

JOHN HOWARD STEVENS, A.I.A. JOHN CALVIN STEVENS, 2ND, A.I.A.
ARCHITECTS
183 MIDDLE STREET, PORTLAND 3, MAINE

December 28, 1944

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
City of Portland, Maine

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DEC 28 1944
U S C - Davis Block
Portland, Maine

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The doors swing in the direction of any mass movement out of the Dance Hall.

Sincerely yours,

John Howard Stevens
John Howard Stevens

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12/25/44

The McDonald's in the States would issue certificate
of occupancy with latches ^{on doors} done in full time. He preferred
not to have it done but thought it permissible under the
building code but not up to Pub. Assembly Std. *W.D.*

P. 44/798-1

11/28/44-H

October 19, 1944

PH
ATS
HBP
X RMT
X JWP
V LNS
VBS

Subject: Full completion of Club and Lodge
Occupancy in building at 538-540 Congress
Street so that certificate of occupancy
may be issued.

Messrs. John Howard and
John Calvin Stevens
187 Middle Street,
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

With relation to the above on Inspector reports that:

- ✓ 1. No anti-slip treads have been provided on steps from dance hall to lobby.
- ✓ 2. Hand-rail has not been provided on one side of steps from dance hall to lobby.
- ✓ 3. Sign "Emergency Exit Only" has not been painted on the exit doors (quiet room side) from quiet room to Congress Street.
- ✓ 4. Switch controlling exit lights has not been suitably marked.

These are all minor items but because of their number I am unable to issue the certificate of occupancy which is legally required before the building is occupied. I understand the building has been in use; however, for a week or more and anything go wrong with the establishment, even though not related to these omissions, we would all be in a very difficult situation as long as the certificate of occupancy is not issued.

Will you be kind enough to have all of these matters fully taken care of at once and notify this office when they are done for final inspection so that the certificate of occupancy may be issued.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WJCH/H
CC: Samuel Astor & Co.
Gannett Publishing Co.

Reference: Inspection copy of USJ job across the street from City Hall

ATH:

I suggested to John Howard Stevens this morning that one way out of the difficulty about a vent pipe from the hood over the range might be to remove the hearth of the fireplace in second story and perhaps some more of the floor, properly framing it out of course and then framing over this opening sort of a bulkhead with top and three sides to it to fit snugly against the chimney breast of the fireplace, the inside of it to be lined with plaster on gypsum lath or even asbestos wallboard. This sort of bulkhead ought to be roomy enough so that there will be ample clearance from the pipe to the sidewalls and ample clearance overhead and so fixed that a person down in the kitchen could look right up into it and see the pipe for its whole distance to entering the fireplace where I understand they propose a sheet of galvanized metal.

Examination ought to be made of course and to make sure that there is a clear opening from the present fireplace up into the flue and I should think the architect ought to make sure he is going to get sufficient draft for the scheme is adopted.

If you can think of anything definitely wrong with this arrangement, I wish you would speak to me at once about it so that they will not go too far and then have to be stopped on the very thing that I have suggested. I explained to Mr. Stevens even this was not a very desirable way but it was the only way that I could think of that we could approve.

I suggest that you keep in touch with him and the job about the matter so that if he designs it in a way that doesn't seem to work out we will catch it before they do the work. One good way to do this would be to see the foreman on the job and tell him that something is coming through in this connection and ask him to let you know when he gets his instructions about it so that you can go over and look it over and understand about it before the work is started.

WMcD

11/13/44

Mr. Warren McDonald - Inspector of Bldgs.

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August 17, 1944

Samuel Acote & Co.
40 Probble Street
Portland, Maine 3

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CITY OF PORTLAND

U S O - Davis Block

Gentlemen:

One of the questions raised by the Inspector of Buildings was the size of the cap for the lally column supporting the 10 x 12 Douglas Fir girder. At that point is a concentrated load of 20000# and the allowable pressure perpendicular to the wood beam is 270# per sq. in. Therefore, the steel plate of the lally column cap must be at least 70 sq. in. or 7" x 10".

Sincerely yours,

John Howard Stevens

JHS:MM

cc Mr. Warren McDonald, Inspector of Buildings
City of Portland, Maine

JOHN HOWARD STEVENS, A.I.

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127 MIDDLE STREET, PORTLAND 3, MAINE

September 12, 1944

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
City of Portland, Maine

Strength of Floor-
Davis Block, Cor. Exchange
and Congress Sts. Remodel-
ing for U.S.O.

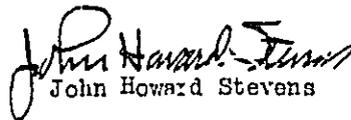
My dear Mr. McDonald:

In your letter regarding the Building Permit; you raised the question of the strength of the first floor, and asked that we submit detailed drawings showing the structure.

We enclose with this two blueprints of a diagram we have made showing the method of framing this main street floor.

In our opinion, this structure is amply strong to take care of the floor loads required by the Building Code. One floor, in particular, received a tremendous test (unintentional) when the entire amount of brickwork from one of the vaults was piled on the floor, and, in addition to this, the heavy steel vault, which was inside the brick vault, was moved out across this same floor, while it was carrying the load of the brick. Under this load there was no indication of any weakness in the floor.

Sincerely, yours,


John Howard Stevens

JHS:MM

Enclosures- 2 Blueprints

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CITY OF PORTLAND

P. 44738-1

August 19, 1944

John Howard Stevens and
John Calvin Stevens, and

Samuel Acott & Company

Gentlemen:

Subject: Alterations in building at 388-390
Congress Street and change of use of
1st story

With paragraph numbers corresponding with those in my letter of August 15th and architects' letter of August 16th, please note the following:

4. I take it that the reason for relocation of the exit light over doors from lobby to "Fifth Room" is "advertised." In connection with this doorway I overlooked the matter of hardware or fastenings on these doors. Obviously these doors should be as easy to use in case of emergency as the doors to the Congress Street sidewalk, and therefore should be equipped with anti-panic hardware, or left free-swinging toward the Congress Street exit without any device that could fasten them in the closed position against exits.

5. Without investigation it was my impression that the public sidewalks outside the emergency exits from dance hall on Market and Exchange Streets are not well lighted. The Exchange Street sidewalk has a street light right there, and it may be that the light from the Congress Street lights will sufficiently illuminate the Market Street exit. Irrespective of exit needs, however, no management may find it desirable to have a powerful light burning over all of the proposed doorways throughout the dark hours to avoid all sorts of nuisances being committed there. Plenty of light is the best preventative of such troubles.

I have also the reason for reference to the hardware on entrance doors to dance hall.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

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August 16, 1944

Mr. Warren McDonald, AUG 17 1944
Inspector of Buildings of BLD'G. INSP.
City of Portland, MAINE
CITY OF PORTLAND

Davis Block, U S O
388-390 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Mr. Ralph Bennett of the Samuel Aceto & Co. tells me this morning that he has the permit for the alterations in the Davis Block, which permit is subject to the items given in your letter, to us, of August 15.

Replying to that letter in the same sequence as your items;

1. You are correct in your understanding that the first floor only of this property is to be used for Club and Lodge use.
2. Floors of dance hall and lobby have been carefully investigated by us, and the present structure is amply capable of supporting the required load of 100# per square foot. We will file with you a diagram showing the framing of the floor.
3. This signed statement of design was overlooked, because I did not realize there was enough "design" involved to require such a statement. There is no masonry wall above the place in the lobby where the brick wall is to be removed.
4. Anti-panic hardware, such as you describe, is likewise described in the same manner in our specifications. It is not expected that more than 20 persons would ever congregate in the Lounge.
5. White lights over the exit doors from dance hall were not specified because of the fact that these doors open directly on a lighted street. "Exit" lights are provided for the inside of these doors, and, if the white outside lights are mandatory, we will, of course, have them installed.
6. All steps which are a part of means of egress are to have non-slip surfaces.
7. No installation of any cooking or hot water heating equipment in the first floor is contemplated under this present contract. Undoubtedly, a range and possibly other equipment will be installed under a separate contract, at which time all provisions for a hood over the range and vent for the

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Inspector of Buildings
City of Portland, Maine

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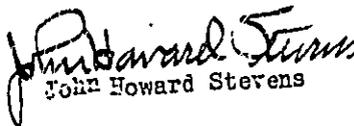
range, etc., will be complied with.

In my talk with Dr. Burroughs of the Health Department yesterday, he told that he would be willing to accept the asphalt tile floor for the kitchen and men's toilet, but that he wanted me to consider something different for the women's toilet. We are, therefore, in the process of trying to arrive at a decision regarding the floor of the women's toilet. It shall be made to conform with the requirements of the Health Department, having a floor drain and sanitary base. There is also to be a floor drain added in the kitchen.

8. Location of Fire extinguishers will be a matter to be taken up with the Fire Chief by the committee having charge of the installation of equipment.

May I express my personal appreciation for your careful consideration of this job and the lack of any delay in the issuance of the Building Permit.

Sincerely yours,


John Howard Stevens

JHS:Mf

cc Samuel Aceto & Co.
cc Maurice F. Whalen, U S O Regional Executive
cc Cecil Kollenborn

288-531 C of 3 St.

August 16, 1941

Dr. T. H. Burroughs,
Health Officer

Dear Dr. Burroughs:

I issued the building permit to the US) at 583-3rd Congress Street last night with your conditional approval on it.

As a matter of record both here and for you I also added a PS on my letter as follows: "PS. The Health Officer has approved permit subject to compliance with the requirements of the Health Department as to preparation and walls, food, especially stipulations as to the type of floor covering or floor surface and sanitary basins in kitchen and toilet rooms, as to providing a floor drain in the woman's toilet and as to ventilation for toilet rooms and kitchen."

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

RW/A

Rept. BR80D-I

August 15, 1944

John Howard Stevens and
John Calvin Stevens, and

Samuel Aceto & Co.

Gentlemen:

Subject: Building permit for alterations in
the building at 383-389 Congress Street,
and conversion of 1st story from business
and industrial use to Club and Lodge with
diner assembly hall.

Above permit is herewith subject to the following:

1. It is understood that USJ leases the entire building from Gannett Publishing Company, that no use whatever is planned for the stories above the first and that no use is planned in the cellar except such as heating plant and other accessory uses incidental to the Club and Lodge use. This is important because if the stories above the first were to be used for any purpose they would probably have to be cut off from the Club and Lodge use by at least one-hour fire separations. This building permit and the certificate of occupancy, required when the work is done and before the Club and Lodge use is commenced, to cover each use in the first story only.

2. Floors of dance hall and lobby, at least, require a live load strength of 100 pounds per square foot, and I shall need information on that point before certificates (green tags) are issued to allow closing in of any part of the work. To this end please furnish framing of floor of these two areas, and if present framing does not answer up to this required load, furnish methods of strengthening.

3. Architects should furnish signed statement of design as per Section 104-b of Code to cover re-reinforced concrete at entrance and steel pipe columns. In design of the two wooden girders, since these are quite rugged, I presume full account has been taken of all dead and live loads which will be transmitted from floors, walls, partitions, etc., above, there being no information on the plans by which these designs may be checked. Presumably there is no masonry wall above the place in the lobby where the brick wall is to be removed, otherwise a wooden beam would not be allowable. The steel grillage indicated beneath the new column in lobby indicates a heavy load, and presumably the same care is to be exercised in designing the cap plate to transmit the load from this large sized wooden girder to the comparatively small diameter pipe column.

4. Anti-panic hardware is required on doors from "Quiet Room" to Congress Street sidewalk. These doors, since they will open out over the public sidewalk, can be used for emergency exit only. The doors should have no knob, handle, latch or any other kind of a device on the outside so that they may be opened on the outside and on the inside should have a clear sign saying "Emergency Exit Only". Relocation of the exit light over doors from lobby to Quiet Room is necessary so that it may be legible from all parts of the lobby including the doorway from lobby to lounge. Only one exit from the lounge is being accepted on the basis that there would never be more than 20 persons there. If plans of the UEL call for a larger occupancy, then an emergency exit should be provided.

John Howard Stevens and
John Cairin Stevens, and
Sacral Aceto & Co.

August 15, 1944

5. White lights are required outside of both exit doors from dance hall. These lights and all of the exit lights are to be controlled by a single switch, and that switch clearly marked Exit lights. Exit lights should be "standard" as per Section 112-a-4.

6. All steps which are part of a means of egress are required to have non-slip surfaces of treads. The two single doors at entrance to dance hall should be equipped with anti-panic hardware or else left free swinging without latch or bolt.

7. Separate permits, issuable only to the actual installer, are required from this department to cover installation of cooking and hot water heating equipment. It is likely that the range may require a fire protective hood over it in which case the hood would have to be suitably vented. Permits for installation of this equipment as well as this general permit are required by law to receive approval of Health Officer before issuance. At this writing the Health Officer has not yet approved the permit, but I have talked the matter over with him, and he feels that both toilet rooms should have impervious floor surfaces with sanitary bases of material equivalent to concrete, the asphalt tile in the men's toilet and the linoleum in the women's not being considered equivalent. In the case of each toilet room door from outer room to the toilet room and door from lobby to outer room will have to be self-closing. The Health Officer also feels that there must be a floor drain in the women's toilet room.

8. Under Public Assembly Ordinance standards of safety require fire extinguishers of kind and in number and location established by Chief of the Fire Department. This place will be a Class B place of assembly, and the standards of safety are not mandatory but apply in an advisory way only. Irrespective of that I recommend that the fire extinguishers be provided until Chief Stanton's approval.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

McD/H

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(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 0788

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 12, 1944 AUG 15 1944

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 322-230 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Gannett Publishing Co., 177 Federal St. Telephone _____
Lessee - U.S.O.

Contractor's name and address Samuel Aceto & Co. 40 Preble St. Telephone 3-5951

Architect John Howard Stevens, 167 Middle St. Plans filed yes No. of sheets 7/10

Proposed use of building Recreational purposes, first floor only No. families _____
upper floors vacant

Other buildings on same lot _____ Fee \$ 1.50

Estimated cost \$ 5,000. Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing slate

Last use vacant No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To make alterations to first floor of building as per plans submitted

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes
Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

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

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? 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
By Samuel Aceto & Co. Gannett Publishing Co.

INSPECTION COPY Samuel Aceto & Co. Signature of owner By Samuel Aceto & Co. By Samuel Aceto & Co.

Approved subject to compliance with health department requirements by Mr. Gennett for use

Permit No. 44/798

Location 388-396 Capping St

Owner Gannett Pub Co

Date of permit 8/13/44

Notif. closing-in 8/25/44

Insp. closing-in 8/31/44

Final Notif.

Final Insp. 9/18/45

Cert. of Occupancy issued 1/9/45

NOTES

8/22/44 Work mfg

8/26/44 Work mfg

8/30/44 Work mfg

9/3/44 Work mfg

9/7/44 Work mfg

9/11/44 Work mfg

9/15/44 Work mfg

9/19/44 Work mfg

9/23/44 Work mfg

9/27/44 Work mfg

10/1/44 Work mfg

10/5/44 Work mfg

10/9/44 Work mfg

10/13/44 Work mfg

10/17/44 Work mfg

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for the double floor and
 various looking doors
 All locks and fasteners
 on these doors in Part
 removed and doors made
 fire acting. As per mfg.
 be provided in the
 ceiling when two 12
 girders are framed this
 is mean the door
 stationary from door
 removed
 11/2/44. Bldg. locked
 wood block cut in ceiling
 1st floor on what was
 on through temp. lacc. etc
 11/2/44. Unable to get
 in. floor has been
 connected etc
 12/19/44. See letter mfg.
 1/4/45. Hole in kitchen
 ceiling (originally cut
 for vent) about 12" sq
 should be closed etc

With this a window cut out
 All new work done and
 bonded in
 10/16/44. Went over the
 the fire door with and
 stealer from City
 village angle etc

slight corner over door to
 which room will remain a
 door. This door sign will be
 painted on the lobby wall
 (corner side) from
 with. At present the
 door leading from

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE
ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 390 Congress St IN PORTLAND, MAINE

Gannett Publishing Co. Inc., being the owner of the
premises at 390 Congress St in Portland, Maine hereby gives
consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by L.S.O. Club
projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in
application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit
to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit Gannett
Publishing Co. Inc., owner of 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 10th day of November, 1944

Carolyn L. Libbey
Witness

Gannett Pub. Co. Inc.
By [Signature]
Owner

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CITY OF PORTLAND



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
1195

Permit No. 21 1944

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, November 18, 1944

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 123 Exchange Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Gen. Gannett Co. Lighting Co.

Name and address of owner of sign U. S. O. Club

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 71 Elm St. Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's board expire? January 1945 only 28 H.

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 2 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erect 2'6" Horizontal 5'

Weight 195 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material galv. iron

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

No. through bolts none Size Location, top or bottom

No. guys 2 material cable angle iron Size 1" 1 1/2 x 1/2 x 1/16

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 12'6"

Maximum projection into street 6'

United Neon Display

Fee \$ 1.00

W. S. McLaughlin
Signature of contractor By
ORIGINAL CITY OF PORTLAND

W. S. McLaughlin

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Permit No. 4413125

Location 123 Exchange St

Owner U.S.O.

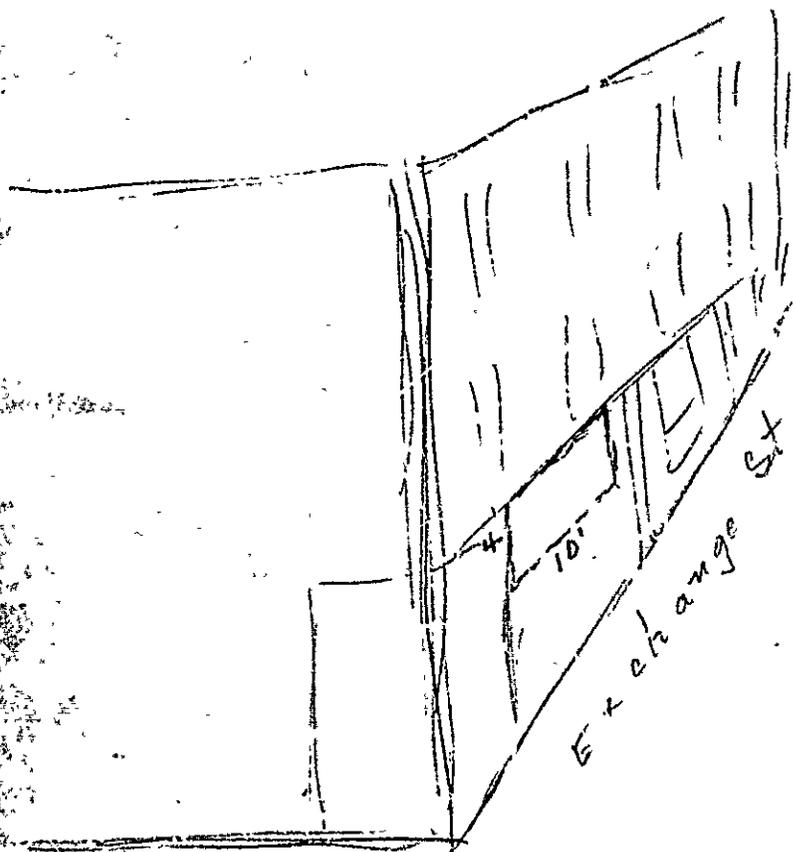
Date of permit 11/21/44

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 4/1/45. C.C.C.

NOTES
Sloped

~~Blank lined area with a large handwritten 'X' across it.~~



390 Congress St

Temporary Oil cloth sign

Owner Gannett Pub. Co.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

Permit No. TS-449

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY SIGNS WITHIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

The undersigned applies for permission to erect and maintain the following described temporary sign within Fire District No. 1, in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland and the following specifications:

Portland, Me. July 12 1944

Location 390 Congress Street Ward 3

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Granett Publishing Co.

Name and address of owner of sign USO

Sign contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm St. Phone 2-0695

Overall dimensions of sign 4 x 10 Material of face cell-cloth of frame wood

In what story erected 1st Will sign cover any part of window or door opening no

Signature ^{USO} By United Neon Display

Approved 7/12/44 Walter W. Dineen

Inspector of Buildings

Date on which permission to maintain this sign expires 9/12/44

Application for renewal _____ to _____

Signature _____

Approved _____

Inspector of Buildings

Application for renewal _____ to _____

Signature _____

Approved _____

Inspector of Buildings

Application for renewal _____ to _____

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Inspector of Buildings

Application for renewal _____ to _____

Signature _____

Approved

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
NOTE TO OWNER OF SIGN: PLEASE PRESERVE THIS CERTIFICATE. If it is desired to maintain sign for a period longer than that allowed above, present this certificate at the Department of Building Inspection before the allowed period has elapsed, and permission for an additional period will be approved hereon, if sign is in good condition.

Ward 3 Permit No. 4413
Location 390 Congress St.
Name of Sign U.S. 10
Sign Hanger United News Display

Period	Date of		No- tice	Re- moval
	Begins	Ends		
Orig.	7/12/54	9/1/54		9/5/54
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Word 3 Permit No. To 44/3

Location 390 Congress St.

Owner of Sign U.S.P.O

Sign Hanger United Name Display

Period	Date of		No- tice	Re- moval
	Begin	Ends		
Orig.	7/12/44	7/12/44		7/5/44
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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO BUILD

CLASS BUILDING

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME. Portland, Maine, 19

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to build, according to the following specifications, the Laws of the State of Maine, and the Building Ordinance of the City of Portland:

Location _____ Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? _____

Owner's name and address? _____

Contractor's name and address? _____

Architect's name and address? _____

Proposed occupancy of building (purpose)? _____

No. families? _____ apartments? _____ lodgers? _____

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? _____ over 4 ft. high? _____ thickness? _____

Kind of roof (pitch, hip, etc.)? _____ Kind of roofing? _____

Kind of heat? _____ Material of chimney? _____, of lining? _____

Size of Framing Members

Corner posts? _____ Sills? _____ Rafters or roof beams? _____ on center? _____

Material and size of columns under girders? _____ on center? _____

Ledger board used? _____ Size? _____ Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2 x 4 16'

6" x 8" or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner _____

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION



APPLICANT'S RECORD OF INQUIRY
Date 1/21/43

Verbal in person
By Telephone

Location 390 Congress Street

Made by Wm. O. Armitage, 23 Mitchell Road, So. Portland

Inquiry 1. Use of building for U.S.O. as per letter

2

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Answer 1. Talked with Mr. Armitage in regard to this

2

3

Reply by McD

Guides

WILLIAM O. ARMITAGE - ARCHITECT

Phone 3-0958

South Portland, Maine

January 20, 1943

Warren McDonald
Building Inspector
City of Portland, Maine

RECEIVED
JAN 21 1943
DEPT. OF C.D.G. & P.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Re: Davis Building, 390 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Dear Mr. McDonald;

Mr. Hutchins, building counselor of the U. S. O., was in Portland, Wednesday, January 20, 1943 and when he could not see you personally, he left the following information with me to take up with you.

In as much as they will have to make alterations to the present U. S. O. building on Pearl Street if they remain there they would prefer to make a change to the Davis Building on Congress Street if at all possible. Like all Service Organizations they do not have a great deal of money to spend for preliminary work if there is no possibility of the building being approved for their use, so would like to have your opinion as to the possibility of using the Davis Building.

They would like to use the second floor of the building for offices, game rooms, lounge, check room and bar for serving sandwiches and coffee. The third floor would be used for dancing and entertainment.

Mr. Hutchins tells me they would make no structural changes on the second floor except for the new stairways and reinforcing of the third floor by posts or carrying partitions so that the third floor would support 100 pounds per sq. ft. The third floor would remain as is except for the new stairs to the second floor at the front and enclosing the rear stairs in a tower which I have indicated roughly in red on the second and third floor plans which are the only floors measured to date.

If the indicated changes are not sufficient to make the building satisfactory for the proposed use Mr. Hutchins would like to have you inform him what changes would be necessary. From your suggestions he would be able to estimate whether or not it would be possible for the U. S. O. to make the changes before going to further expense.

Thanking you for Mr. Hutchins for any time or consideration you may give to their problem, I am

Sincerely yours,

William O. Armitage

WOA/a

Pls. make inquiries & say I answered in reply.

*WMA
1/21/43*

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Record of Inquiry

By Verbal in person
~~By telephone~~

Date 1/15/72

Location 390 Commercial St

Made by John R. Stevens

Inquiry What about use of rubber

3 films of this type for

Styler B. School

Answer 1 Talked this over with him

Stevens - see notes attached

Answer 2 _____

Answer 3 _____



Reply by hmd



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO BUILD

_____ CLASS BUILDING

Portland, Maine, _____ 19

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to build, according to the following specifications, the Laws of the State of Maine, and the Building Ordinance of the City of Portland:

Location _____ Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? _____

Owner's name and address? _____

Contractor's name and address? _____

Architect's name and address? _____

Proposed occupancy of building (purpose)? _____

No. families? _____ apartments? _____ lodgers? _____

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? _____ over 4 ft. high? _____ thickness? _____

Kind of roof (pitch, hip, etc.)? _____ Kind of roofing? _____

Kind of heat? _____ Material of chimney? _____, of lining? _____

Size of Framing Members

Corner posts? _____ Sills? _____ Rafters or roof beams? _____ on center? _____

Material and size of columns under girders? _____ on center? _____

Ledger board used? _____ Size? _____ Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2 x 4 16" O. C.

Girders 6" x 8" or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts will be all one piece in cross section.

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Record of Inquiry

Verbal in person

By telephone

Date 11/15/72

Location 390 Commercial

Made by John Connelley

Subject of inquiry

What about use of upper 3 floors of this building
Taggart B. Schrock

Answer: 1

Talked this over with Mr. Jensen - see notes attached

2

3

REPLY TO BE MADE TO BUREAU

Reply by hmd



James Bly to Thomas
Page B. School
3 miffen films.

11/3/42
390 Congress St

capacity 100 persons
film
6/1920
320
5x22 = 110"

- Plung to be approved by M. O.
new for a date over further and several
more than 16 pieces in same lot to work
- ? First story about 1/2 subject about 200
 - ? Mention of enclosure for purpose of
for a date taken below in
of students about 200
 - ? Enclosure of pentagon
 - ? mention of basement ceiling

○ Film of laboratory - substituted for the real one

○



PERMIT No. 188

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REPAIR BUILDING

NOV 17 1941

Second Class Building

Portland, Maine, Nov. 17, 1941

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to repair the following described building in accordance with the Laws of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 330 Congress Street Within fire limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Portland Savings Bank Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address King Byland, 219 Cumberland Ave. Telephone 3-2227

Use of building Storage, Office and Hall

No. stories 3 Style of roof hip Type of present roof covering slate

General Description of New Work

To make necessary repairs after fire, no alterations.
Second floor - replace floor timbers and flooring
third

If Roof Covering is to be Repaired or Renewed

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____

Are repairs or renewal due to damage by fire? yes If so, what area damaged? _____ sq. ft.

Area of roof to be repaired now? _____ sq. ft.

Type of roofing to be used _____ No. of ties _____

Trade name and grade of roof covering to be used _____

Estimated cost \$ 101 _____ Fee \$ 50 _____

Portland Savings Bank

Signature of owner H. Byland

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RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF PORTLAND

Permit No. 44/1789

Location 350 Congress St.

Owner Portland Savings Bank

Date of permit 1/17/44

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif. INSPECTION NOT COMPLETE

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Western end of second floor finished in main hall area. No record papers located in building has been removed at 2nd floor quarter two floor from ground floor main hall but all windows called for by Portland Savings Bank will be in condition as per

I have classified in to per main req. & have a 1/1

Photo taken & returned

Miss Weston:

Nov. 2
If Mr. Gould comes in or phones, please tell him as follows:

Section 206-f-9 of the Building Code represents the only regulations that I know of by the city that would apply to his proposition of showing motion pictures in City Hall. I think he can best get the idea of it by reading over this paragraph.

City Hall auditorium is reckoned as a major assembly accommodating more than 500 persons, and if I understand the first sentence of this paragraph, motion picture machines may only be used (either those using commercial film or which use an arc lamp) if a permanent enclosure as described in the paragraph. Of course there is no such permanent enclosure in the auditorium.

It is my belief therefore that the Building Code does not allow showing of moving pictures in the City Hall auditorium except when the films are all safety films, and when the machines do not use arc lamps.

If his machines do not have arc lamps (I am afraid they do) and if all of the film would be safety film, no enclosure is required, but may be used if desired.

wmed

10/1/41

Please make his inquiry on an inquiry blank street number of City Hall and file this answer with it.



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO BUILD

CLASS BUILDING

Portland, Maine, _____ 19__

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to build, according to the following specifications, the Laws of the State of Maine, and the Building Ordinance of the City of Portland:

Location _____ Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? _____

Owner's name and address? _____

Contractor's name and address? _____

Architect's name and address? _____

Proposed occupancy of building (purpose)? _____

No. families? _____ apartments? _____ lodgers? _____

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? _____ over 4 ft. high? _____ thickness? _____

Kind of roof (pitch, hip, etc.)? _____ Kind of roofing? _____

Kind of heat? _____ Material of chimney? _____, of lining? _____

Size of Framing Members

Corner posts? _____ Sills? _____ Rafters or roof beams? _____ on center? _____

Material and size of columns under girders? _____ on center? _____

Ledger board used? _____ Size? _____ Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2 x 4 - 16" O. C.

Girders 6" x 8" or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts will

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION



RECORD OF INQUIRY

Verbal in person _____
By telephone _____ Date 9/30/41

Location 895 Congress Street (City Hall)

Made by George R. Gould

Inquiry-1. Can temporary booth for moving picture machine be put in first

balcony or must it be on main floor, also what other requirements

2. would K.C.D. permit?

3. _____

Answer-1 _____

2. _____

3. _____

Reply by [Signature]

October 1, 1941

Albert H. Skillings,
Building Superintendent
City Hall

Dear Mr. Skillings:

Because of an inquiry made concerning the use of the City Hall auditorium for showing motion pictures, I have checked up the proposition against the new Building Code, and I am communicating this information to you to avoid bookings that may prove embarrassing later. I believe that if the city government feel that my interpretation of the Building Code is correct and that it works out with undue severity as regards the use of the auditorium, the Building Code should be amended to take care of a more extensive use of the auditorium and others like it for this purpose, rather than to leave the Code as it is and expect me somehow to fix up the situation in a hurry when some desirable showing wants to use the hall.

I believe the Building Code forbids the showing of moving pictures in the auditorium (on the ground that it is a major assembly hall accommodating more than 500 persons) unless all of the film used is undoubtedly "safety" film and provided the machines to be used do not use arc lamps.

As far as I can recollect previous showings in the auditorium, this regulation of the present Building Code, if in effect at those previous times would have prevented the showings.

The Building Code would allow motion picture displays in the auditorium, using commercial film and using machines operated by arc lamps, if there were a permanent enclosure of proper size, properly protected and properly ventilated. If there is to be sufficient demand for such showings, I recommend that the authorities consider providing such a permanent booth.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

MJH/R
CC: James Barlow
City Manager



(3) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT 0689

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class MAY 26 1933

Portland, Maine, May 26 1933

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 385 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
 (121 Exchange St.)
 Owner's or Lessee's name and address Charles A. McCausland, 121 Exchange St. Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Paul E. McLellan, 304 Ocean Avenue Telephone 4-3602
 Architect _____ Plans filed no No. of sheets _____
 Proposed use of building Offices No. families _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ 25. Fee \$.25.

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Last use Offices No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To cut in new 3' door in bearing partition (4x6 header) to use rear room of above offices at 385 Congress Street in connection with office at 121 Exchange Street

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
COMMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately, by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
 Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
 To be erected on solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
 Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
 Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
 Kind of Roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
 No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
 Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
 Framing Lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or Full Size? _____
 Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
 Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 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 parking be done other than minor pairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes _____
 Signature Charles A. McCausland

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Signature Paul E. McLellan

Paul E. McLellan

44392



(G) C. BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

0192
MAR 14 1934

Portland, Maine, March 13, 1934

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDING

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

Location 392 Congress St. Ward 3 within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Rosenberg Bros.

Name and address of owner of sign Morris Plan Bank, 392 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address The Kimball System of Portland, 61 Cross St. Telephone 2-5047

When does contract bond expire? Jan. 7, 1935

Information Concerning Building

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATE
OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED.

No. stories 6 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric yes Vertical dimension after erection 3' 4" Horizontal 5' 4"

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

Material of frame 1 1/2 x 3/16 and 1 x 1 1/2 x 3/16 angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material galvanized metal

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 1 1/2 x 3/16 angle iron top and bottom, Size 1" Galv cable uplift

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street 6'

Fee \$ _____

Signature of contractor

The Kimball System P.C.

Oliver T. Suroboth

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Temporary
Permit No. 17-3.....
Renewal

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY
SIGNS WITHIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

Portland, Me. January 28, 1933

The undersigned applies for permission to erect and maintain the following described temporary sign within Fire District No. 1, in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland and the following specifications:

Location. 209 Congress Street.....Ward. A.....

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached. Rosenberg Bros......

Name and address of owner of sign. Manufacturers Outlet.....

Sign contractor's name and address. Flynn, The Painter, 245 Middle St. Phone 3-3855.....

Overall dimensions of sign. 6 ft. x 10 ft. Material of face. Gal. Cloth frame. wood.....

In what story erected. 1st..... Will sign cover any part of window or door opening. Window Transom.....

Signature. Flynn, The Painter
Edmund J. Keener

Approved. Feb. 23, 1933, Warren W. Donald
Inspector of Buildings.

Date on which permission to maintain this sign expires. March 25, 1933..... 93 05

Application for renewal.....to.....

March 25, 1933.....April 25, 1933

.....19... Signature Flynn, The Painter..... 9408/1

3/21/33.....35

By Edmund J. Keener

Approved. 3/21/33.....Warren W. Donald

Inspector of Buildings.

Application for renewal... April 25, 1933.....to.....May 25, 1933.....

Flynn, The Painter

... April 21, 1933 Signature.....

By Edmund J. Keener

Approved. April 21, 1933.....Warren W. Donald

Inspector of Buildings.

Application for renewal... May 25, 1933.....to.....June 25, 1933.....

Flynn, The Painter

... June 5, 1933 Signature.....

By.....

Approved. June 5, 1933.....Warren W. Donald

Inspector of Buildings. 9701

Note to owner of sign: Preserve this certificate. If it is desired to maintain sign for a period longer than that allowed above, present this certificate at the Department of Building Inspection before the allowed period has elapsed, and permission for an additional period will be approved hereon, if sign is in good condition.

Ward _____ Temp Sign Permit No _____

Location _____

Owner of sign _____

Sign hanger _____

Date of permit _____

End of initial period _____

Date of renewal _____

End of 2nd period _____

Date of renewal _____

End of 3rd period _____

Date of renewal _____

End of 4th period _____

Removal noted _____

TP#5-1932

January 16, 1933

Flynn, The Painter
245 Middle Street
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

With relation to the temporary sign at 338 Congress Street for the Manufacturer's Outlet, I note that through some oversight you failed to renew the permit for this sign over almost an entire thirty day period.

I realize that this was no doubt unintentional on your part, but must request that you adopt some system to keep these permits valid.

In an effort to help out along this line in the future, we shall endeavor to send to you and other sign hangers in similar circumstances, a notice of the fact that such temporary permit expires two or three days before the expiration date. This notice, of course, will do no good unless it is noted upon.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

FU/HC

Temporary Permit No. TP-3.....

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY SIGNS WITHIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

Portland, Me.....19....

The undersigned applies for permission to erect and maintain the following described temporary sign within Fire District No. 1, in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland and the following specifications:

- Location.....Ward.....
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached.....
Name and address of owner of sign.....
Sign contractor's name and address.....Phone.....
Overall dimensions of sign.....Material of face.....of frame.....
In what story erected.....Will sign cover any part of window or door opening.....

Signature.....

Approved.....19...
Inspector of Buildings.

Date on which permission to maintain this sign expires.....

Manufacturer's Outlet - TP-3

Application for renewal...November 25th..1932..to.....December 25th..1932.....

Flynn, The Painter

..January 13,..19 33,Signature.....
By Edmund J. Greeney 1841

Approved..January 13,..1933..W. W. McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

Application for renewal..December 25th..1932....to.....January 25th..1933.....

Flynn, The Painter

..January 13,..1933,Signature.....
By Edmund J. Greeney 91841

Approved..Jan. 13,..19 33..W. W. McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

Application for renewal..January 25..1933.....to.....February 25..1933.....

Flynn, The Painter

..January 24..19 33Signature.By.....
By J. Greeney 92201

Approved..1/24/33..19..W. W. McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

Note to owner of sign: Preserve this certificate. If it is desired to maintain sign for a period longer than that allowed above, present this certificate at the Department of Building Inspection before the allowed period has elapsed, and permission for an additional period will be approved hereon, if sign is in good condition.

19' X 3' Old cloth on frame

388
Congres. 18.

PERMIT ISSUED

Temporary Permit No. 3 JUN 18 1932

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT AND MAINTAIN TEMPORARY SIGNS WITHIN FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1.

The undersigned applies for permission to erect and maintain the following described temporary sign within Fire District No. 1, in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland and the following specifications:

Location... 388 Congress Street... Ward... g...
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached... Rosenberg Bros. 85 Exchange St.
Name and address of owner of sign... Manufacturer's Outlet, 388 Congress St.
Sign contractor's name and address... Flynn, The Painter, 245 Middle
Overall dimensions of sign... 3' x 19'... Material of face... Oilcloth of frame... wood
In what story erected... 1st... Will sign cover any part of window or door opening... Transom window

Signature... Flynn, The Painter,
By... [Signature]
Approved... [Signature] E. J. Greeney
Inspector of Buildings.

Date on which permission to maintain this sign expires... August 15, 1932

Application for renewal... August 15, 1932... to... September 15, 1932

Flynn, The Painter
August 15... 1932, Signature... E. J. Greeney
Approved... 8/15/32... Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

Application for renewal... September 21, 1932... to... October 21, 1932

September 21... 1932, Signature... E. J. Greeney
Approved... 9/21/32... Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

Application for renewal... October 25, 1932... to... November 25, 1932

October 25... 1932, Signature... E. J. Greeney
Approved... 10/25/32... Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings.

Note to owner of sign: Preserve this certificate. If it is desired to maintain sign for a period longer than that allowed above, present this certificate at the Department of Building Inspection before the allowed period has elapsed, and permission for an additional period will be approved hereon, if sign is in good condition.

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

2592

Permit No. _____
Building or Type of Structure: Second Class Nov
Portland, Maine, November 10, 1930

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 302 Congress Street Ward 3 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Rosenberg Bros. Inc. et al 85 Exchange St Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address E. Krood, 106 Congress St. Telephone P 1674
Architect's name and address _____
Proposed use of building stores and offices No. families _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Plans filed as part of this application? no No. of sheets _____
Estimated cost \$ 25. Fee \$.25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 3 1/2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use stores and offices No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To remove ~~three~~ two non-bearing partitions on first floor to enlarge store (one 15' 5" and one 25' long)

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

Details of New Work

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____
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 _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____
Kind of heat _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on center _____
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 or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes
Signature of owner Rosenberg Bros. Inc.

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Signature of owner E. Krood

3647A

Ward 3 Permit No. 305592

Location 388 Congress St.

Owner Bremenberg Bar

Date of permit 11/10/30

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Record of Inquiry

Verbal in person

By telephone

Date 6/20/30

Location

388 Congress St
Press Herald + Slavis Bldgs (Gray's Business College)

Made by

Mr. Wardwell of Press Herald

Inquiry-1

1. If permission can be obtained to cut doorway thru from one building to
2. the other for one of tenants. The publishing
company is not greatly desirous of doing
3. this, but are anxious to please tenant

Answer-1

1. if it can be done legally and without
increasing their insurance rate.

2. Answer: That I thought opening could
be made if fire doors were put on each
3. side of opening, but that I would have

Mr. Mc Donald call Mr. Wardwell and
tell him just what can be done

Reply by

A. J. S.

MS
Mr 6/20/30



(GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE)

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT No. 6954
MAY 20 1930
ISSUED

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, May 19, 1930

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 390 Congress Street Ward 5 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Portland Morris Plan Bank Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address F. W. Cunningham & Sons, 181 State St. Telephone 5280

Architect's name and address _____

Proposed use of building Offices No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use Offices No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To relocate front entrance from one side of room to the other, no structural change, entrance to be recessed 6", door to swing outward

To partition off one new room 4' x 9' in existing large room (glazed partition)

To partition off closet as shown on plan

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 _____ Distance, heater to chimney _____

If oil burner, name and model _____

Capacity and location of oil tanks _____

Is gas fitting involved? _____ Size of service _____

Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____

Material columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions): 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ roof _____

Or centers: 1st floor _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ roof _____

Maximum span: 1st floor _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ roof _____

If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no

Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. sheets 1

Estimated cost \$ 5999.1000. Fee \$ 3.75 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

Portland Morris Plan Bank

F. W. Cunningham & Sons

Signature of owner _____

INSPECTION COPY

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No. 30/954

Congress St.

Bank
Holland Marine Club

Date of permit 5/20/30

Notif. closing-in 5/22/30 - 2:05 P.M.

Inspn. closing-in 5/23/30 - G.J.

Final Notif.

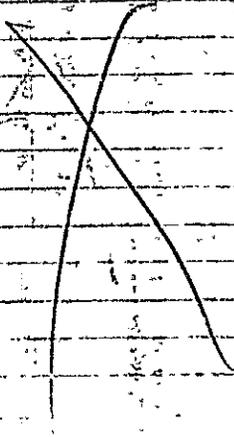
Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

5/23/30 - Permission
given engineer to
close in his per-
titions - A.J.P.

7/7/30 - Work about
completed - A.J.P.





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, Me., February 15, 1924

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS:

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

Location 398 Congress Street Ward 3 in fire-limits? yes
 Name of Owner or Lessee, Rosenberg Bros Address 85 Exchange Street
 " " Contractor, Geo Marland " Everett Street
 " " Architect, "
 Material of Building is brick Style of Roof, ditch Material of Roofing, slate
 Size of Building is 100 feet long; 42 ft feet wide. No. of Stories, 3 1/2
 Cellar Wall is constructed of stone is inches wide on bottom and batters to inches on top.
 Underpinning is brick is inches thick; is feet in height.
 Height of Building 48 ft Wall, if Brick; 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th;
 What was Building last used for? bank No. of Families?
 What will Building now be used for? bank & storage of films

Description of Present Bldg. HINT REPORT

PERMIT MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE BEGINNING WORK

Detail of Proposed Work

..... Build cement vault in basement and on first floor
 all to comply with the building ordinance

 Estimated Cost \$ 500

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? Story.
 Size of the opening? How protected?
 How will the remaining portion of the wall be supported?

Signature of Owner or Authorized Representative Rosenberg Bros
 Address 85 Exchange St