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CONDITIONAL USE APPEAL

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CITY OF FORTLAND, MAINE

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS



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October 14, 1986

5-7 Grant Street

Ms. Joan R. O'Toole, Director Pharos House 197 Spring Street Portland, ME 04102

Dear Ms. O'lole:

At the October 9th meeting of the Board of Appeals, the Board voted by a unanimous vote of 6 to C to grant approval of your conditional use appeal for a sheltered care group home for 20 occupants at 5-7 Grant Street.

The granting of this conditional use appeal woul' enable Pharos House to relocate to 5-7 Grant Street from 197 Spring Street. You may now apply for a change of use with any necessary alterations needed to accomplish this relocation.

Sincerely,

Warren & Turner

Warren J. Turner Zoning Enforcement Inspector

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Enc. Copy of Decision

cc: Merrill Seltzer, Chairman, Board of Appeals Joseph E. Gray, Jr., Director, Planning & Urban Development Alexander Jaegerman, Chief Planner P. Samuel Hoffses, Chief, Inspection Services

Burt MacIsaac, Code Enforcement Officer

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All persons interested either for or against this Conditional Use Appeal will be heard at a public hearing in Room 209, City Hall, Portland, Maine on Thursday evening, October 9, 1986 at 7:00 P.M. This notice of required public hearing has been sent to the owners of property within 500 feet of the property in question as required by the Ordinance.

Ms. Joan R. O'Toole, Director of Pharos House, owners of the property at 5-7 Grant Street, under the provisions of Section 14-474 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Portland, hereby respectfully petitions the Board of Appeals to permit issuance of a billding permit and certificate of occupancy for the above location not allowed until this sheltered care group home is approved as a conditional use by the Board of Appeals in accordance with Section 14-137(1)a. of the City Zoning Ordinance and Section 14-474 thereof entitled "Conditional Uses."

LEGAL BASIS OF APPEAL: Such permit may be granted only if the Board of Appeals finds that the conditions imposed by Section 14-474 of the Zoning Ordinance have been met.

Michael Westort Secretary

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5-7 Grant Street

May 16, 1988

Ms. Aleida Dardis, Acting Director 5-7 Grant Street Portland, Maine 04101

Dear Ms. Dardis:

The Board of Appeals granted approval for 5-7 Grant Street to be used as a shelter care group home for Pharos House on October 9, 1986 and it is understood that the use has been implemented for the relocation of Pharos House to the 5-7 Grant Street location. However, the use of the second building adjacent to 5-7 Grant Street has never been approved for such use by Pharos House, although I understand the building may have been acquired for such a purpose.

The problem which has arisen is that the City Zoning Ordinance has a set of standards which govern the establishment of shelter care group homes for occupany by from nine to twenty individuals as a conditional use in the R-6 Residence Zone. The first of these standards is as follows:

"1. A sheltered care group home shall not be located within five hundred feet of another, as measured along street liens to the respective property lines."

Due to the problem described above, there would seem to be no way by which a second building could be approved by the Board of Appeals, without some variance to exempt it from the above restriction.

It is my understanding that the State is with-holding the sending of persons for the recently acquired second building until such time as its use is properly determined under the City Zoning Ordinance.

Sincerely.

Zoning Enforcement Inspector

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DEVELOPMENT, MANAGEMENT AND APARTMENTS 94 PARK AVENUE PORTLAND, ME 04101 (207) 772-4724

October 5, 1986

Mr. Michael E. Westort City of Pcrtland, ME. Zoning Board of Appeals 389 Congress St. Portland, ME 04101

Re: 5-7 Grant St. Pharos House (oroposed)

Dear Mr. Westort:

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This letter is in response to Ms. O'Toole's request for the conversion of the building into a shelt-med care group home. I must strongly urge that more information be made available to those of us who cwn property in that area regarding the effect it would have on the neighborhood.

My office has been receiving calls from all the surrounding neighbors regarding the type of clientele to be housed at this facility. No public information has been provided and we understand that pre-release inmates are among those to be sheltered. This is a residential only neighborhood.

I would like to point out that parking for meetings, visitors or any other activity concerned with this facility is greatly limited. Prior to the sale there was no parking provided and the situation has not changed.

Sircerely,

Ronald A. Vincent

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October 6, 1936

Mr. Michael Westort, Secretary Zoning Board of Appeals City Hall, Room 209 Portland, Maine

SUBJECT: Conditional Use Appeal, 5-7 Grant Street

Dear Mr. Westort:

We, Jane M. Flaherty and Raymond M. Flaherty, are the owners of the property directly opposite 5-7 Grant Street at 6 Grant Street.

We are against any Conditional Use of the property at 5-7 Grant as a Pharos House.

Section 14 of the City Zoning Ordinance states that a facility such as is proposed cannot be established within 500 feet of a church. The property at 5-7 Grant Street has a common boundary line with The Church of God on Fark Avenue.

This section of Grant Street consists of a mixture of families with young children who play in the street, some right next to 5-7 Grant Street, University of Southern Maine students who of course will be walking through this neighborhood at all hours, and some older families including senior citizens who have always resided here.

Besides the concern for possible child molestation or the increased risk of this we are concerned for our own personal safety. We are against the proposal to have convicts serve out their prison terms in our neighborhood when prior to this they have been in barred prisons with guards. It is a fact. that not all those leaving prisons will be completely rehabilitated which means that there will always be a strong possibil-ity of this house at 5-7 Grant Street being the source of crime in this neighborhood which never would have taken place if there was not such a heavy concentration of this criminal type in one house.

We are opposed to having a branch of the penitentiary system installed at 5-7 Grant Street.

Raymond M. Flaherty

Owner, 6 Grant Street

Sincerely.

Jane M. Flaherty Owner 6 Grant Street

Applicant: Joan R. O Toole Date: Oct, 8, 1986 -7 Frant St. Owners; John P& Rowelak Dyer JTS Assessors No.: CHECK LIST AGAINST ZONTNG ORDINY E Date -Zone Location - R-6 Interior or corner lot -Group Shelter (Shelter Carl Froup Home) Sewage Disposal · Rear Yards -Side Yards -× 7360 L 7360 B 28470 . Front Yards -Projections -L 6230 B 30/10 Height -Lot Area -Building Area 4.83. Conditional Use Appeal Area per Family -Width of Lot -Lot Frontage -Off-street Parking -Loading Rays -Site Plan -Shoreland Zoning -

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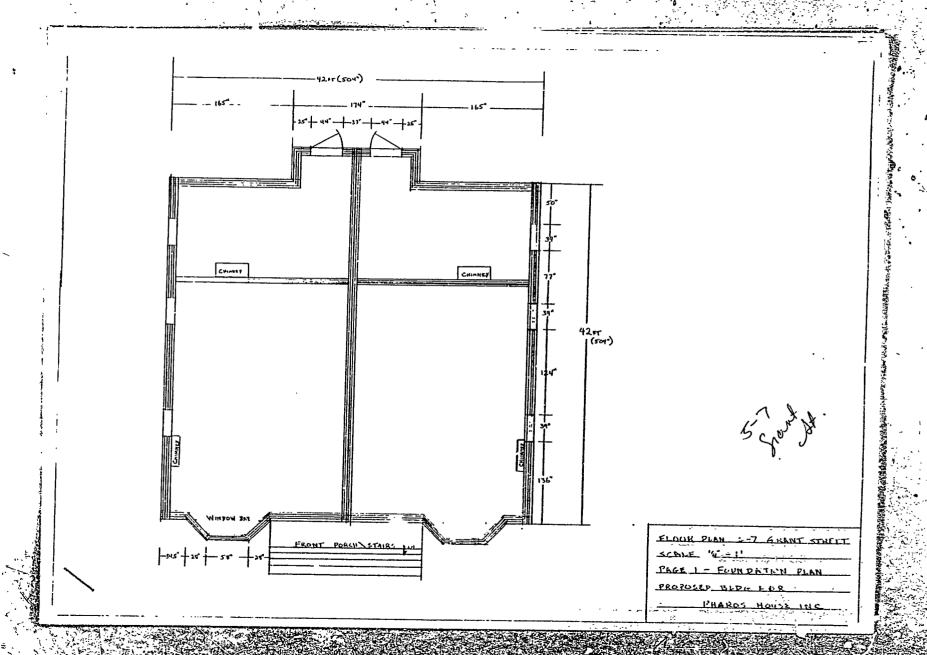


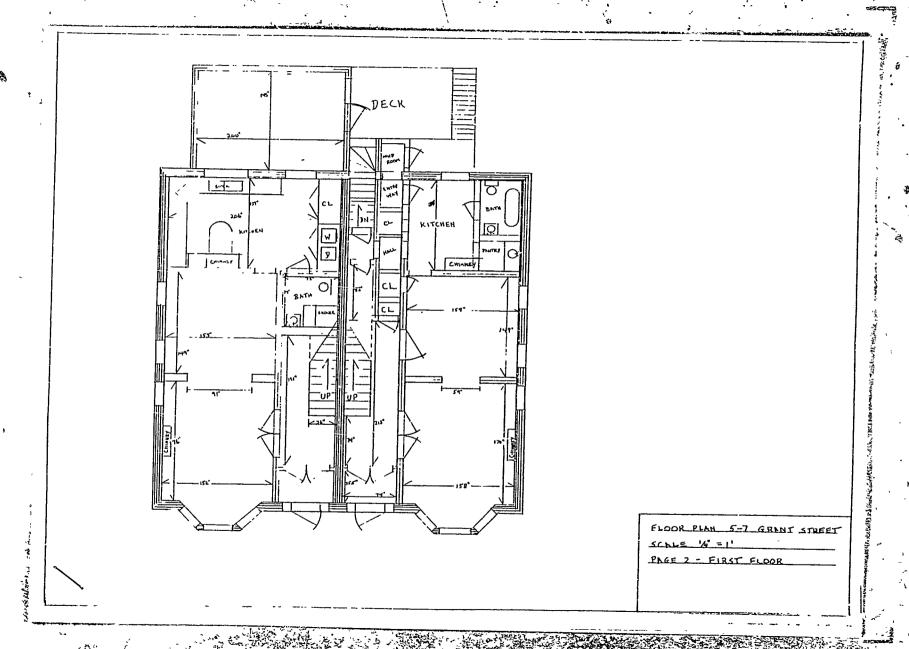
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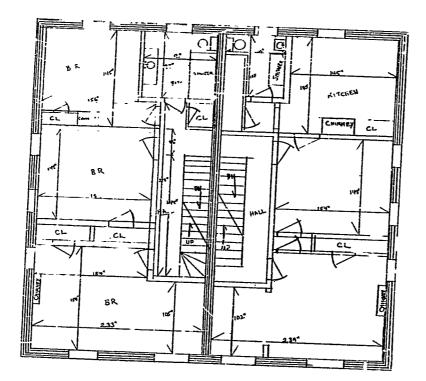
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APPLICATION

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Owner's name and address (if different): La	
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The undersigned hereby makes application for permit as above-described, and certifies that all supplied by him is true and correct to the best of belief.	information bosois
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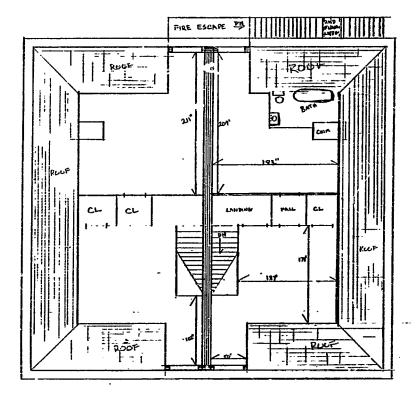


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July 28, 1986

Board of Appeals Zoning Office Room 315, City Hall Fortland, Maine 04101

Dear Board of Appeals Mer.be.

Our program, presently located at 107 Spring St., is in the process of trying no relocate to 5 % 7 Grant St. We are presently licensed as a lodging house with food service but Mr. Turner explained that requirements have changed and we would now be considered a sheltcred care group home. We are therefore applying for a conditional use of 5 % 7 Grant St. as a sheltered care group home.

We are planning no exterior alterations. A few interior alterations would be needed to meet fire and safety standards. These are outlined in the enclosed floor plan.

Pharos House has been in operation since 1972 at our present location. We are a halfway house for men on work or school release from the 2 state correctional facilities and Federal institutions. Our residents are carefully supervised. The purpose of the program is to provide a structured reentry into the community. We have an excellent record for success; 82% of residents completing the program yout of further trouble.

The purpose of relocating is to house more residents. We now house l1 men and the anticipated capacity on Grant St. is 20_{\circ}

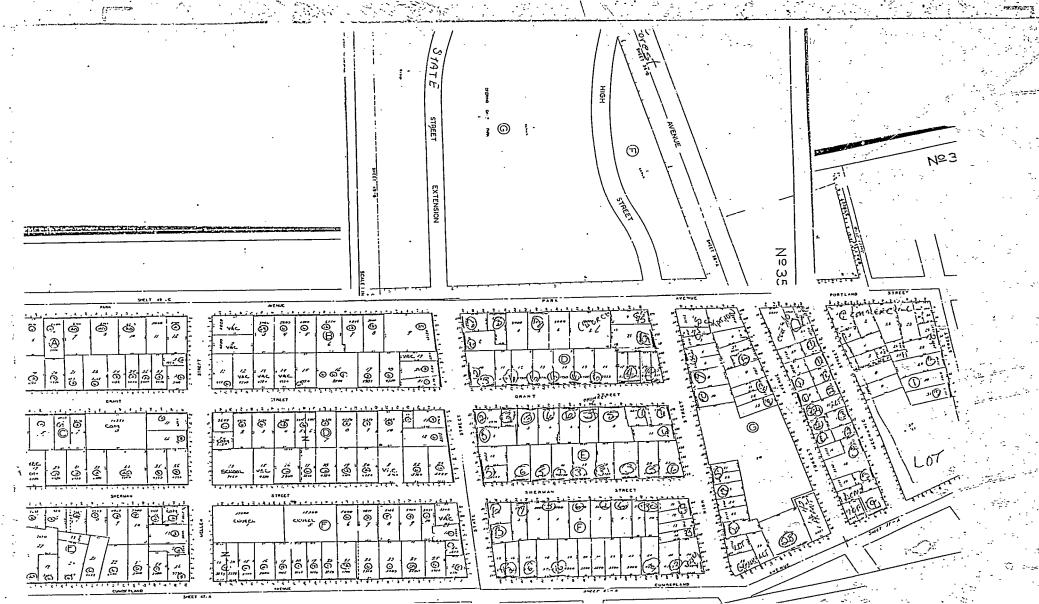
We do not plan to put parking spaces on the property.

I am enclosing a plot plan, a picture of the building and . floor plan as well as a signed Request for Appeals plan. If any additional information is required I will gladly supply it.

NEGETYED SEP 1 1 PRE Joan R. O'Tcole
Director

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The lighthouse island of Pharos is an ancient symbol for guidance through difficult times.



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE MEMORANDUM

FROM: Warren Turner, Zoning Enforcement Inspecto Warren Subject: Request for addition

Sept. 19, 1986

SUBJECT: Request for address labels-Appeals Agenda Halfway House Inc., 5-7 Grant Street

I would like to request the following Chart-Block-Lot labels:

35-F-1 35-G-1

35-I-1

36-A-1

35-D

36--E

35-F 36-G

48-B

36-H

1,3,4,5 36-I

23, 12, 11 48-D

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