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2112111 ANDERSON ST

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

September 11, 1969

Captain Gerber:

We have received a complaint about heavy black oil such as old car oil running onto the road from the building at 211-227 Anderson Street. Please check and give us a report so we can report back to Jack Dexter.

GS-27

IN REFERENCE TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 16th-ITEM 309

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TALKED TO MR
BLUMENTHAL AFTER
COUNCIL MEETING. 8/9/65
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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Gerald E. Mayberry, Director of Building Inspection and Services - DATE: August 9, 1967
FROM: Warren J. Turner, Planning Analyst
SUBJECT: Hazardous Condition of Structure on Anderson Street
Opposite the Maine Printing Co.

In connection with another matter, I had an occasion to visit the Maine Printing Company this morning. While there, I observed that the old Ideal Laundry Building is in hazardous condition. I understand that it is owned by a Mr. Blumenthal.

Mr. Willis of Maine Printing Company called my attention to two small boys who were climbing about on the roof of the two story addition, a portion of this roof has collapsed, as you may already know. It is certainly not a desirable place for children to play. The building has been secured, for a major portion of it, but the southernmost annex is open and readily accessible to vagrants, children and the general public.

Mr. Willis said that this building has been in its vacant state for about nine years, except for the portion with the collapsed roof, which appears to have been a rather recent development.

In addition, the all portion which has the collapsed roof has buckled the wall and cracked the cement block masonry at the northerly corner so that the front wall may fall out onto the public street in the not too distant future. Cars are parked just beneath this wall.

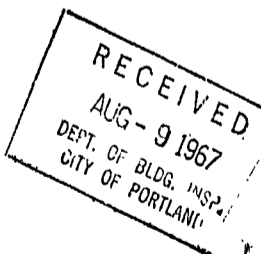
Is there any way that the City Council can order the owner of this structure to have it demolished?

Certainly, if boys from the Bayside neighborhood continue to play there, then some one of them is going to fall into the building and suffer severe injuries. It is dangerous as it stands and constitutes a menace for the area, in addition to its blighting aspects on this industrial area.

Southerly on Anderson Street is the metal one-story building which at one time housed Dyer & Dyer. This is another hazardous building, which should be removed, or donated to the nearest metal scrap-yard.

Isn't there any available action that can be taken to have these dilapidated structures removed, or does the City have to wait for the establishment of a demolition grant program?

Warren J. Turner



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert W. Donovan, Asst. Corporation Counsel DATE: May 19, 1964
FROM: Albert J. Sears, Building Inspection Director
SUBJECT: Violation of Zoning Ordinance at 211-217 Anderson Street

I am attaching herewith complaint papers concerning
unlawful storage of junk motor vehicles in rear of building
at above named location. As you will see Mr. Blumenthal has
failed to comply with my order of April 17, 1964. Perhaps
a letter from you may have some results.

Albert J. Sears

AJS:m

attachments

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

*Please
file in 98? File
at this location*

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
FIRE DEPARTMENT

TO: Mr. Graham W. Watt, City Manager

DATE: December 10, 1962

FROM: Robert H. Flaherty, Chief Inspector

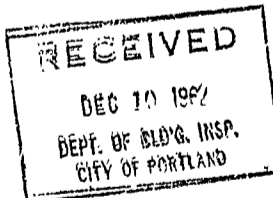
SUBJECT: 211-227 Anderson Street

An inspection of the building at the above named location, although the debris from the fire has been removed from the premises, nothing has been done to protect it from further deterioration.

Any building, such as this, which is left open for anyone to enter at will is considered a fire hazard. I talked with Mr. Blumenthal about this problem and he said that by the end of this month he "expects" a settlement from the insurance company and will start at once to repair the building.

R. H. Flaherty

cc: Mr. Albert J. Sears, Building Inspector



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Albert J. Seaks, Building Inspector

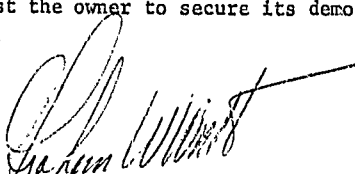
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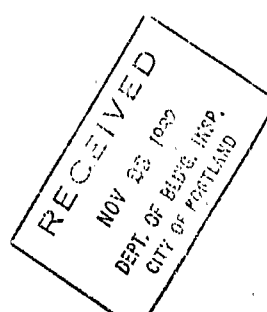
FROM: Graham W. Watt, City Manager

SUBJECT: DILAPIDATED BUILDING - ANDERSON STREET (211-227)

Lester Willis has inquired of me regarding the building formerly occupied by Ideal Cleaners on Anderson Street which has been severely damaged by fire, and which now apparently is vacant, open, and perhaps hazardous. Mr. Willis tells me that children frequently play in this building which reportedly is owned by a Selic Blumenthal.

Will you please check this building and advise me whether in your opinion the City may proceed against the owner to secure its demolition or boarding.


Graham W. Watt
City Manager



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
MEMORANDUM

TO: Graham W. Watt, City Manager

DATE: Nov. 28, 1952

FROM: Albert J. Sears, Building Inspection Director

SUBJECT: Dilapidated building at 211-227 Anderson Street

Examination of this building discloses no immediately dangerous structural conditions which warrant action by this department under the Building Code at this time. Until such conditions occur and remain uncorrected after an order from this department, there is little change from the angle of unsafe structural conditions to have the City Council order its demolition.

While the central section was gutted by a fire, all of the debris has been cleaned out. The roof of this section has been removed except for the wood trusses, which, although rather badly burned, still form what appear to be adequate ties for the masonry walls. Of course, as time goes on without anything being done, conditions which could be immediately dangerous may develop. I have tried to reach Erwin Blumenthal, in whose care tax bills for the property are sent, but find he is out of town until the first of next week.

The sections at either end of this central portion are two stories high, with the second floor at about the level of the ground at the rear of the building. Windows and doors have been broken out of the rear so that these sections can be entered at will from this level, as well as at the first floor level from the central portion. It is evident that considerable vandalism is taking place, especially in the section on the end towards Tukey's Bridge. Conditions appear to be such as to warrant action by the Fire Department under State Law towards ordering all openings to the building to be made tight to prevent entrance by vandals. I have discussed the matter with Capt. Flaherty of the Fire Department and he is to have the building looked over.

Albert J. Sears
Building Inspection Director

AJS:m

Letter
To Arnold Geller
7. Mackworth St
city

Sept 10/70

Subj 211-217 Anderson St Bldg

Reported by Bob Brown.

At a recent council meeting Mr. Geller
said he had part of the building rented
& had put new doors on in certain
areas. It is felt he said this to avoid the
demolition order etc etc. Inspected the
Bldg 9-11-70.

W.S.T.

To Arnold Geller,
217 Mackworth St.,
Sub. 211-217 Anderson St.

Dear Mr. Geller,

We have inspected the property at 211-217 Anderson St and we have been informed that part of the bldg. was to be renovated and rented. Our inspector reports that to date there has been no changes in any area to indicate a recent future use of the building.

It is necessary that you reply to this letter with the following information:

When will the property be occupied by the tenant? What portion of the bldg. is expected to be used, are any structural changes to be made?

Are any partitions to be relocated?

We will expect to hear from you within 10 days from the date of this letter.

211-217 Anderson Street

Sept. 22, 1970

Arnold Geller
7 Mackworth Street

Dear Mr. Geller:

We have inspected the property at the above named location and we have been informed that part of the building was to be renovated and rented. Our inspector reports that to date there has been no changes in any areas to indicate a recent or future use of the building. It is necessary that you reply to this letter with the following information:

1. When will the property become occupied by the tenant, what section of the building is expected to be used, are any structural changes to be made, are any partitions to be re-located?

We will expect to hear from you within ten days from the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

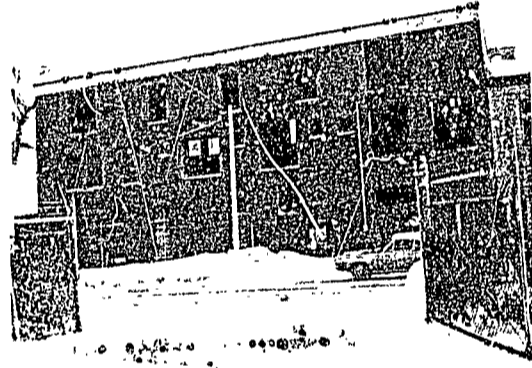
R. Lovell Brown
Director of Building & Inspection Services

RLB:m

PROPERTY OF
BUILDING & INSPECTION
DEPARTMENT

PROGRESS REPORT

211-217 ANDERSON ST.



211-217 ANDERSON ST. 3/3/71

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211-227 ANDERSON STREET

PERMIT WAS ISSUED ON JULY 27, 1970 (#846) TO ARNOLD GELLER,
of 7 MACKWORTH STREET TO REPAIR LINTELS, CLOSING OFF CERTAIN WINDOWS
AND BRINGING STRUCTURE TO CODE STANDARDS CENTER SECTION ONLY ON THREE
FLOORS.

As no work has been (before 3 mos.)
Done - Permit has lapsed.

Wood Lintels to
remain.

Window openings to
be boarded up and
work closed off.

In the future when
new work is to be installed
Lintels will be installed

Abd

219 Anderson Street

August 31, 1966

Mandi Construction Company
P. O. Box 3306
Portland, Maine

cc to: Charles Horton
1190 Westbrook Street

cc to: Ideal Cleaners & Launderers, Inc.
219 Anderson St., Erwin Elmenthal

Gentlemen:

Upon inspection of the above job on August 31, 1966, the following defect was found:

In spite of our reminders to you regarding the tying of the pre-stressed ties to the outside wall it is apparent that this has not been done.

It is necessary that this be done even if it means chipping out and replacing concrete slab already partially laid.

If additional information relative to the above is desired, please phone Inspector Earle Smith at 774-8221, extension 236, any weekday but Saturday between 8:00 and 9:00 A. M.

Very truly yours,

Earle Smith
Field Inspector

ESS:m

A.P.- 219 Anderson St.

May 10, 1956

Mandi Construction Co.
P. O. Box 3306
Portland

cc to: Ideal Cleaners & Launderers, Inc.
219 Anderson Street

Mr. Charles H. Horton P.E.
1190 Westbrook Street

Gentlemen:

Before permit processing can continue it will be necessary that design information be provided to show how the prestressed structural concrete "T" sections for floor and roof construction meet City of Portland Building Code requirements.

A Certificate of Design is enclosed which is to be signed by the structural designer who is responsible for this prestressed concrete and returned for attaching to the plans.

Very truly yours,

Gerald E. Mayberry
Building Inspection Director

GEK:m

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Thomas F. Griffin, Jr., Public Works Director

March 18, 1966

Graham W. Watt, City Manager

Demolition of Building at 211-217 Anderson Street

On March 15, I asked you to secure bids for the demolition of the structure at this address.

I have just been advised that plans have been filed with the Buildings and Inspections Department for the repair and reconstruction of these premises.

Consequently, will you please defer any action on my earlier request regarding demolition until I advise you further.

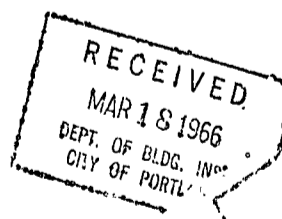
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GWW

cc: Gerald Mayberry, Director of Buildings and Inspections ✓

Please advise me when and if a building permit is issued for significant repair and reuse of this property.

[Handwritten signature]



A.P. 219 Anderson St.

May 17, 1966

Handi Construction Company
P. O. Box 3306
Portland

cc to: Mr. Irwin Blumenthal, 77 Middle Street
cc to: Charles H. Horton, P. E.
1190 Westbrook Street

Gentlemen:

Permit to repair and reinforce the existing masonry building and to install new prestressed concrete second floor and roof is being issued subject to an understanding as follows:

1. When the deteriorated sections of masonry walls have been removed and are ready for rebuilding this office will need to be notified for an inspection.
2. The signed certificate of design covering the prestressed concrete "T" beams will need to be received at this office prior to shipment of these members from the fabrication plant.

Very truly yours,

Gerald E. Mayberry
Building Inspection Director

GEH:m

247-219 Anderson St.

Oct. 5, 1966

Handi Construction Company
P. O. Box 3306, Portland
Erwin Blumenthal
77 Middle Street

cc to: Charles Horton
1190 Westbrook Street
cc to: City Manager

Gentlemen:

An inspection of the existing building at the above named location reveals that structurally this building is now sound and meets City of Portland Building Code requirements.

It is to be understood that the entrances to the first and second floors near grade level are to be kept secured until this building is occupied.

We will be unable to issue a Certificate of Occupancy without which this building cannot be lawfully used until it is known if the proposed use complies with Zoning and Building Ordinance restrictions.

Very truly yours,

Gerald E. Myberry
Director Building & Inspection Services

247-219

A. P. - 219 Interest Street

October 10, 1966

Hendri Construction Company
Post Office Box 3306
Portland, Maine

cc to: Charles Horton
1190 Westbrook Street
Portland, Maine

Mr. Edwin Klumenthal
77 Middle Street
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

As per our letter of October 5, 1966 inspection of the above premises reveals that the work done under application of March 28, 1966 to install a second floor, new roof, and to tie the walls of the building to the floor and roof has been completed and meets Building Code requirements.

Very truly yours,

Gerald E. Kayberry
Building Inspection Director

GEM: kg

1-2 INDUSTRIAL ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

MAY 17 1966

CITY OF PORTLAND



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class
Portland, Maine, March 28 1966

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE Application completed 5-4-66

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair demolish install the following building structure equipment in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code and Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 219 Anderson St. Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____
 Owner's name and address Ideal Cleaners & Launderers Inc. 219 Anderson St. Telephone _____
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Mandi Construction Co. 1063 Washington Ave. Telephone 797-3891
P.O. Box 3305 Portland
 Architect _____ Specifications YES Plans YES No. of sheets 2
 Proposed use of building Warehouse No. families _____
 Last use _____ No. families _____
 Material _____ No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ 21,000 Fee \$ 42.00

General Description of New Work

fee paid 5-4-66

To make alterations to new second floor and new roof, main brick building as per plans and specifications.

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. **PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO** contractors

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
 Is connection to be made to public sewer? _____ If not, what is proposed for sewage? _____
 Has septic tank notice been sent? _____ Form notice sent? _____
 Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
 Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
 Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
 Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
 No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
 Framing Lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____ Corner posts _____ Sills _____
 Size Girder _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

APPROVED:

G. E. M. letter

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
 Will there be in-charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Ideal Cleaners and Launderers Inc
Mandi Construction Co.

CS 301

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by:

Ernest Blumhardt