wish to exercise your right to appeal, you have thirty (30) days from the date of this letter in which to appeal. If you should fail to do so, my decision is binding and not subject to appeal. Please contact me for the necessary paper work that is required to file an appeal.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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