



APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

00432
TO 1950

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, April 4, 1950

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to alter, reconstruct or demolish the following building ~~structure~~ structure 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 52 Chestnut Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. _____
 Owner's name and address Ray Stetson, 92 State Street Telephone 4-6142
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans no No of sheets _____
 Proposed use of building Apartment House No. families 7
 Last use _____ " " _____ No. families 8
 Material wood No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____ Fee \$ 0
 Estimated cost \$ _____

General Description of New Work

To decrease the number of apartments from eight to seven making an apartment of five rooms out of two small apartments on first floor. A former door is to be reopened. Door is in place.

Grant 2626
Rever 2627

Permit Issued with Letter

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing 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 heating 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? _____

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

APPROVED:

Signature of owner

[Handwritten Signature]

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NOTES

4/25/50 - No work attached
5/8/52 - No further inspection
needed. *ed*

Permit No. 529/492

Location 523 Chatham St

Owner *Ray Weston*

Date of permit 4/10/50

Notif. closing-in

Inspr. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspr.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

57 1/2

AP 52 Chestnut Street-I

April 10, 1950

Mr. Ray Stetson
92 State Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Building permit for minor alterations
in the apartment house at 52 Chestnut Street

Dear Sir:

Building permit for the above work is issued, herewith, subject to the following:

This permit refers to the permit on the front part of the lot, there being, I believe, a dwelling house in the rear.

The rearrangement of rooms so that two small apartments on the first floor will be made a single apartment of five rooms is not fully understood because we do not have the layout plan of the first floor. Neither is it understood just what the statement on the application means: "A former door is to be reopened."

It hardly seems that there can be anything wrong with this rearrangement that would conflict with the Building Code, especially if the change has nothing to do with the means of egress.

The permit is issued without prejudice to orders of the Chief of the Fire Department relating to means of egress of the building. We have a copy of such an order addressed to a former owner dated January 14, 1950. If you, as a later owner, are not aware of this order, it would be well to find out what is required from the Fire Department before starting this change especially if the change covered under this permit might be such as to interfere with the most economical way of carrying out the Chief's order.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/G

CC: Oliver T. Sanborn,
Chief of the Fire Department



(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUE
00633
APR 9 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class
Portland, Maine, April 7, 1947

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 52 Chestnut St. Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1B
Owner's name and address Udell Bramson, 142 High St. Telephone
Lessee's name and address Telephone
Contractor's name and address William G Bradford, 1002 Brighton Ave. Telephone
Architect Specifications Plans No of sheets
Proposed use of building Apartment No families
Last use No families
Material wood No. stories 3 Heat steam Style of roof Roofing
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 20,00 Fee \$.50

General Description of New Work

To repair after fire, no alterations. hole 3' x 6' in first floor (floor framing not disturbed.) First floor front.

4/8/47 O.K. OSG

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

Is any plumbing 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 naillock Dressed or full size? dressed
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 ft
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

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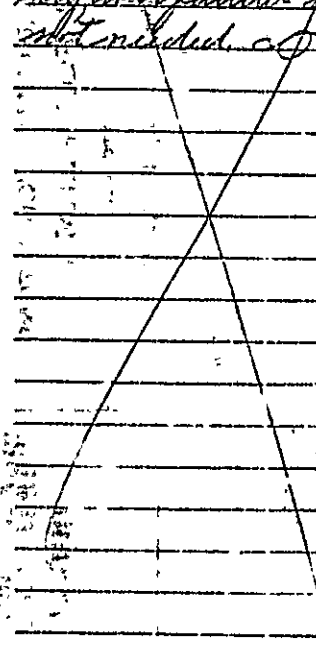
Signature of owner

Udell Bramson
William G. Bradford

Permit No. 47/ 633
Location 52 Chestnut St.
Owner W. Dell Branson
Date of permit 4/9/47
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notifi
Final Inspn. 4/9/47 J. G. B.
Cert. of Occupancy issued J. G. B.

NOTES

4/9/47 this was flooring
only and further work
not needed. J. G. B.





UNIMPROVED ZONE
 CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
 DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION
COMPLAINT

Complaint No. 12-33

INSPECTION COPY

Date received April 12, 1912

Location 50-52 Chestnut Street Use of Building Apartment house
727 Congress St Telephone _____
 Owner's name and address Edell Dawson, 110 West Avenue Telephone _____
 Tenant's name and address Paul Nov, A 1.38 Telephone _____
 Complainant's name and address Same Telephone _____

Description: Ceiling in bathroom has fallen and owner will not repair - rear section of building has six apartments and only one narrow stairway for egress - twelve apartments in building

(This section contains a large grid of vertical lines, which is mostly crossed out with a diagonal line.)

RMT
 Complaint No. C-43-33 ^{12/1/50}
 Location 50-52 Chestnut St.
 Date Received 4/12/43
 Date Disposed of

NOTES

~~2-8 49. 7117 reg. at
 Fire Dept DWI~~

~~2-8 49? Bulge ^{in wall} about a
 foot above window opening
 facing Chestnut St.~~

~~Charles Woodbury
 Franklin St. New
 Owner, two floors
 DWI after first year
 address, rear 129th Street
 tenants say they
 pay rent to Mr. Woodbury~~

~~in many instances, fees
 caps, 70¢ per sq ft in
 the room, 20¢ per sq ft
 11/21/50 Mr. Theodorant
 1st floor tenant reports there
 was a fire this morning
 caused by water leakage~~

one mirror. Ceilings in
 danger of falling. One
 ceiling in job and floor
 apartment of 4th floor has
 already fallen. It is
 called Mr. Staton and
 he is to have all ceilings
 repaired in a general
 fashion as soon as the
 stop is over. He also
 reports as of this date
 there are 3 apartments on
 1st floor, 3 apartments
 on 2nd floor and 5 apart-
 ments on 3rd but he is
 making 2 apartments into
 one third floor thus
 having a total of 8 in
 the entire building BS

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

Permit No. _____



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, January 1, 1930

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, Portland, Me.

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

Location 52 Chestnut Street Use of Building Residence

Name and address of owner Mr. E. J. Roundy

Contractor's name and address BALLARD OIL & EQUIPMENT CO., 124 High St., Portland, Me. Telephone F6223

To install Oil burning equipment

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is heater or source of heat to be in cellar? Yes If not, which story Kind of Fuel Oil

Material of supports of heater or equipment (concrete floor or what kind) Concrete

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of boiler or casing top of furnace, from top of smoke pipe, from front of heater from sides or back of heater

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Quiet Ballard Jr. Approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? No

Location oil storage Cement No. and capacity of tanks 1 275 gallons

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? Yes How many tanks fireproofed? None

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

WPI 407

Signature of contractor

BALLARD OIL & EQUIPMENT CO.

Or himself

E. J. Roundy

P.C. sent 1/6/30

900A



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure: _____

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 0014
JAN 4 1930

Portland, Me. January 4, 1930

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect or 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 52 Chestnut Street Ward 4 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address M. S. L. Boulogne Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Ballard Oil & Equipment Co., 124 High St. Telephone 7 6225
Architect's name and address _____
Proposed use of building dwelling
Other buildings on same lot _____ No. families _____

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material _____ No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Past use _____ No. families _____

General Description of New Work

Install Oil Burner

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 _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel oil Distance, heater to chimney _____
If oil burner, name and model Quiet Ballard Jr in basement
Capacity and location of oil tanks 1 275 gallon tank/over 7' from heater
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 _____
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 of disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no
Plans filed as part of this application? _____ No. sheets 1
Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 1.00
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

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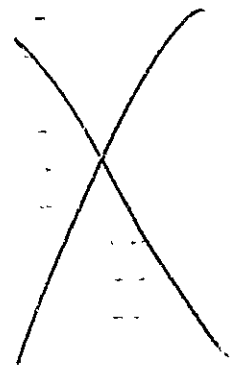
Signature of owner _____

FOA

Ward 4 Permit No 30/114
L. ~~52~~ 52 Chestnut St.
Owner E. S. Proudy
Date of permit 1/4/30
Notif. closing-in _____
Inspn closing-in _____
Final Notif. _____
Final Inspn. _____
Cert. of Occupancy issued _____

NOTES:

1/15/30 Not yet installed
2/4/30 Burner being
installed, Tank set
up & full & vent
pipes extended out
side of house - Agd





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 Portland, April 25, 1927 192
 INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

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

Location. 52 Chestnut Street Ward, 4 in fire-limits? no
 Name of Owner or Lessee, Everett L. Roundy Address 52 Chestnut Street
 " " Contractor, not let " "
 " " Architect. " "
 Description of Present Bldg. Material of Building is wood Style of Roof, pitch Material of Roofing shingle
 Size of Building is 60ft feet long; 30ft feet wide. No. of Stories, 3
 Cellar Wall is constructed of cement is inches wide on bottom and batters to inches on top.
 Underpinning is brick inches thick; is feet in height.
 Height of Building 30ft Wall, if Brick; 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th,
 What was Building last used for? apartment No. of Families? 6
 What will Building now be used for? apartment (10 families)

Description of Present Bldg. PERMIT REPORT

PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK

DETAIL OF PROPOSED WORK

put in cement foundation, addition 17x20 three stories high with asphalt roof
raise roof in rear so as to make three stories high
all to comply with the building ordinance

Estimated Cost \$ 1500.

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

Everett L. Roundy

52 Chestnut St
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Vertical text, possibly a permit number or date, oriented vertically.

PERMIT GRANTED
April 25, 1922
192...

Permit filed out by
Permit number
Location - 52 Chestnut

FINAL REPORT

Has the work been completed in accordance with this application and plans filed and approved?

Law been violated? Doc. No. of 192

Nature of violation?

Violation removed, when? 192

Estimated cost of alterations, etc., \$

Inspector of Buildings.

NOT BE OBTAINED BEFORE RECEIVING WORK



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, August 2, 1919 191

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

Location 52 Chestnut Ward, 4 in fire-limits no
 Name of Owner or Lessee, B L Rowdy Address 52 Chestnut
 " " Contractor, A R Osgood " 175 Beacon
 " " Architect, _____

Descrip-
 tion of
 Present
 Bldg.

Material of Building is wood. Style of Roof, pitch Material of Roofing, asphlt
 Size of Building is 52ft feet long; 24ft feet wide. No. of Stories, 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, 29ft Wall, if Brick; 1st, _____ 2d, _____ 3d, _____ 4th, _____ 5th, _____
 What was Building last used for? dwelling No. of Families? 2
 What will Building now be used for? tenement

PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK

DETAIL OF PROPOSED WORK

Build additional story to comply with the building ordinance

Estimated Cost \$, 1,000.

IF EXTENDED ON ANY SIDE

Size of Extension, No. of feet long? 50ft ; No. of feet wide? 24ft ; No. of feet high above sidewalk? 29ft
 No. of Stories high? 3 ; Style of Roof? pitch ; Material of Roofing? asphlt
 Of what material will the Extension be built wood Foundation? stone
 If of Brick, what will be the thickness of External Walls? _____ inches; and Party Walls _____ inches.
 How will the extension be occupied? dwelling How connected with Main Building? joined

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 may 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.

B. L. Rowdy

Address

52 Chestnut



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 to Build

(3a CLASS BUILDING)

Portland, Me., August 28th, 1916

To THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS:

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to build, according to the following Specifications:—

Plans set the of (bearing the name of the owner) on the work and exhibited on demand

PERMIT MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK.

Location, .. 52 Chestnut St. Wd. 4

Name of owner is? H. Caine Address, 52 Chestnut St.

Name of mechanic is? owner by day

Name of architect is?

Proposed occupancy of building (purpose)?... shop (paint and plaster)

If a dwelling or tenement house, for how many families?

Are there to be stores in lower story?.. No.

Size of lot, No. of feet front?.....; No of feet rear?.....; No. of feet deep?.....

Size of building, No. of feet front?.. 9 ..; No. of feet rear?.. 15 .. No. of feet deep?.. 15 ..

No of stories, front?.. one ..; rear?

No of feet in height from the mean grade of street to the highest part of the roof?

Distance from lot lines, front? feet; side?.....feet, side?.. . . . feet; rear?.....feet

Firestep to be used?...

Will the building be erected on solid or filled land?

Will the foundation be laid on earth, rock, or piles?

If on piles, No. of rows? .. distance on centres? .. length of? ..

Diameter, top of .. diameter, bottom of?.....

Size of posts?.....

" girts?.....

" floor timbers? 1st floor....., 2d....., 3d....., 4th.....

O C. " " " "

Span " " " "

Braces, how put in?

Building, how framed?.....

Material of foundation?.. posts .. thickness of?.. .. laid with mortar?.....

Underpinning, material of? .. height of? .. thickness of?.....

Will the roof be flat, pitch, mansard, or hip? slight pitch .. material of roofing?.. asphalt roofing ..

Will the building be heated by steam, furnaces, stoves or grates? ... Will the flues be lined?.....

Will the building conform to the requirements of the law?..... Y&H.....

No. of brick walls? .. and where placed? ..

Means of egress? ..

If the building is to be occupied as a Tenement House, give the following particulars:

What is the height of cellar or basement?.....

What will be the clear height of first story?..... second?..... third?.....

State what means of egress is to be provided?.....

.....Scuttle and step ladder to roof?.....

Estimated Cost,

Signature of owner or authorized representative, H. Caine

Address, 52 Chestnut St.

Plans submitted?..... Received by?.....

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No. 4922

APPLICATION FOR
PERMIT TO BUILD 3d CLASS BUILDING

LOCATION
No. 50 Chestnut St

Ward 4

Inspector

CONDITIONS

PERMIT GRANTED

August 18, 1916

Permit filled out by
Permit number
Plan number

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FINAL REPORT

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Has the work been completed in accordance with
this application and plans filed and approved?

Law been violated?

Nature of violation?

Building Inspector

APPROVAL OF PLANS

Supervisor of Plans

61 52 Chestnut Street
62 138-140 Highland Street
63 58-62 Massachusetts Avenue

December 21, 1951

Mr. John F. Kirby, President & Treasurer
Portland Roofing Company
266 Pine Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Kirby:

I am sorry that the pressure of more urgent work has delayed an answer to your inquiry of November 24 as to whether or not this department has "anything against" the properties at 52 Chestnut Street, 138 Highland Street and 58-62 Massachusetts Avenue.

52 Chestnut Street

After a fire in the building in November 1950 we received a complaint that ceilings were in danger of falling and that one ceiling in the second floor had already fallen. The then owner, Ray W. Peterson, reported on the phone that he would have all ceilings repaired in a permanent fashion. He also said that there were then three apartments on each of the three floors and that he planned to reduce the number of apartments on the first floor to two.

On April 27, 1950, Mr. Peterson applied for a permit to construct a rear outside wooden fire escape from the third floor to the ground. Presumably this application was the result of an order from the Fire Department under the Safety Ordinance. At that time the permit was sent over to the Fire Chief who returned it with the notation that he could not approve the permit because the fire escape as proposed would not be adequate. Upon notifying Mr. Peterson of this refusal and that his plan of the fire escape was also inadequate to show compliance with the Building Code, nothing further transpired.

138 Highland Street

Early in 1950 this was a 6-apartment building with two apartments (one on each side) on each of the three floors. The then owner proceeded without a permit to divide the single apartment on the left-hand side (as one faces the building) of the first story into two apartments—one in front and one in the rear. No structural work was done in a very questionable manner and covered up without inspection. The owner applied for a belated permit and learned that when more than six apartments were established, the Building Code requires the heater, fuel storage, smokepipe etc. to be enclosed in a fire resistive heater room. In November 1950 a permit was issued to construct a fire resistive heater room using 4" cinder block walls with self-closing or automatic labelled fire door. This work was never started and the work of making the two apartments was never satisfactorily completed.

In August 1951, we learned from a prospective buyer that the entire heating plant, including piping and radiators, had been removed from the building.

At last inspection which was a year or more ago, I believe there were no bad structural conditions on the interior. If the building were to be restored to the original six apartments, fire resistive enclosure of the heater etc. would not be required. If an attempt were to be made to establish the seven apartments, indicated above, the new heater, fuel storage, smokepipe etc. would have to be enclosed, and probably considerable work to undo the work done without a permit.

An overlooked note on occasion of last inspection says: "First floor framing under front hall poorly reinforced and passage not safe."

Mr. John B. Kirby-----2

December 21, 1951

58-62 Massachusetts Avenue

Quite some time ago we had a complaint that the garage on this property was in a dangerous and dilapidated condition and a fire hazard. In the summer of 1951 we issued a permit to demolish the garage, but, since we do not follow up demolition jobs by inspection, our record does not make clear whether or not the building was actually demolished.

On the occasion of a fire caused by the oil burner in 1948, the Fire Department reported the chimney in questionable condition in the cellar. Our records have nothing further in this connection.

In April 1949, a permit was issued to demolish the 3-story front piazza, to change the doors at second and third floor levels to windows and provide new steps from the ground floor of the piazza to the ground. Inspection note on July 11, 1949 shows that the pipe columns were not properly fastened to the sill and that the outer ends of the joists were not properly supported by nailing strips. On July 25, 1949 a message was conveyed to Mr. Branson, Alon owner, to have the contractor fix the deficiencies, but our last record on August 20, 1949 shows that the deficiencies had not been corrected.

The above is the best I can do from the records, but we have no assurance that there are not other conditions about these buildings which require attention. Obviously we cannot make a thorough inspection of these three properties to gather the information for you.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMC/O