

51-53 CONGRESS STREET

  
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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

## DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES

### ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Date Feb. 16, 19 78  
 Receipt and Permit number A 10400

To the CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, Portland, Maine:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to make electrical installations in accordance with the laws of Maine, the Portland Electrical Ordinance, the National Electrical Code and the following specifications:

LOCATION OF WORK: ~~xxxxxxx~~ 51 Congress St.  
 OWNER'S NAME: David Farber ADDRESS: 155 Dartmouth St.

OUTLETS: (number of)

Lights	_____	
Receptacles	_____	FEES
Switches	_____	
Plugmold	_____ (number of feet)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	_____

FIXTURES: (number of)

Incandescent	_____	
Fluorescent	_____ (Do not include strip fluorescent)	
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....	_____
Strip Fluorescent, in feet	_____	_____

SERVICES:

Permanent, total amperes <u>100</u>	_____	3.00
Temporary	_____	

METERS: (number of) 4 ..... 2.00

MOTORS: (number of)

Fractional	_____	
1 HP or over	_____	

RESIDENTIAL HEATING:

Oil or Gas (number of units)	_____	
Electric (number of rooms)	_____	

COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL HEATING:

Oil or Gas (by a main boiler)	_____	
Oil or Gas (by separate units)	_____	
Electric (total number of kws)	_____	

APPLIANCES: (number of)

Ranges	_____ <b>xx</b>	Water Heaters	_____	
Cook Tops	_____	Disposals	_____	
Wall Ovens	_____	Dishwashers	_____	
Dryers	_____	Compactors	_____	
Fans	_____	Others (denote)	_____	
<b>TOTAL</b>	.....			1.50

MISCELLANEOUS: (number of)

Branch Panels	_____	
Transformers	_____	
Air Conditioners	_____	
Signs	_____	
Fire/Burglar Alarms	_____	
Circus, Fairs, etc.	_____	
Alterations to wires	_____	
Repairs after fire	_____	
Heavy Duty, 220v outlets	_____	
Emergency Lights, battery	_____	
Emergency Generators	_____	

INSTALLATION FEE DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR ADDITIONAL WORK NOT ON ORIGINAL PERMIT ..... DOUBLE FEE DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR REMOVAL OF A "STOP ORDER" (304-16.b) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

FOR PERFORMING WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT (304-9) ..... \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: 6.50

INSPECTION: after 12: p. m.

Will be ready on 2-16, 1978 or Will Call \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: E & E Service

ADDRESS: 52 Fessenden Street

TEL.: 774-2020

MASTER LICENSE NO.: 2533 SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR:

LIMITED LICENSE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTOR'S COPY



FRANK M. HOGERTY, JR.  
COMMISSIONER

HAROLD E. TRAHEY  
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



CHARLES F. ROGAN  
DIRECTOR

HARRY D. ROLLINS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FILE

STATE OF MAINE

**Insurance Department**  
DIVISION OF STATE FIRE PREVENTION  
AUGUSTA, MAINE 04330

September 3, 1969

Miss Margaret L. Pingree  
51 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Miss Pingree:

Re: Day Care Home

In accordance with Title 25, Revised Statutes of 1964, a Supervising State Fire Inspector recently inspected your property and found the following conditions in violation of the statutes governing the fire laws of this State, as indicated below:

1. Provide Underwriters Laboratories approved 10-B,C rated fire extinguisher for kitchen.

Please advise this office in writing when such violations of the fire laws have been corrected in order that this office may advise the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Welfare that your property complies with the statutory provisions relating to fire safety.

By direction of the Insurance Commissioner

*Charles F. Rogan*

Director

WHR:cag  
cc: Health & Welfare Dept.  
Chief Joseph Cremo  
Portland Building Inspector

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August 29, 1969

CHARLES F. HOBAN  
DIRECTOR

HARRY B. ROLLINS  
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Mr. David Farber  
155 Dartmouth Street  
Portland, Maine

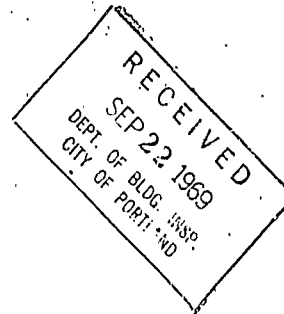
Dear Sir:

Re: Apartment House - 51 Congress Street

A recent inspection of your property by a Supervising State Fire Inspector revealed the existence of conditions which are in violation of the laws pertaining to fire and structural safety.

Accordingly, the following steps are to be taken to remedy these conditions:

1. Provide electric thermal switch for boiler.
2. Safety switch for furnace to be mounted at top of cellar stairs and suitably marked.



Please advise this office within ten days of the action which you propose to take.

By direction of the Insurance Commissioner

*Charles F. Hoban*

Director

WFA:cmj

cc: Chief Joseph Cross  
Portland Building Inspector



(A) APPLICANT HOUSE ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, March 26, 1916

PERMIT ISSUED  
00466  
MAR 29 1916

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~reconstruct~~ 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 51 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
 corner Emerson St.  
 Owner's name and address Charles Farber, 51 Congress Street Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor's name and address John Page & Sons, 12 Briggs Street Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ Plans no No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposed use of building Tenement No. families 3  
 Last use " No. families 3  
 Material frame No. stories 3 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated cost \$ 50. Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work Remove existing front side two story enclosed piazza and to change door to window at first and second story levels.

To remove existing front side two story enclosed piazza and to change door to window at first and second story levels.

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

CERTIFICATE OF PLANNING  
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED  
NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING  
OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

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.

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ 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:

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

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

Charles Farber

Permit No. 46/466  
 Location 51 Congress St  
 Owner Charles Frank  
 Date of permit 3/29/46  
 Notif. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspn. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Final Notif. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Final Inspn \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cert. of Occupancy issued \_\_\_\_\_

*from 1926 to 1946, with the  
 exception of 5 years from 1933  
 1933, given to his family  
 etc*

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

NOTES

*3/29/46. Unable to find  
 original home as could not  
 make a deposit check. As  
 near as I could find out  
 this is a 2 story apartment  
 with out roof. It follows a  
 pig on the eastern side  
 facing Congress St. I was  
 not sure how it will be  
 affected since the down  
 heavily laid on the  
 floor, up at risk floor level  
 with no outside stairs leading  
 from within on a  
 staircase & doorway  
 as between  
 as it as  
 the main the directory*



FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0215

FEB 24 1941

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine

1/16/41 74, 1941

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install the following heating, cooking or power equipment in accordance with the Laws of Maine and the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 51 Congress St Use of Building Boardwalk No. Stories New Building Existing " Name and address of owner of appliance Chas Harbor - 51 Congress St Installer's name and address Randall McAllister - 84 Canal Telephone 32941

General Description of Work

To install Oil burner to existing hot water gravity

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? yes If not, which story Kind of Fuel Oil Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) Concrete Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace, from top of smoke pipe from front of appliance from sides or back of appliance Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Tanker Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? yes Will operator be always in attendance? Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) Gravity Location of oil storage Dist. cabinet No. and capacity of tanks 1-275 gal Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? yes How many tanks fireproofed?

Amount of fee enclosed? (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of Installer Randall McAllister

Handwritten initials and date



Permit No. 417215  
 Location 51 Cambridge St  
 Owner Charles Fisher  
 Date of Permit 2/20/41  
 Post Card sent  
 Notif. for insp. None  
 Approval ~~Inspected~~ 4/12/41, P.D.  
 Oil Burner Check List (date) 3/20/41

1. Kind of heat	<u>H.W. Gravity</u>	
2. Label	<u>Unable to locate</u>	<u>942748</u>
3. Anti-siphon		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4. Oil storage		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Tank distance		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Vent Pipe		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Fill Pipe		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. Gauge		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Rigidity		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Feed safety		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. Pipe sizes and material		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12. Control valve		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13. Ash pit vent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14. Trip or pressure safety		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15. Insurance card	<u>No</u>	
16. Light at start in smoke pipe		

NOTES

3/10/41 Post installed, etc  
3/20/41 Tom Peedham, Randall  
& Mr. Allister said no label

on this burner will  
fix up label situation  
and notify, etc.  
4/11/41 Mr. Peedham called  
said label now on burner  
RB  
4/12/41 Label checked, etc.



APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

0486

PERMIT ISSUED

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, May 6, 1940 MAY 6 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 51 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or Lessee's name and address David W. Farber, 42 Morning Street Telephone 4-1554  
Contractor's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed no No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building tenement house No. families 3  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 150. Fee \$ .75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

51 Congress St. Owner, David W. Farber 5/6/40

To the Owner:

This bathroom now to be used as a bedroom is required to have at least one outside window with at least 12 square feet of frame opening, and an area of such window frame openings to equal not less than one-tenth of the floor area of the room. All required windows must open into a suitable street, yard or court.

(Signed) Warren McDonald  
Inspector of Buildings

the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
PERMIT IS WAIVED

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes  
Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_  
Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of Roof \_\_\_\_\_ Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
Framing Lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or Full Size? \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 3 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
On center: 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade 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

INSTRUCTION COPY

Signature of owner

David W. Farber  
by Chas. Farber

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Permit No. 40/486

Location 51 ~~Sanquhar~~ St.

Owner David W. Parker

Date of permit 5/6/40

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

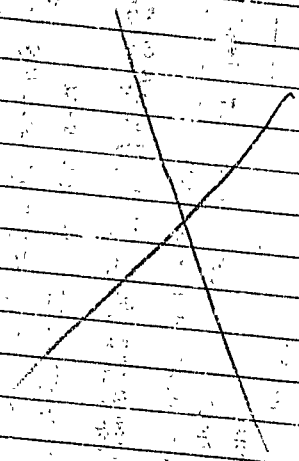
Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 5/16/40

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

5/8/40 + 12" thick not started  
max



433/170-1

Copy to Mrs. Annie Berman, 51 Congress Street

March 24, 1938

Mr. George W. Gray  
57 Wilson Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

I have been giving some consideration to the chimney in the building at 51 Congress Street, which Mrs. Berman desired to take down below the roof.

We have had some other somewhat similar cases come up, and I am rather inclined to think that maybe we should make some allowances so that she can do approximately as she wants to do. Originally I told you that it would be necessary either to take the chimney completely down, or to fill what was left of the chimney with some material such as sand or earth so that it could not be used in the future. I am inclined to think that if you can close up permanently with masonry all openings for smokepipe connections or fireplaces, etc. that may exist in the chimney, that it may be feasible to allow you to take it down to the third floor level and seal the top over tightly with a concrete slab three or four inches thick.

If you are now interested in this proposition, will you be kind enough to get in touch with this office to see what may be done?

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

WV/RO



APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE PERMIT ISSUED  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT 0170

MAR 1 1935

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine. March 1, 1935

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

Location 51 Congress Street Ward 1 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Mrs. Annie Berman, 51 Congress St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address George W. Gray, 57 Wilson St. Telephone F 8586 W  
Architect's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building tenement house  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ No. families 3  
Plans filed as part of this application? no No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 10. Fee \$ .25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof pitch Roofing asphalt  
Last use tenement house No. families 3

General Description of New Work

To remove one front brick chimney - closing in roof with asphalt shingles chimney to be removed entirely - basement thru roof

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED.

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.

Details of New Work

Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_  
To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of Roof \_\_\_\_\_ Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering Asphalt shingles Class D Ord. L. b.  
No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Is gas fitting involv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Total number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? \_\_\_\_\_  
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

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By Mrs. Annie Berman  
George W. Gray

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Ward 1 Permit No. 33/170  
 Location 51 Congress St.  
 Owner Mrs. Annie Berman  
 Date of permit 3/1/33  
 Notif. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inspn. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_  
 Final Notif. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Final Inspn. 4/25/33. O.K.  
 Cert. of Occupancy issued None.

NOTES

3/4/33. Work not started. O.K.  
 I went over this with Mrs. Berman and she does not want to take chimney down below third floor level because of expense. Chimney has four openings in it for smoking. Mr. Gray is to come in and see Mr. McDonald. O.K.  
 3/11/33. Work not started. O.K.  
 3/15/33. Same. O.K.  
 3/20/33. Same. O.K.  
 3/24/33. Same. O.K.  
 3/29/33 - Agreed to let the owner take chimney down to floor level

provided a 3" concrete slab is placed at outlet to seal it.

3/30/33. Work not started. O.K.  
 4/1/33. Same. O.K.  
 4/6/33. Same. O.K.  
 4/12/33. Same. O.K.  
 4/15/33. Same. O.K.  
 4/20/33. Same. O.K.  
 4/22/33 - Mr. Gray was in. Poldham the mld cut chimney off below roof and seal with 3" concrete slab not trying for infection before covering it up. - work  
 4/25/33. Chimney is down to third floor level and filled with broken plaster. Mr. Gray said this filling extended to the bottom of the flue in the cellar and was tamped. O.K.

Ward \_\_\_\_\_ Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Date of permit \_\_\_\_\_

Notif. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_

Inspn. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_

Final Notif. \_\_\_\_\_

Final Inspn. \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. of Occupancy issued \_\_\_\_\_

5/19/30. NOTES

This job has been plastered in, smoke pipe opening through partitions have been lowered as top of smoke pipe is 15" below ceiling in kitchen where 15" could not be obtained a piece of metal lath has been put on ceiling, etc.



# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 0659  
APR 24 1930

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, April 25, 1930

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 51 Congress Street Ward 1 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or lessee's name and address Annie Berman, 51 Congress St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address Thomas Seaver, C. W. Holmes, 144 Presumpscot St. Telephone # 7249 W  
Architect's name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Rooming House No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 2 1/2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof pitch Roofing asphalt  
Last use Rooming House No. families \_\_\_\_\_

### General Description of New Work

To Repair after Fire  
Recover portion of roof 5 1/2' x 30' w/ truss covered with asphalt  
Enlarge existing dormer on one side of roof, making it 8' wide - 15' from street line of Emerson St.

### Details of New Work

Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of roof flat 1" to foot Roof covering Asphalt roofing Class C Und. Lab.  
No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Distance, heater to chimney \_\_\_\_\_  
If oil burner, name and model \_\_\_\_\_  
Capacity and location of oil tanks \_\_\_\_\_  
Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_ Size of service \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 2x6  
On centers: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 16"  
Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 8'  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

### If a Garage

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

### Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no  
Plans filed as part of this application? no No. sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 300. Fee \$ .75  
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

Mrs. Annie Berman  
By C. W. Holmes

Signature of owner \_\_\_\_\_

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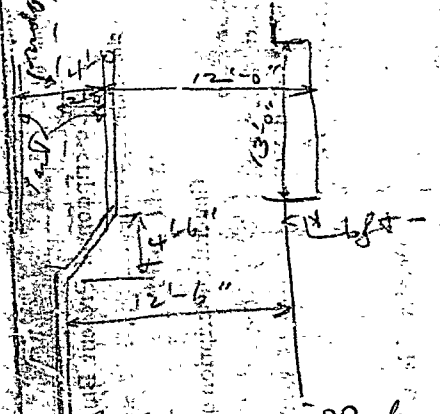


Permit No. 30/152  
 Location 51 Congress St  
 Owner Anne Berman  
 Date of permit 4/23/30  
 Notif. closing-in 5/13/30 8.05 AM  
 Inspn. closing-in 5/14/30 R.T. 5/15/30 C.B.  
 Final Notif.  
 Final Inspn. 5/19/30 C.B.  
 Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Started work on this without permit. C.B.  
 4/26/30. Joist framing will along. Where new studs are putted to old ones then are to be replaced to notify before closing in. C.B.  
 5/2/30. Have framed another window which is about 8'0" long, told man on job to have all work done with this. It has resulted with 14'0" span 21" centers over

on flat roof of new work, this has not been properly headed off to take new roof framing.



5/5/30 - Will provide 2x6 rafters between each pair of rafters which are not in. C.C. yard extend lot partition uprads to support the ends of all new rafters. To provide path side wall ends of besse or trim window. R.M.

5/6/30 Check old smoke pipe C.B.

5/6/30. Went over this job with Mr Holmes, also took up matter of smoke pipe which runs through partition and through chimb, this is to be lowered so top of smoke pipe is 15" below combustible ceiling, also to have 12" collar where passing through partition. There is also some woodwork which should be moved away, this is old work but is bad condition, Mr Holmes will take this up with Mrs Berman. C.B.

5/8/30. One carpenter here today, Mr Holmes or Mr Seavoy not working, at downer that was built (the one away from Congress St) Roof timbers cannot be well supported by building up from bearing partition. Carpenter suggested using a timber from where partition jogs out, onto other partition, providing

this goes way down, this would make about a 10'-0" span, 8x6 D.F. possibly would take care of this, to notify just what will be done before going ahead. C.B.

5/14/30. Pers. Mr Holmes R.T. with permission to close in except around chimney. C.B.

5/14/30. Ceiling over smoke pipe thru hall is to have a piece of Metal lath cement plaster. C.B.

5/15/30. Smoke pipe will be lowered so it is 15" below ceiling, 4x6 which supports downer and is in place so to have a 2x6 well spiked and bearing well on ends. C.B.

5/15/30. Done B.T. on work is a well done as can be under conditions to put piece of metal lath over smoke pipe of partition. C.B.



# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure THRU

Permit No. 6129

FEB 12 1929

Portland, Maine, February 11, 1929

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 51 Congress Street Ward 1 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 3  
 Owner's or Lessee's name and address Mrs. Annie Berman, 51 Congress Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contractor's name and address Cobb & Webster, 169 Clinton St. Telephone 1026  
 Architect's name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Proposed use of building Tenement house and garage No. families 3  
 Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_

### Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 2 1/2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof pitch Roofing asphalt  
 Last use tenement house and garage No. families 3

### General Description of New Work

To put 33' dormer on one side of roof ( rear part)

Side of house 4' from side lot line

### Details of New Work

Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering Asphalt roofing Glass & Mica Lab.  
 No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Distance, heater to chimney \_\_\_\_\_  
 If oil burner, name and model \_\_\_\_\_  
 Capacity and location of oil tanks \_\_\_\_\_  
 Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_ Size of service \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 2x5  
 On centers: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 20"  
 Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof 11'  
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

### If a Garage

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

### Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no  
 Plans filed as part of this application? no No. sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated cost \$ 400. Fee \$ .75  
 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

Mrs. Annie Berman  
Cobb & Webster

Signature of owner By

*Edward M Cobb*

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Ward 1. Permit No. 29/29

Location 51 Conger St.

Owner Mrs. Annie Berman

Date of permit 2/12/29

Notif. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_

Inspn. closing-in \_\_\_\_\_

Final Notif. \_\_\_\_\_

Final Inspn. \_\_\_\_\_

Cert. of Occupancy issued \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES

~~Work under const.  
3/19/29 ctk~~

~~Work all closed in  
without sign  
3/24/29 ctk~~

~~Charge off from WAD  
3/29/29 ctk~~



Location, Ownership and detail must be correct, complete and legible.  
 Separate application required for every building.  
 Plans must be filed with this application.

# Application for Permit for Alterations, etc.

To the  
 Inspector of Buildings:  
 Portland, Me., April 3, 1924

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS:

The undersigned applies for a permit to alter the following described building:—

Location ..... 55 Congress Street ..... Ward ..... 1 ..... in fire-limits? ..no.....  
 Name of Owner or Lessee, ..A. Z. Berman..... Address ..... 55 Congress St  
 " " Contractor, ..... C. Oleson ..... " 70 Smith Street  
 " " Architect, .....  
 Material of Building is ..... wood ..... Style of Roof, ..... pitch ..... Material of Roofing, ..... asphalt  
 Size of Building is ..... 58ft feet long; ..... 24ft ..... feet wide. No. of Stories, ..... 2 1/2  
 Cellar Wall is constructed of stone ..... is ..... inches wide on bottom and batters to ..... inches on top.  
 Underpinning is ..... brick ..... is ..... inches thick; is ..... feet in height.  
 Height of Building ..... 30ft ..... Wall, if Brick; 1st, ..... 2d, ..... 3d, ..... 4th, ..... 5th, .....  
 What was Building last used for? ..... tenement ..... No. of Families? 3  
 What will Building now be used for? ..... tenement (3 families)

Description of Present Bldg.

PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK

### Detail of Proposed Work

Build second story piazza over first story piazza, cut in door  
 all to comply with the building ordinance  
 .....  
 .....  
 ..... Estimated Cost \$75.

### If Extended On Any Side

Size of Extension, No. of feet long? .....; No. of feet wide? .....; No. of feet high above sidewalk? .....  
 No. of Stories high? .....; Style of Roof? .....; Material of Roofing? .....  
 Of what material will the Extension be built? ..... Foundation? ..  
 If of Brick, what will be the thickness of External Walls? ..... inches; and Party Walls ..... inches.  
 How will the extension be occupied? ..... How connected with Main Building? .....

### When Moved, Raised or Built Upon

No. of Stories in height when Moved, Raised, or Built upon? ..... Proposed Foundations .....  
 No. of feet high from level of ground to highest part of Roof to be? .....  
 How many feet will the External Walls be increased in height? ..... Party Walls .....

### If Any Portion of the External or Party Walls Are Removed

Will an opening be made in the Party or External Walls? ..... in ..... Story.  
 Size of the opening? ..... How protected? .....  
 How will the remaining portion of the wall be supported? .....

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative .....  
 Address .....  
 Christian Oleson  
 70 Smith St