251-255 CONGRESS STREET

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
PARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

# COMPLAINT

Location: 251 Congress St.

FILE COPY

COMPLAINT NO. 78/106 Date Received 11-9-78

Location 251 Congress St. Use of Building store

Owner's name and address Levinsky – (Jacob) Telephone

Tenant's name and address Telephone

Complainant's name and address Crossing Guide Telephone

Description: Broken glass around building & sidewalk - child got cut going to school

NOTES:

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES**

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

Date 9-18, 19 78

Receipt and Permit number 12957

*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: 251 Congress St.

OWNER'S NAME: Jacob N. Levinsky ADDRESS: 63 Wolcott St.

| | | FEES |
|---|---|---|
| OUTLETS: (number of) | | |
| Lights | | |
| Receptacles | | |
| Switches | | |
| Plugmold | (number of feet) | |
| TOTAL | | |
| FIXTURES: (number of) | | |
| Incandescent | | |
| Fluorescent | (Do not include strip fluorescent) | |
| TOTAL | | |
| Strip Fluorescent, in feet | | |
| SERVICES: | | |
| Permanent, total amperes | | |
| Temporary | | |
| METERS: (number of) | | |
| MOTORS: (number of) | | |
| Fractional | | |
| 1 HP or over | | |
| RESIDENTIAL HEATING: | | |
| Oil or Gas (number of units) | Mobil-1 Steam Boiler - replacement | 3.00 |
| 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 | | |
| Cook Tops | | |
| Wall Ovens | | |
| Dryers | | |
| Fans | | |
| TOTAL | | |
| Water Heaters | | |
| Disposals | | |
| Dishwashers | | |
| Compactors | | |
| Others (denote) | | |
| 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: | | 3.00 |

INSPECTION:

Will be ready on _____, 19__; or Will Call x

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Easternoil Co.

ADDRESS: 63 Preble St.

TEL.: 772-8337

MASTER LICENSE NO.: On File

LIMITED LICENSE NO.: _____

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR: Easternoil Co. B.F. Filer

INSPECTOR'S COPY

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

Permit Number 12937

Location 251 Congress St.

Owner Jacob Kerwin

Date of Permit 9-18-78

Final Inspection No access

By Inspector Tilley

Permit Application Register, Page No. 152

**INSPECTIONS:** Service _____ by _____

Service called in _____

Closing-in _____ by _____

**PROGRESS INSPECTIONS:** ____ / ____ / ____

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____ / ____ / ____

____ / ____ / ____

CODE COMPLIANCE COMPLETED

No access

DATE _____

| DATE: | REMARKS: |
|---|---|
| 10-18-78 | This store has been closed. |
| | no access |

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

0801

PERMIT ISSUED
OCT 18 1978
CITY of PORTLAND

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

*Portland, Maine,* 9-18-78

*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, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:*

Location 251 Congress St. Use of Building store No. Stories 1 New Building / Existing x

Name and address of owner of appliance Jacob N. Levinsky-63 Holcott St.

Installer's name and address Easternoil Co.-63 Preble St. Telephone 772-8337

## General Description of Work

To install Mobil - Steam boiler - replacement

## IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance basement Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? none

If so, how protected? Kind of fuel? #2

Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace

From top of smoke pipe 3 ft. From front of appliance 3 ft. From sides or back of appliance 3 ft.

Size of chimney flue 10x12 Other connections to same flue none

If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? yes

## IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Mobil Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? yes

Will operator be always in attendance? no Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? bottome

Type of floor beneath burner concrete Size of vent pipe 1¼"

Location of oil storage basement Number and capacity of tanks 1 - 275

Low water shut off yes Make MacDonald/Miller No. 67

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks enclosed? none

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners 1 - 275

## IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?

If so, how protected? Height of Legs, if any

Skirting at bottom of appliance? Distance to combustible material from top of appliance?

From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smokepipe

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented? Forced or gravity?

If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed 5.00

*APPROVED:*

OK E.S. 9/18/78

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

*Signature of Installer* Easternoil Co. O.F. Filed

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INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 78/0801

Location 257 [illegible]

Owner [illegible]

Date of Permit 9-15-78

Approved 9-18-78

NOTES

Sept 26/78

1. [illegible]
2. [illegible]
3. [illegible]
4. [illegible] Pulley & Support
5. New [illegible] Label
6. [illegible]
7. [illegible] Control
8. [illegible] switch
9. [illegible] Cutoff
10. [illegible] Control
11. [illegible] & protection
12. [illegible] Supply line
13. [illegible]
14. [illegible] & Support
15. [illegible]
16. [illegible] Card
17. [illegible]
18. [illegible] ventilation
19. [illegible] to combustible
20. [illegible] Control switch

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

**DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES**

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS**

Date Sept. 26, 1977
Receipt and Permit number A03240

*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: 251 Congress St. - Cumberland Farms

OWNER'S NAME: Cumberland Farms ADDRESS: same

| | | FEES |
|---|---|---|
| **OUTLETS:** (number of) | | |
| Lights | | |
| Receptacles | | |
| Switches | | |
| Plugmold | (number of feet) | |
| TOTAL | | |
| **FIXTURES:** (number of) | | |
| Incandescent | | |
| Fluorescent | (Do not include strip fluorescent) | |
| TOTAL | | |
| Strip Fluorescent, in feet | | |
| **SERVICES:** | | |
| Permanent, total amperes | | |
| Temporary | | |
| **METERS:** (number of) | | |
| **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 | | |
| Cook Tops | | |
| Wall Ovens | | |
| Dryers | | |
| Fans | | |
| Water Heaters | | |
| Disposals | | |
| Dishwashers | | |
| Compactors | | |
| Others (denote) | | |
| TOTAL | | |
| **MISCELLANEOUS:** (number of) | | |
| Branch Panels | | |
| Transformers | | |
| Air Conditioners | | |
| Signs | | |
| Fire/Burglar Alarms | | |
| Circus, Fairs, etc. | | |
| Alterations to wires | x | 3.00 |
| 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: | | 3.00 |

INSPECTION:

Will be ready on _____, 19__; or Will Call _____

CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Westbrook Heating Co.

ADDRESS: 61 Bernadette St.

TEL.: 854-9212

MASTER LICENSE NO.: 2615

LIMITED LICENSE NO.: _____

SIGNATURE OF CONTRACTOR: Donald [illegible]

INSPECTOR'S COPY

**ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS —**

Permit Number 03240

Location 251 Cornell St.

Owner Cuthbertson Fairmo

Date of Permit 9-26-77

Final Inspection 10-3-77

By Inspector Pilley

Permit Application Register Page No. 115

**INSPECTIONS:** Service _____ by _____

Service called in _____

Closing-in _____ by _____

**PROGRESS INSPECTIONS:** 9-27-77 / _____ / _____

10-3-77 / _____ / _____

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CODE COMPLIANCE COMPLETED

DATE 10-3-77

| DATE: | REMARKS: |
|---|---|
| 9-27-77 | NOT DONE |
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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PERMIT ISSUED
DEC 30 1976
CITY of PORTLAND

*To the* INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME. *Portland, Maine,* Dec. 15, 1976 19

*The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:*

Location 253 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Sterling Produce same

Name and address of owner of sign same

Contractor's name and address Coyne Sign Co. 66 Cove St.

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1976 Telephone 772-4144

**Information Concerning Building**

No. stories 3 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

**Details of Sign and Connections**

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application on file

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 4' Horizontal 8'

Weight 100# lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2, material plastic & alum.

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 4, Size 3/8 xx 4 Location, top or bottom both

No. guys 4, material 3/16 steel cable, Size _____

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'

Maximum projection into street 4'

INSPECTION COPY *Signature of contractor* Robert W. Ford / Coyne Sign Co. Inc. Fee $ 8.20

253 Congress St.

December 21, 1976

Coyne Sign Co.
66 Cove St.
Portland, Maine

c.c. Sterling Produce
Att: James Kane
253 Congress St.

c.c. Jacob Levinsky
31 Walton St.

In checking an application to construct a sign approximately 4 ft. x 8 ft' - total 32 sq. ft., we find that we are unable to continue processing your application until further information is provided as follows: (see copy of letter we sent to you on Dec. 3rd, 1976 that was addressed to James Kane)

1. Will this sign be lit and if so will there be steady lighting or a flashing light? Steady Lighting

2. We will need a plan to show us how the sign is to be framed, thickness of the metal or gusset plates, or corner braces, etc. - O.K.

3. Your application states that the face of the sign will be plastic. We will need to know the type of plastic used such as plexiglass, etc. Film - O.K.

4. Because of the size of the sign, we will need a Certificate of Design signed by a competent designer willing to take the responsibility of this sign. - O.K.

Very truly yours,

A. Allan Scule
Assistant Director

AAS:k

Nov. 23, 1976

253 Congress St.

Jacob Levinsky
63 Wolcott St.
Portland, Maine 04102

cc to: Corsetti's Fruit
& Procude
253 Congress St.

It has been noticed by this department that there is a very large sign on the sidewalk in front of Corsetti's Fruit & Produce. Signs on the sidewalk are not allowable. This sign must be removed immediately.

Very truly yours,

Marge Schmuckal
Bldg. Inspector

MS/ht

October ., 197.

255 Congress Street

Breggy Construction
10 Fleetwood Street

cc to: Jacob Levinskey
63 Wolcott Street

Gentlemen:

Permit to make repairs to store as per plans is issued herewith.

No less than No. 6 wire ties are required to tie the brickwork to the existing concrete blocks.

Very truly yours,

Earle S. Smith
Plan Examiner

ESS:m

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
OCT 5 1976
CITY of PORTLAND

B.O.C.A. USE GROUP .....

B.O.C.A. TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION .....

ZONING LOCATION _____ PORTLAND, MAINE, Oct. 5, 1976.

*To the* DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES, PORTLAND, MAINE

0910

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

LOCATION 255 Congress St. ..... Fire District #1 ☐, #2 ☐

1. Owner's name and address Jacob N. Levinskey 63 Wolcott St. Telephone 774-4626
2. Lessee's name and adddress ..... Telephone .....
3. Contractor's name and address Breggy Consgruction 10 Fleetwood St. Telephone 772-7169
4. Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans ..... No. of sheets .....

Proposed use of building television ..... No. families .....

Last use same ..... No. families .....

Material ..... No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....

Other buildings on same lot .....

Estimated contractural cost $ 3,000 ..... Fee $ 12.00

FIELD INSPECTOR—Mr. ..... @ 775-5451 Ext. 234

This application is for:

Dwelling .....
Garage .....
Masonry Bldg. .....
Metal Bldg. .....
Alterations .....
Demolitions .....
Change of Use .....
Other TV Store

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

Permit to make repairs to store as per plans 2 sheets of plans

PERMIT ISSUED WITH LETTER

Stamp of Special Conditions

*NOTE TO APPLICANT: Separate permits are required by the installers and subcontractors of heating, plumbing, electrical and mechanicals.*

*PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED TO* 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐
Other: .....

**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? .....

*APPROVALS BY:* *DATE*

BUILDING INSPECTION—PLAN EXAMINER ....
ZONING: .....
BUILDING CODE: O.K. EB 10/5/76
Fire Dept.: .....
Health Dept.: .....
Others: .....

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Will work require disturbing of any 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

*Signature of Applicant* Jacob N. Levinskey Phone # same

Type Name of above Jacob N. Levinsky ..... 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐
Other .....
and Address .....

FIELD INSPECTOR'S COPY

Permit No. 76/910

Location 257 Longfellow St.

Owner Jacob Hernandez

Date of Permit 10-5-76

Approved 10-5-76 [illegible]

NOTES

10-6-76 work started — MS

10-18-76 Nearly completed — brick work done
waiting for windows to complete job — MS

10-26-76 Windows in — completed — MS

# PERMIT TO INSTALL PLUMBING

Date Issued Sept. 26, 1975

Portland Plumbing Inspector

By ERNOLD R. GOODWIN

App. First Insp.

Date

By

App. Final Insp.

Date

By

SEP 29 1975
ERNOLD R. GOODWIN
CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

Type of Bldg.

- ☐ Commercial
- ☐ Residential
- ☐ Single
- ☐ Multi Family
- ☐ New Construction
- ☐ Remodeling

Address 253 Congress St. PERMIT NUMBER 4293

Installation For. commercial

Owner of Bldg: Butcher Shop

Owner's Address: same

Plumber: Reuben Katz Date: 9-26-75

173 Neal St.

| NEW | REP'L | | NO | FEE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 x | SINKS | | |
| 1 | | LAVATORIES | 1 | 2.00 |
| | | TOILETS | 1 | 2.00 |
| | | BATH TUBS | | |
| | | SHOWERS | | |
| | | DRAINS FLOOR SURFACE | | |
| | | HOT WATER TANKS | | |
| | | TANKLESS WATER HEATERS | | |
| | | GARBAGE DISPOSALS | | |
| | | SEPTIC TANKS | | |
| | | HOUSE SEWERS | | |
| | | ROOF LEADERS | | |
| | | AUTOMATIC WASHERS | | |
| | | DISHWASHERS | | |
| | | OTHER | | |
| | | ~~Base Fee~~ | | ~~3.00~~ |
| | | | TOTAL 2 | 7.00 |

Building and Inspection Services Dept.: Plumbing Inspection

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
APR 14 1972
0370
City of Portland

*Class of Building or Type of Structure* .....

*Portland, Maine,* April 11, 1972

*To the* INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

*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 255 Congress St.

Owner's name and address Geraldine Munster, 861 Washington Ave. Within Fire Limits? ..... Dist. No. .....

Lessee's name and address ..... Telephone .....

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone .....

Architect ..... Telephone .....

Proposed use of building ..... Specifications ..... Plans ..... No. of sheets .....

Last use T.V. Sales - store No. families .....

Material ..... No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....

Other buildings on same lot ..... No. families .....

Estimated cost $ 500.

Fee $ 3.00

## General Description of New Work

To lower the ceilings to about 9' and panel the walls.

*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*** owner

D.K'D BY EARLE

## 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:*

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## Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any 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

CS 301

**INSPECTION COPY**

Geraldine Munster

*Signature of owner* By: Wm. M. Munster

Permit No. 72/370

Location 255 Congress St.

Owner Heraclio Munoz

Date of permit 4/11/72

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

5-8-72 work completed - O.K.

B2 BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
MAR 9 1966
CITY OF PORTLAND

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

*Class of Building or Type of Structure* Second Class

*Portland, Maine,* March 7, 1966

*To the* INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

*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 253 Congress Street

Owner's name and address Jacob Levinsky, 63 Wolcott St. Within Fire Limits? ..... Dist. No. .....

Lessee's name and address ..... Telephone .....

Contractor's name and address John B. DiSanto & Sons, 101 Veranda St. Telephone .....

Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores and apts No. families .....

Last use " No. families .....

Material brick No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....

Other buildings on same lot .....

Estimated cost $ 150.

Fee $ 3.00

## General Description of New Work

To change window front of building as per plan

*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*** DiSanto & Sons

## 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 .....

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Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

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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

CS 301

**INSPECTION COPY**

John B. DiSanto & Sons

*Signature of owner* By: John B. DiSanto

P.H.

B2 BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
MAR 9 1966
CITY OF PORTLAND

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

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*Portland, Maine,* March 7, 1966

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*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 253 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? ..... Dist. No. .....

Owner's name and address Jacob Levinsky, 63 Wolcott St. Telephone .....

Lessee's name and address ..... Telephone .....

Contractor's name and address John B. DiSanto & Sons, 101 Veranda St. Telephone 775-0377

Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores and apts No. families .....

Last use " No. families .....

Material brick No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....

Other buildings on same lot .....

Estimated cost $ 150. Fee $ 3.00

## General Description of New Work

To change window front of building as per plan

*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*** DiSanto & Sons

## 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:*

## 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

John B. DiSanto & Sons

CS 301

**INSPECTION COPY**

*Signature of owner* By: John B. DiSanto

PH.

Permit No. 66/131

Location 253 Ingersoll Ave

Owner Jacob Gerinski

Date of permit 3/9/66

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Staking Out Notice

Form Check Notice

NOTES

3/22/66 - Waldorf
E.S.S

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES AT 251 CONGRESS ST. IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Jacob N. Levinsky, being the owner of the premises at 251 Congress St in Portland, Maine hereby gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Cumberland Farms projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises, in event said sign shall cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall become dangerous and in event the owner of said sign shall fail to remove said sign or make it permanently safe in case the sign still serves the purpose for which it was erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his heirs, its successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove said sign within ten days of notice from said Inspector of Buildings that said sign is in such condition and of order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed this consent and agreement this 4th day of January 64

Robert Benson
Witness

Jacob N. Levinsky
Owner

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FEB 4 1964
DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

AP - 251 Congress Street

June 3, 1964

United Neon Display
74 Elm Street

cc to: Cumberland Farms, Inc.,
77 Dedham St., Canton, Mass.
cc to: Jacob H. Levinsky,
63 Wolcott Street
cc to: George Deri, 111 Brook Rd., Falmouth

Gentlemen:

We are unable to issue a permit to re-erect the 5'x6' sign overhanging the street 6' at the above location as approved by the Board of Appeals as a check of the support structure attached to the parapet raises a question as to its adequacy.

There will need to be either a 3/4" bolt supporting the sign from the wall below the parapet or a structure attached to the roof capable of supporting this sign.

Very truly yours,

Gerald E. Mayberry
Deputy Director of
Building Inspection

GEM/h

CS-27

A.P.- 251 Congress Street
884 Brighton Avenue

March 23, 1964

United Neon Display
74 Elm Street
Mr. George Dori
111 Brook Road, Falmouth, Maine

cc to: Cumberland Farms, Inc.
77 Dedham Street
Canton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Appeals under the Zoning Ordinance involving permits for erection of projecting signs at the above named locations have been sustained subject to full compliance with Building Code requirements. Before further action towards issuance of belated permits can be taken by this department, it is necessary that the following actions be taken:

1. In order that it can be determined whether or not the frames of these signs meet such requirements, it is necessary that the interior of both signs be exposed so that an inspection of the framing can be made.

2. In the case of the sign at 884 Brighton Avenue, the spliced angle projecting from the wall of the building on which the bottom of the sign rests will need to be replaced with a full length piece.

3. In the case of the sign at 251 Congress Street, the method of support on the parapet wall cannot be approved. It will be necessary to provide support from the building wall below the parapet or from a structure on the roof for which details will need to be provided before work is done.

4. All work involved in making these installations comply with Building Code requirements will need to be done before issuance of the belated permits. However, approval should be secured from this department of manner in which corrections are to be made before work is done.

Violations of the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code involving these signs will not be corrected until the installations have been made to comply with Code requirements and belated permits authorizing their erection have been issued. It is necessary that there be no further delay in getting this done. We shall expect the whole matter to be cleared up in a satisfactory manner on or before April 20, 1964.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Building Inspection Director

AJS:m

A.P. 251 Congress Street

Feb. 13, 1964

cc to:Cumberland Farms, Inc.
777 Dedham St., Canton, Mass.
cc to:Jacob H. Levinsky
63 Wolcott Street
cc to:Mr. George Hart
111 Brook Rd., Falmouth, Maine
cc to:Corporation Counsel

United Neon Display
74 Elm Street
Cumberland Farms, Inc.
263½ St. John Street

Gentlemen:

Related permit for erection of a sign 5 feet by 6 feet projecting about 6 feet over the Congress Street sidewalk from the wall of the building at the above named location is not issuable under the Zoning Ordinance because the maximum allowable projection of such a sign is 5 feet under the provisions of Section 14-A-5 of the Ordinance applying to the B-2 Business zone in which the property is located. It will therefore be necessary for authorization for the sign to be secured from the Board of Appeals before a permit can be issued. If an appeal is to be filed, an authorized representative should without delay file it at the office of the Corporation Counsel in Room 208, City Hall. The appeal will need to be filed in the name of and be signed by the owner of the building.

There are also questions as to the adequacy of the frame of the sign, which was erected without a permit some time ago, and of the method of its fastening and bracing to the wall of the building to meet Building Code requirements. The erection has been done in a sloppy manner and, as far as can be determined from the ground, there is no through bolt fastening to the wall as required. As is the case with a similar sign erected at another location in this city, it is necessary that an opportunity be afforded an inspector from this department for examination of the frame of the sign in order to determine if size and material of members and method of corner bracing meet requirements.

Because this unlawful condition has existed too long already, it is necessary that there be no further delay in taking steps to determine if authorization for its erection in a legal manner can be secured. If a zoning appeal is not to be filed immediately, it is necessary that the sign be removed without further delay.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sacre
Building Inspection Director

AJS:r

B2 BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
00978
AUG 11 1964
CITY OF PORTLAND

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, February 4, 1964 19

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 251 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Jacob N Levinsky, 63 Wolcott St.

Name and address of owner of sign Cumberland Farms Inc. 263½ St. John St.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm St. Telephone 772-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1964 ~~Approximate cost of sign~~ 3/12/64

## Information Concerning Building

No. stories 1 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached wood

## Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? no Vertical dimension after erection 5' Horizontal 6'

Weight 125 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame iron No. advertising faces 2 material steel

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 1 Size 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 1 material cable Size 5/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10'

Maximum projection into street 6'2" Fee $ 2.00

Signature of contractor by: United Neon Signs
F. R. Morrell

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H. E. M.

rmit No. 64 978

ocation 251 Rogers Street

Owner Clinchfield Farm Inc

Date of permit 8/11/64

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn.

NOTES

4/30/64 Ldg P.S.B.

Temp. insp. made

8/10/64 O.E.M. says

sign has been fixed

satisfactorily OEM

Granted Conditionally
3/12/64
64/36

DATE: March 12, 1964

HEARING ON APPEAL UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF Jacob N. Levinsky

AT 251 Congress Street

Public Hearing on the above appeal was held before the Board of Appeals.

| BOARD OF APPEALS | VOTE YES | VOTE NO |
|---|---|---|
| Franklin G. Hinckley | (x) | ( ) |
| Ralph L. Young | (x) | ( ) |
| Harry M. Shwartz | (x) | ( ) |

Record of Hearing

Granted subject to full compliance with the terms of the Building Code.
No opposition.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
IN THE BOARD OF APPEALS

VARIANCE APPEAL

February 17, 1964

Jacob N. Levinsky, owner of property at 251 Congress Street under the provisions of Section 24 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, hereby respectfully petitions the Board of Appeals for a variance from the provisions of said Ordinance to permit: erection of a sign 5 feet by 6 feet projecting about 6 feet over the Congress Street sidewalk from the wall of the building at above location. This permit is presently not issuable under the Zoning Ordinance because the maximum allowable projection of such a sign is 5 feet under the provisions of Section 16-A-5 of the Ordinance applying to the B-2 Business Zone in which the property is located.

LEGAL BASIS OF APPEAL: Such variance may be granted only if the Board of Appeals finds that the strict application of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in undue hardship in the development of property which is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance; that there are exceptional or unique circumstances relating to the property that do not generally apply to other property in the same zone or neighborhood, which have not arisen as a result of action of the applicant subsequent to the adoption of this Ordinance whether in violation of the provisions of the Ordinance or not; that property in the same zone or neighborhood will not be adversely affected by the granting of the variance; and that the granting of the variance will not be contrary to the intent and purpose of the Ordinance.

Jacob N. Levinsky
APPELLANT

DECISION

After public hearing held March 12, 1964, the Board of Appeals finds that all of the above conditions do exist with respect to this property and that a variance should be granted in this case. subject to full compliance with the terms of the Building Code.

It is, therefore, determined that a variance from the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance should be granted in this case. subject to full compliance with the terms of the Building Code.

BOARD OF APPEALS

March 9, 1964

United Neon Display
74 Elm Street
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

March 12, 1964.

, relating to 251 Congress St.

March 9, 1964

Mr. Jacob N. Levinsky
63 Wolcott Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Levinsky:

March 12, 1964.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
IN THE BOARD OF APPEALS

March 2, 1964

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing in the Council Chamber at City Hall, Portland, Maine, on Thursday, March 12, 1964, at 4:00 p.m. to hear the appeal of Jacob N. Levinsky requesting an exception to the Zoning Ordinance to permit erection of a sign 5 feet by 6 feet projecting about 6 feet over the Congress Street sidewalk from the wall of building at 251 Congress Street.

This permit is presently not issuable under the Zoning Ordinance because the maximum allowable projection of such a sign is 5 feet under the provisions of Section 16-A-5 of the Ordinance applying to the B-2 Business Zone in which the property is located.

This appeal is taken under Section 24 of the Zoning Ordinance which provides such variance may be granted only if the Board of Appeals finds that the strict application of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in undue hardship in the development of property which is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance; that there are exceptional or unique circumstances relating to the property that do not generally apply to other property in the same zone or neighborhood, which have not arisen as a result of action of the applicant subsequent to the adoption of this Ordinance whether in violation of the provisions of the Ordinance or not; that property in the same zone or neighborhood will not be adversely affected by the granting of the variance; and that the granting of the variance will not be contrary to the intent and purpose of the Ordinance.

All persons interested either for or against this appeal will be heard at the above time and place, this notice of required public hearing having been sent to the owners of property within 500 feet of the property in question as required by Ordinance.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Franklin G. Hinckley

Chairman

ALBERT J. SEARS
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

# CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Department of Building Inspection

Variance

A.P. 251 Congress Street

Feb. 13, 1964

United Neon Display
74 Elm Street
Cumberland Farms, Inc.
263½ St. John Street

cc to: Cumberland Farms, Inc.
777 Dedham St., Canton, Mass.
cc to: Jacob H. Levinsky
63 Wolcott Street
cc to: Mr. George Keri
111 Brook Rd., Falmouth, Maine
cc to: Corporation Counsel

Gentlemen:

Related permit for erection of a sign 5 feet by 6 feet projecting about 6 feet over the Congress Street sidewalk from the wall of the building at the above named location is not issuable under the Zoning Ordinance because the maximum allowable projection of such a sign is 3 feet under the provisions of Section 16-4-3 of the Ordinance applying to the B-2 Business Zone in which the property is located. It will therefore be necessary for authorization for the sign to be secured from the Board of Appeals before a permit can be issued. If an appeal is to be filed, an authorized representative should without delay file it at the office of the Corporation Counsel in Room 208, City Hall. The appeal will need to be filed in the name of and be signed by the owner of the building.

There are also questions as to the adequacy of the frame of the sign, which was erected without a permit some time ago, and of the method of its fastening and bracing to the wall of the building to meet Building Code requirements. The erection has been done in a sloppy manner and, as far as can be determined from the ground, there is no through bolt fastening to the wall as required. As is the case with a similar sign erected at another location in this City, it is necessary that an opportunity be afforded an inspector from this department for examination of the frame of the sign in order to determine if size and material of members and method of corner bracing meet requirements.

Because this unlawful condition has existed too long already, it is necessary that there be no further delay in taking steps to determine if authorization for its erection in a legal manner can be secured. If a zoning appeal is not to be filed immediately, it is necessary that the sign be removed without further delay.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Building Inspection Director

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
IN THE BOARD OF APPEALS

March 2, 1964

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This permit is presently not issuable under the Zoning Ordinance because the maximum allowable projection of such a sign is 5 feet under the provisions of Section 16-A-5 of the Ordinance applying to the B-2 Business Zone in which the property is located.

This appeal is taken under Section 24 of the Zoning Ordinance which provides such variance may be granted only if the Board of Appeals finds that the strict application of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in undue hardship in the development of property which is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance; that there are exceptional or unique circumstances relating to the property that do not generally apply to other property in the same zone or neighborhood, which have not arisen as a result of action of the applicant subsequent to the adoption of this Ordinance whether in violation of the provisions of the Ordinance or not; that property in the same zone or neighborhood will not be adversely affected by the granting of the variance; and that the granting of the variance will not be contrary to the intent and purpose of the Ordinance.

All persons interested either for or against this appeal will be heard at the above time and place, this notice of required public hearing having been sent to the owners of property within 500 feet of the property in question as required by Ordinance.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Franklin G. Hinckley

Chairman

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
IN THE BOARD OF APPEALS

March 2, 1964

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This permit is presently not issuable under the Zoning Ordinance because the maximum allowable projection of such a sign is 5 feet under the provisions of Section 16-A-5 of the Ordinance applying to the B-2 Business Zone in which the property is located.

This appeal is taken under Section 24 of the Zoning Ordinance which provides such variance may be granted only if the Board of Appeals finds that the strict application of the provisions of the Ordinance would result in undue hardship in the development of property which is inconsistent with the intent and purpose of the Ordinance; that there are exceptional or unique circumstances relating to the property that do not generally apply to other property in the same zone or neighborhood, which have not arisen as a result of action of the applicant subsequent to the adoption of this Ordinance whether in violation of the provisions of the Ordinance or not; that property in the same zone or neighborhood will not be adversely affected by the granting of the variance; and that the granting of the variance will not be contrary to the intent and purpose of the Ordinance.

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BOARD OF APPEALS

Franklin G. Hinckley

Chairman

B2 BUSINESS ZONE
CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

# COMPLAINT

Locations: 251 Congress Street

INSPECTION COPY

COMPLAINT NO. 63/72 Date Received September 27, 1963

Location 251 Congress Street Use of Building Store

Owner's name and address Jacob Levinsky, 63 Wolcott St. Telephone

Tenant's name and address Cumberland Farms Northern, Inc., c/o Joseph Beaupre, 251 Congress St. Telephone

Complainant's name and address Telephone

Description: Kandeville Signs, Inc., Dunnell Lane, Pawtucket, R. I. have erected projecting sign without permit.

NOTES: 10/2/63 - Letter to sign hanger - AJ
10/29/63 - See letter of this date to sign hanger and lessee of store - AJ

FU- 11-4-63

12/30/63 - Letter to Corporation Counsel - AJ
1/16/64 - George Aleri, 111 Brook Road, Falmouth, Me. ~~Tel. 799-4807~~, present local manager was in and is to get United Neon, Inc. to apply for belated permits and get started on correction of violations.
2/13/64 - Permit filed and certification after on which an appeal can be based written - AJ.

774-9767 George Aleri

8/10/64 - G.E.M. says sign has been fixed satisfactorily - AJ

(copy)

FU- 11-4-63

Cplts. 63/71 880 Brighton Ave.
63/72 251 Congress St.

Oct. 29, 1963

Mandeville Signs, Inc.
Dunnell Lane, Pawtucket, R.I.
Cumberland Farms, Inc.
777 Dedham Street, Canton, Mass.

cc to: Corporation Counsel

Gentlemen:

Under date of October 2, 1963 I wrote the Mandeville Sign Company concerning projecting signs erected by its representatives at stores operated by Cumberland Farms Northern, Inc. at the two above named locations in this City. This letter stated that these signs had been erected without required permits and in violation of both Building Code and Zoning Ordinance regulations, and therefore were to be removed without delay. To date neither have the signs been removed nor have I received any word from the sign company concerning them.

Today it has been reported to me that the sign on Brighton Avenue was blown down in a high wind and in falling nearly struck several school children who were passing by at the time. This is an indication that the sign was not adequately erected in addition to the work being done in violation of City Ordinances.

This sign is not to be erected again as a projecting sign unless it is done under a permit from this department authorizing its erection. Such a permit cannot be issued until a permit application has been filed and information furnished indicating compliance with Zoning Ordinance regulations and with requirements of the Building Code relating to structural design and fastenings. The sign presently unlawfully in place at 251 Congress Street is also to be removed forthwith and not erected again as a projecting sign until authorized by a building permit.

Violation of both the Zoning Ordinance and Building Code is subject to the levying of fines against either or both of you. Unless prompt action is taken towards removal of these signs, I shall find it necessary to recommend the placing of the matter before the proper Court Officials for action.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Building Inspection Director

AJS:m

Cplt. 63/72-251 Congress St.

October 2, 1963

Mandeville Signs, Inc.
Dunnell Lane,
Pawtucket, R. I.

cc to: Jacob Levinsky
63 Wolcott St.
cc to: Cumberland Farms Northern, Inc.
Att; Joseph Beaupre
251 Congress St.

Gentlemen:

It has come to the attention of this department that a plastic sign projecting over the public sidewalk from the building at 251 Congress Street has been erected without the permit required by the Building Code. Unfortunately not only is a violation of the Building Code involved, but the projection of sign over the public sidewalk is in excess of the maximum of five feet permitted by the Zoning Ordinance in the B-2 Business Zone in which the property is located.

I have reason to believe that you were aware of permit requirements when the sign was erected. Under these circumstances it is necessary that this unlawful sign be removed before October 15, 1963. If this is not done I shall find it necessary to report the violation to the Corporation Counsel for the taking of whatever legal action he may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Director of Building Inspection

AJS/h

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20 sq. feet of face - plastic
Flexiglass - Und. Lab.

B2 BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
00203
MAR 10 1961
CITY of PORTLAND

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

*Portland, Maine,* March 7 19 61

*To the* INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

*The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:*

Location 255 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Jacob Levinsky

Name and address of owner of sign United TV Co., 255 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm St. Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? December, 1961

**Information Concerning Building**

No. stories 1 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

**Details of Sign and Connections**

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application yes

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 5' Horizontal 4'

Weight 90 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2, material plastic

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts none, Size _____, Location, top or bottom _____

No. guys 5, material cable, Size ¼ 1/4"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 12'

Maximum projection into street 5' Fee $ 2.00

*Signature of contractor* United Neon Display
By: P C Roberts

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O.K. by G.E. M.

PH

Permit No. 61/203

Location 2 V V Empire St.

Owner United TV Company

Date of permit 3/10/61

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn.

NOTES

3/13/61 - Shipings made.
E.S.S.

3/16/61 - Work done
E.S.S

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

AP-255 Congress Street

March 10, 1961

Mr. Perley C. Roberts
United Neon Display
74 Elm Street

cc to: United TV Company
255 Congress Street

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Permit is being issued to erect a 4x5 foot sign with steel frame and approved plastic faces on the existing roof structure subject to our discussion as follows:

1. This sign is to have 11½ feet clearance from the sidewalk below instead of over 12 feet as shown on your plan which will make a total height of less than 17 feet to the top of the sign.

2. Lighting is not to be flashing or intermittent.

Very truly yours,

Gerald E. Mayberry
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

GEM/JE

CS-27

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED
JAN 21 1959
CITY of PORTLAND

*Portland, Maine,* January 20, 1959

*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, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:*

Location 251 Congress Street Use of Building Resaurant -store No. Stories ... New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Charles Diolio, 251 Congress St.

Installer's name and address Portland Gas Light Co., 5 Temple St. Telephone 2-8321

## General Description of Work

To install gas-fired bakeoven

Blodgett #90N

## IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance ..... Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? .....

If so, how protected? ..... Kind of fuel? .....

Minimum distance to burnable 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 gas fired, how vented? ..... Rated maximum demand per hour .....

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? .....

## IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner ..... Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? .....

Will operator be always in attendance? ..... Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? .....

Type of floor beneath burner ..... Size of vent pipe .....

Location of oil storage ..... Number and capacity of tanks .....

Low water shut off ..... Make ..... No. .....

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? ..... How many tanks enclosed? .....

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners .....

## IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance 1st floor Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? wood

If so, how protected? ..... Height of Legs, if any 34"

Skirting at bottom of appliance? no Distance to combustible material from top of appliance? 3'

From front of appliance 4' From sides and back 3' back 8" From top of smokepipe 2'

Size of chimney flue 8x12 Other connections to same flue plastered wall none

Is hood to be provided? ..... If so, how vented? ..... Forced or gravity? .....

If gas fired, how vented? chimney Rated maximum demand per hour 32,000 BTU

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

This gas fired appliance ~~with~~ is equipped with an automatic shut off in gase supply of gas fails to ignite.

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED: 1.20.59

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 Portland Gas Light Co.

*Signature of Installer* By: Peter A. Lane

C17 MAINE PRINTING CO.

INSPECTION COPY

PH

**Permit No.** [illegible]

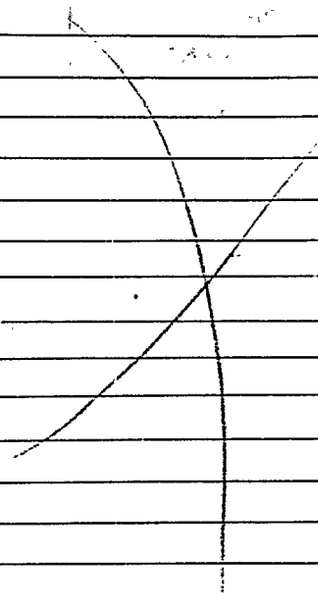
**Location** [illegible]

**Owner** [illegible]

**Date of permit** [illegible]

**Approved** [illegible]

## NOTES



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 2, 1956

TO: Leon Webber, City Clerk

FROM: Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings

SUBJECT: Application for pool room license at 251 Congress St. in building owned by Jacob Levinsky

The father of Mr. Bonnetti, the latter proposing to operate the pool room, says that there would never be more than 20 persons in the establishment. If there were to be more than 20 persons there the locks of both front and rear doors would have to be changed out and some other improvements made.

Some other minor defects were noted, and it is my recommendation as far as the control by this department is concerned, that conditions be attached to granting the license as follows:

—not more than 20 persons to be accommodated in the establishment at one time, this number to include all employees.

—that the license shall not actually be granted until it is demonstrated that the floor of the entrance between the entrance door and the Congress Street sidewalk is safely constructed and supported, and if defects are found that the situation be permanently corrected to the approval of the Building Inspector.

—a suitable cleanout door be provided at the bottom of the chimney flue and the flue thoroughly cleaned out if found necessary.

Inspector of Buildings

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ZONE _____

FIRE DIST. _____

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Verbal
By Telephone

Date 4/17/52

LOCATION 251 Congress OWNER of Bldg Jacob Bennisby

MADE BY Betty Belch TEL. ✓

ADDRESS _____

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING _____

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____

REMARKS: Some questions about M.O. assuming licenses for food soon to younger Bonnette. (father runs Tom's Lunch)

INQUIRY: Can we advise the layout for licenses? Either Bonnette says never more than 20 persons and that limitation on licenses would be acceptable

ANSWER: See memo 5/2/52

DATE OF REPLY 5/2/52 REPLY BY [signature]

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED
00043
JAN 13 1955
CITY of PORTLAND

*Portland, Maine,* January 13, 1955

*To the* INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 255 Congress St. Use of Building Store No. Stories 1 New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Jack Levinsky, 118 Dartmouth St.

Installer's name and address Eastern Oil, 27 Portland St. Telephone 3-6195

## General Description of Work

To install ~~xxxxxxxx~~ oil burning equipment in connection with existing steam heat

## IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance ____ Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? ____

If so, how protected? ____ Kind of fuel? ____

Minimum distance to burnable 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 gas fired, how vented? ____ Rated maximum demand per hour ____

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? ____

## IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Eastern Oil Medal A Labelled by underwriter's laboratories? yes

Will operator be always in attendance? no Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? bottom

Type of floor beneath burner cement Size of vent pipe 1½"

Location of oil storage basement Number and capacity of tanks 1-275 gal.

Low water shut off yes Make wex No. 67

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks enclosed? ____

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners None

## IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance ____ Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? ____

If so, how protected? ____ Height of Legs, if any ____

Skirting at bottom of appliance? ____ Distance to combustible material from top of appliance? ____

From front of appliance ____ From sides and back ____ From top of smokepipe ____

Size of chimney flue ____ Other connections to same flue ____

Is hood to be provided? ____ If so, how vented? ____ Forced or gravity? ____

If gas fired, how vented? ____ Rated maximum demand per hour ____

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED: OK. 1-13-55. PM

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

Eastern Oil & Equipment

*Signature of Installer* By: John F. Kiernan

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1 Fill Pipe ✓
2 Vent Pipe ✓
3 Kind of Heat Steam
4 Burner Mounting & Supports ✓
5 Name & Le[illegible] ✓
6 Stack [illegible] ✓
7 High Limit Control ✓
8 Reset [illegible] ✓
9 Flame Safeguard Protection ✓
[illegible] ✓
[illegible] ✓
[illegible] Red by [illegible] ✓
Tank Distance ✓
Oil Gauge ✓
Instructions [illegible] ✓
16 Low Water Sh[illegible] ✓

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Permit No. 55/43
Location 255 Congress St.
Owner Jack Schwartz
Date of permit 1/13/55
Approved 3/25/55

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

ISSUED MAR 12 1954 CITY of PORTLAND

*Portland, Maine,* 3/12/54

*To the* INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 251 CONGRESS Use of Building STORE No. Stories 1 ~~New~~ Building Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance JACOB LEVINSKY 118 DARTMOUTH

Installer's name and address EASTERNOIL 27 PORT. ST. Telephone 3-6495

## General Description of Work

To install OIL BURNER IN EXISTING STEAM SYSTEM

## IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance _____ Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? _____

If so, how protected? _____ Kind of fuel? _____

Minimum distance to burnable 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 gas fired, how vented? _____ Rated maximum demand per hour _____

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? _____

## IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner EASTERNOIL "A" Labelled by underwriter's laboratories? YES

Will operator be always in attendance? _____ Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? BOTTOM

Type of floor beneath burner CEMENT Size of vent pipe 1/4

Location of oil storage BASEMENT Number and capacity of tanks 1-275

Low water shut off YES Make WATTS No. 89A

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? YES How many tanks enclosed? _____

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners NONE

## IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance _____ Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? _____

If so, how protected? _____ Height of Legs, if any _____

Skirting at bottom of appliance? _____ Distance to combustible material from top of appliance? _____

From front of appliance _____ From sides and back _____ From top of smokepipe _____

Size of chimney flue _____ Other connections to same flue _____

Is hood to be provided? _____ If so, how vented? _____ Forced or gravity? _____

If gas fired, how vented? _____ Rated maximum demand per hour _____

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED: CJS 3-12-54

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

*Signature of Installer* John F. Keenan Eastern

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Permit No. 54/262

Location 35 Cassidy St.

Owner Frank Kennedy

Date of permit 3/12/57

Approved 4/12/57

1 Fill Pipe

2 Vent Pipe

3 Bind of Heat Steam

4 Burner Rigidity & Supports

5 Name

6 Stack

7 High

8 Remote

9 Pilot Safety & Protection

10 Valves in Tank Line

11 Capacity of Tanks

12 Tank Rigidity & Supports

13 Tank Distance

14 Oil Guage

15 Instructon Card

16 Low Water Shut-off

NOTES

3-26-57 Fire and Vent pipe are in a metal chute and do not [illegible] the jump [illegible] + the open air. Two sections of [illegible] steel tube the chute opening. Installer [illegible] to have these corrs to allow fill and vent pipe to [illegible] [illegible]. Feed line not completely round this condition only also be corrected by installer

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED
02148
NOV 21 1952
CITY of PORTLAND

*Portland, Maine,* November 5, 1952

*To the* INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 255 Congress Street Use of Building Bakery No. Stories 1 ~~New~~ Building Existing

Name and address of owner of appliance Arthur Freedman, 255 Congress Street

Installer's name and address Shapiro Oil & Appliance Co., 96 Alfred St. Biddeford Telephone

## General Description of Work

To install gas-fired ~~condenser~~ kettle for heating hot water

## IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?

If so, how protected? Kind of fuel?

Minimum distance to burnable 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 gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion?

## IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled by underwriter's laboratories?

Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank?

Type of floor beneath burner

Location of oil storage Number and capacity of tanks

If two 275-gallon tanks, will three-way valve be provided?

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? How many tanks fire proofed?

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

## IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance first floor Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? yes

If so, how protected? Appliance is on legs and burner is 2½' above floor with air space beneath Kind of fuel? gas

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance 12'

From front of appliance 20' From sides and back 3' 5' From top of smokepipe 10'

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

Is hood to be provided? no If so, how vented? Forced or gravity?

If gas fired, how vented? to stack through roof Rated maximum demand per hour

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Appliance is manually controlled.

Oil installed

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

*APPROVED:*
11-6-52

Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto will be observed? yes

Shapiro Oil & Appliance Co.

*Signature of Installer* by:

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Installer's name and address Shapiro Oil & Appliance Co., 96 Alfred St. Biddeford Telephone

## General Description of Work

To install gas-fired ~~cookers~~ kettle for heating hot water

## IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?

If so, how protected? Kind of fuel?

Minimum distance to burnable 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 gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion?

## IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled by underwriter's laboratories?

Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank?

Type of floor beneath burner

Location of oil storage Number and capacity of tanks

If two 275-gallon tanks, will three-way valve be provided?

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? How many tanks fire proofed?

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

## IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance first floor Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? yes

If so, how protected? Appliance is on legs and burner is 2½' above floor with air space beneath Kind of fuel? gas

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance 12'

From front of appliance 20' From sides and back 3' 5' From top of smokepipe 10'

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

Is hood to be provided? no If so, how vented? Forced or gravity?

If gas fired, how vented? to stack through roof ~~Chimney~~ Rated maximum demand per hour

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Appliance is manually controlled.

All installed

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

*APPROVED:*

11-6-52

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

Shapiro Oil & Appliance Co.

*Signature of Installer* by: B. J. Shapiro

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Permit No. 52/2140

Location 255 Gregory St.

Owner Catherine Freedman

Date of permit 11/21/52

Approved See attached letter. OK

STATEMENT RELATING TO INSTALLATION AND USE OF A GAS-FIRED APPLIANCE
IN THE BUILDING AT 255 CONGRESS STREET

November 17, 1952

This statement is to be considered as much a part of the application for a building permit intended to authorize installation of a gas-fired appliance in the bakery at 255 Congress Street, as though written on the application form, but failure to mention any requirement of the Building Code or any other law relating to the same subject matter herein, shall not relieve owner, tenant, installer or any other person from compliance therewith.

In consideration of building permit issued by the City of Portland to authorize installation of a gas-fired appliance, originally designed and indicated in a former application of January 21st, 1952 as a doughnut kettle, without provision of the fire-protective hood and ventilation system for it required for such an appliance by Section 602c4 of the Building Code of said City, the undersigned owner of the appliance and owner of the building do hereby agree, as the interests and control of each may appear, that this appliance will not be used or allowed to be used for frying, cooking candy or for any other purpose likely to produce a quick unfriendly fire over the appliance, unless and until the fire-protective hood and ventilation system connected therewith required by the Building Code of the City of Portland shall have been installed under a permit issued from the Department of Building Inspection of said City.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

Owner of the Appliance

Owner of the Building

AP 255 Congress Street

11/20/52 WHcD

November 10, 1952

Mr. Arthur Freedman
255 Congress Street

c.o. Shapiro Oil & Appliance Co.
96 Alfred Street
Biddeford, Maine

Mr. Jacob Levinsky
118 Dartmouth Street
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:-

The gas-fired doughnut-fryer installed without a permit for Mr. Freedman in the Bakery at 255 Congress Street has quite a history, and now we have a belated application by Shapiro Oil & Appliance Co., of Biddeford, for a permit to cover the installation already completed many months or more ago.

When this appliance was first found the question was raised about the required hood over it and the ventilation system for the hood as required by the Building Code for such appliances. There is some sort of a duct extending up through the roof of the building not very far from the doughnut kettle; but I have the impression that owner of the building and the tenant could not come to an agreement as to venting the hood, if, indeed, the tenant was willing to install the hood.

The current application says that the device is to be used only for heating hot water. Mr. Freedman tells our inspector that he will not bother with any frying but would like to leave the kettle in place and use it to heat water in for certain delicacies which he plans to make.

We wish to be reasonable about this proposition, but we are not able to clear up the violation of the Building Code which now exists without more assurances than this verbal statement from the tenant gives.

I have prepared a statement to be signed by both the tenant and the owner of the building, and I am sending two copies to each, with the thought that each will sign one of his copies and return to this office, and keep the other copy to show what he has signed.

When both statements have been received we will issue the belated permit. If either of you are unwilling to sign the statement, the appliance will have to be removed.

If we do not have these statements filed in this office before November 20th, we shall expect the appliance to be removed on that date or before.

We do not know who actually installed this appliance. If it was installed by Shapiro Oil & Appliance Co., that company, as well as the tenant, is in violation of the Law. If we cannot get this matter cleared up quickly, we shall ask the cooperation of the Corporation Counsel to compel compliance with the Law.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WHcD/G Encls: Two copies of Statement of

STATEMENT RELATING TO INSTALLATION AND USE OF A GAS-FIRED APPLIANCE
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Owner of the Appliance

Owner of the Building

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

*Portland, Maine,* January 21, 1952

*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, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:*

Location 255 Congress Street Use of Building Bakery No. Stories 1 New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Arthur Freedman, 255 Congress Street

Installer's name and address owner Telephone 2-9093

## General Description of Work

To install gas-fired doughnut kettle

## IF HEATER OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat Type of floor beneath appliance

If wood, how protected? Kind of fuel

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 gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

## IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled by underwriters' laboratories?

Will operator be always in attendance? Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank?

Type of floor beneath burner

Location of oil storage Number and capacity of tanks

If two 275-gallon tanks, will three-way valve be provided?

Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? How many tanks fire proofed?

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners

## IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance kitchen Kind of fuel gas Type of floor beneath appliance wood

If wood, how protected? metal Doughnut kettle has legs 2½' high

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance

From front of appliance over 4' From sides and back brick walls From top of smokepipe

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

Is hood to be provided? yes If so, how vented? through roof to outside air

If gas fired, how vented? to hood Rated maximum demand per hour

## MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

This will be gravity ventilation. There is already an opening through roof where another hood was vented.

1-14-52 Installation completed and in use. Kettle sets on wood floor with metal burner at least 12" above floor, kettle sets on legs otherwise it is open between floor and kettle. No hood over kettle at this time.

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 ($2.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

*APPROVED:*

1-24-52 O.K.

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

*Signature of Installer* Arthur Freedman

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Permit No. 524
Location 755 Langley Pl.
Owner Gilmore Friedman
Date of permit 1/52
Approved

NOTES

3-10-52. Shape visited this ppt. time since letter of Jan 24, and does understand it this do-rite septic tank is used very little if at all. Property is being used & great lot water.

Mr Dears went over the requirements of this installation with Mr Friedman.

Detailed location in effort to straighten this out. Mr Friedman still undecided. Will notify in about a week. WR

3-19-52. Mr Friedman not decided whether or not to go ahead with this do-rite septic tank. At present our dispat fencing is being done. Will notify WR when ready for further action.

WR

4-8-52. Mr Friedman is to close for 10 days (Holidays) and will definitely make decision regards this installation. WR

AP 255 Congress Street-I
(Fryer)
2/8/52/ATH

January 26, 1952

Mr. Arthur Freedman
255 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Copies to: Health Officer

Mr. Jacob Levinsky, 273 Congress Street

Dear Mr. Freedman:

After all of our negotiations and your fine cooperation with regard to the securing of permits and installing the oven and other fire-actuated appliances at 255 Congress Street, it was both surprising and disappointing to learn from Inspector Hamilton that you had connected up a gas-fired doughnut kettle in the same bakery without securing a building permit for the installation--in fact without even applying for a permit.

You filed belated application for the permit on January 21.

Although your application said that the device was to be vented to a hood, that the hood was to be ventilated only by gravity and that there is already an opening through the roof where a former hood was vented, we do not have information enough about the hood and its ventilation to satisfy the requirements, and it will be necessary to furnish that information and get the ventilation installed in accordance with the requirements of law before February 8, 1952.

In the meantime it is exceedingly dangerous for you to operate the doughnut kettle without the protective hood, and should you have a fire from that cause, you will be in a most uncomfortable situation.

The records which we have show that the former hood was ventilated by a duct through the roof and a ventilating fan. Now you propose to accomplish this by gravity only. A ventilation system by gravity only does not require a permit but ventilation by mechanical means does require a permit to be issued before the installation is started and the application is to be made by and permit is issuable only to the actual installer.

To be of as much service to you as possible, I will try to outline some of the requirements of the Code in detail, but the question as to whether or not gravity ventilation will suffice will depend upon the opinion of the Health Department as to its efficiency and the point of discharge of the pipe through the roof, and the entire installation will be affected under the Zoning Law as to whether or not the odor and discharge of greasy atmosphere from the duct may be obnoxious to the neighborhood. The hood is required to be of metal, to be placed with its top at least 9" below the ceiling. If the ventilation of it is by gravity, the hood is required to extend at least 6" beyond the edges of the gas-fired appliances all around. If ventilation is to be by a fan, merely covering the entire area of the cooking appliance with the hood will be sufficient. If your application for the gas-fired appliance is correct and there are exposed brick walls at the sides and the back of the doughnut kettle, there should be no trouble about the location of the hood. If those brick walls, however, are covered with any type of wallboard on wooden strapping, the question of distance from the kettle and from the hood to the burnable strapping or burnable wallboard will be important. If that is the way the walls are finished, you should furnish the distance from the kettle, as it is, to this finish, immediately.

As to the ventilating duct, our inspector reports that while there may be an opening through the roof, there was no satisfactory opening, when he was there, through the ceiling. These are the requirements. A thimble of sheet metal is required to

extend from the surface of the ceiling to at least 9" above the roof with flange at the ceiling level at least 2" wide, the thimble to be of such diameter that there will be at least 6" all around between the inner surface of the thimble and the vent pipe going up through. The thimble is to be attached and the opening through the framing to be such that the thimble itself will be not nearer than one inch to burnable material except where the flange at the bottom attaches, thus the opening in the ceiling up through the roof construction must be at least 14" larger in cross sectional dimension than the diameter of the vent pipe. The vent pipe must be centered rigidly on the thimble. This 6" opening between vent pipe and thimble must be kept open to the atmosphere above the building at all times, which means that a weatherhood to keep rain and snow from entering the building through the 6" space must be supported upon the vent pipe and not in contact with the top of the thimble.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/G

(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
02589
DEC 26 1951
CITY of PORTLAND

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, December 17, 1951

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

*The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:*

Location 255 ~~228~~ Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Jacob Levinsky

Name and address of owner of sign Freedman's Bakery, 255 Congress Street Telephone 2-0695

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm Street

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1951

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

## Information Concerning Building

No. stories 1 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

## Details of Sign and Connections

Building owner's consent and agreement filed with application ~~no will bring in~~ yes 12/21/51

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 3' Horizontal 4.5'

Weight 125 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2, material metal

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 1, Size 3/4", Location, top or bottom top, Size 5/16"

No. guys 5, material cable

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 16'

Maximum projection into street 4' 6" Fee $ 1.00

Signature of contractor by: United Neon Display J. L. Coyne

12-24-51 o.k. JE.

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Permit No. 51 2589

Location 255 Congress St.

Owner Freedman's Bakery

Date of permit. 12/26/51

Sign Contractor United Neon Display

Final Inspn. 1-8-52 AC

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12/27/51 Show transformer

12-27-51 Ship insp'd ok AC