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AP F-14 Congress Square-I

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October 22, 1946

Frost Street Corporation
119 Congress Square
W. S. Cunningham & Sons
151 State Street
Mr. Carl Conrad Brattin
2 East 45th Street
New York City

Subject: building permit covering alterations of
store and stores front at 6-14 Congress Square,
Building Code appeal relating to type of construc-
tion in Fire District No. 1 having been sustained
by the Municipal Officers on October 18, 1946.

Gentlemen:

Approved amendment to above building permit, the same not to cover the actual
construction work, since initial building permit is valid bearing date only, is issued
herewith to the same, subject to the following:

1. Since the customer spaces in the proposed store figures put to a capacity
of less than 20 persons, two "means of egress" are required. Therefore, standard directional
exit signs (see Section 812c of the Building Code) are required to indicate the door
from the larger customer space to the larger space and thence to the rear entrance
from entrance to alley. Also, the door between rear of larger customer space and
exit space should meet at least 24 inches wide (instead of 29 inches) to be counted as
part of a means of egress. Also, the entrance doors and the door from rear entrance to
alley (this door is already so equipped) require vestibule locks with thumb bolts.
The door between customer space and larger space should have verify a knob switch
on the thumb bolt. Reference—Sections 1007 and 1101-1, 5. Handrails are required
on both sides of each set of steps between larger room and alley because it goes both
ways 4' inches wide.

2. Less than eight inches thickness of brick masonry to cross the show windows
on the east side of the store seems highly eliminate, in view of the fact that
this is readily an exterior masonry wall. Does the foundation wall of the building
project far enough to support this wall?

3. I presume the new so-called "fiberglass" roof (at least that part of it which
will be visible if the building is designed), taken together with whatever slab may
exist there now to support the minimum live load of 400 pounds per square foot stipulated
in Section 814a of the Building Code; also, that there will be at least 6 inches
inch of concrete over the under side of the strength rods, and that the 6-inch
thickness indicates the effective depth—from the center of the strength rods to the
top of the slab.

4. Height of awning bar should be checked to make sure that the awning when
in the down position will not be closer than seven feet to the surface of the sidewalk.

5. With regard to the glaces veneer, I take it that in every case it is to be
locked in with cement plaster on metal lath, the plaster to be properly trowelled to a
smooth, flat finish, that the erection of the veneer will be in accordance with the
specifications of the manufacturer in every case; that the expense of veneer above
the show windows will be provided with mechanical anchorage to keep the veneer in
correct vertical alignment without relying entirely upon plaster, such anchorage to be
corrosion-resistant, that the vertical weight of the veneer is to be cared for in each
case by placing at the sides of the ledges by a continuous structural ledger, not relying

Fred Street Corporation
F. W. Cunningham & Sons
Mr. Carl Conrad Braun ————— 2

October 22, 1946

upon the mastic to support any part of the weight of the veneer. There have been some failures of similar types of veneer in various parts of the country, it appears that no certainly secure method has been tried out sufficiently. I am told that a band or seal coat ought to be applied to the plaster backing with a brush and allowed to set until thoroughly dry before applying the veneer; and great care should be taken to make sure that no moisture has collected on either the backing or the back of the glass before the mastic is applied. Failure to eliminate moisture at these points has been the result of several failures of such material. I am told that the mastic should be applied in uniform dots so just when compressed into position, it will cover approximately 60 percent of the area of the lace or glass for which it is intended.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

MHC/S

CC: Z. L. Petaine Company
614 Forest Avenue



Original Permit No. 45/1242

Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, September 28, 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 45/1242 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 6-1/4 Congress Square Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Free Street Corp., 10 Congress Square

Contractor's name and address F. W. Cunningham & Son, 181 State Street

Plans filed as part of this Amendment Yes No. of Sheets 4/10

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

Increased cost of work 2000. Additional fee 3.50

Framing Lumber: Kind? Dressed or Full Size?

Description of Proposed Work

To make alterations to store front and interior changes as per plans submitted.

Appeal sustained. 10/15/45

Free Street Corp.

Permit Issued with Letter P

Signature of Owner By: Sidney P. Ahern

Approved:

Chief of Fire Department.

Original

Commissioner of Public Works.

Approved:

Inspector of Buildings

10/27/45 Wm J. Williams

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✓ RMT
✓ PH
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✓ BH
✓ BS

A# 6-14 Congress Square-1

October 16, 1945

Mr. Carl Conrad Braun
2 West 45th Street
New York City, N. Y.

Subject: Application for building permit for
alterations at 6-14 Congress Square in this
City, including a one-story addition in front
of the building.

User Site:

With reference to your plans of the above work, please furnish the following:

1. A statement of design, signed as an individual by the designer responsible for the structural steel design and the unusual construction proposed to support the store front, this statement when received here to be attached to prints of your plans which show the scheme of wooden frame construction over the new show windows. This statement as called for by Section 104b3 of our Code reads: "These plans (.....) sheets and specifications, covering the erection of (name of building or structure) have been designed and drawn up by the undersigned according to the latest rules of engineering practice and to comply with the allowable working stresses, floor loads, etc. required by the Building Code of the City of Portland." (Signature)". Limit load for roof required by our Code is 40 pounds per square foot, allowable stress for steel is 20,000 pounds per square inch, allowable stress in hemlock or spruce is 1100 pounds per square inch, taking into account whether or not the members are stressed from full stress. Units of weight for building material are the same as everywhere, of course.

2. Some definite support for the low bulkhead wall beneath show windows. I am told that at least a part of this front comes over the cellar below. Where such is the case the present construction or the proposed members to support this work should be indicated. If part of this front comes outside of the cellar below, then stony foundations are required extending at least four feet below the surface of the sidewalk; if of concrete, no less than eight inches thick at the grade and no less than ten inches thick at the bottom of the wall if merely a trench wall with material behind it excavated to ten inches thick at the grade and twelve inches thick at the bottom of the wall if material is to be excavated from behind it.

I am told that it is not the plan to cut off any of the existing large brick pier near the entrance doors. It would therefore be well to show on the plan exactly what is proposed at this point.

3. I presume you have proven this type of suspended, light construction for store fronts made up largely of brittle materials like glass, that you have taken into account the shrinkable qualities of the timber, especially the kind that contractors are commonly compelled to use, and that you have foreseen and designed against sufficient vibration in this suspended structure doing damage to the glass and plate glass. Difficulties later in this direction would be liable to a price to pay to attain an architectural effect which apparently requires that there be no corner at the corners to firmly support overhead work in the usual manner.

4. Building Code agreed by the owners has just been completed to allow the frame construction in the exterior walls of the addition which is substantially under ordinary conditions in the Fire District No. 1. I know that all concerned are exceedingly anxious to get this done.

Mr. Carl Conrad Braun -----

October 18, 1945.

ingly anxious to push the job along, and that everyone will appreciate quick revision of the plans to the end that the general construction permit may be issued with the least possible delay.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

W.M.D/S

CC: Free Street Corporation
1. Congress Square

F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State Street

G.J. Watkins Company
634 Forest Avenue

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT



Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, September 28, 1945

PERMIT ISSUED

1242

SEP 28 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~exact alter repair and/or 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 6-14 Congress Square

Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Congress Square Free Street Corp., 10 Cong. Sq. Telephone 4-4282

Telephone _____

Lessee's name and address _____

Telephone _____

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

Architect _____

Specifications _____

Plans yes No. of floors 4 P

Proposed use of building Stores and offices

No. families _____

Last use " "

No. families _____

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof _____

Roofing _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Fee \$.50

Estimated cost \$ 100.

General Description of New Work

To Tear out ~~and~~ plaster and store front only in preparation for alterations to store
covered under separate amendment.

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

Details of New Work

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

Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of root _____

Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____

Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____

No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____

Framing lumber Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____

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

Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____

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

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

On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____

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

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

If a Garage

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

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

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? noWill there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Free Street Corp.

APPROVED:

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by:

Permit No. 4571242

Location 6-14 Congress St.

Owner Free Street Corp.

Date of permit 7/28/48

Notif. closing-in 11/20/45

Inspn. closing-in 112345 + G.I.

Final Notif

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

15/28/45 - 715

11.14.6 Work priorities

11/21/1952 Went to the
Stop Inn with Mr. & Mrs.

2-17-45-1

1/18/46 + Worked

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is quite terrible.

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AP 151 High Street-I

April 2, 1946

Bodges' Appliances, Inc.
121 High Street
Mr. A. C. Knight
184 Highland Avenue
South Portland, Maine
Miller & Neal Inc.
465 Congress Street

Subject: Building permit covering alterations
of first story store at 151 High Street

Gentlemen:

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

In order to get the permit issued and the work underway withut further delay,
while the plans are being revised and fresh prints furnished, it is understood that
in place of the present glass transom about two feet four inches deep across the entire
store front a shallow partition is to be hung on rods from the steel lintel, par-
tition to consist of 2x3 vertical studs, 16 inches from center to center, and covered
on both sides with plaster on metal lath or perforated gypsum lath--s been of sufficient
size to support this work to be hung by rods from the steel lintel and supported on
either end on the brick piers.

It is understood that it is the desire of the lessee to provide some type of
veneer over the brick piers at either side of the store front and the same material
across over the show window, depending upon what type material can be secured.

The original plans to be revised to show these details, including the method
of fastening the veneer and the fresh print furnished.

No interior partitions except dwarf office partitions are to be constructed
of no less than 2x3 studs no more than 16 inches from center to center.

The new rear doorway in north wall, if this doorway is closer than 30 feet to
a private property line or closer than 30 feet to any opening in an existing building,
is to be equipped with either class C or class F (labeled) fire doors set in struc-
tural metal frame. If more than 30 feet from all private property lines opposite and
from openings in existing buildings opposite ordinary doors and frame will satisfy
the Code.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

KMcD

CC: David Schwartz & Son
402 Congress Street

Permit No. 46/507

Location: 121 High St.

Owner: Bridges' Appliances, Inc.

Date of permit: 4/2/46

Notif. closing-in:

Inspn. closing-in:

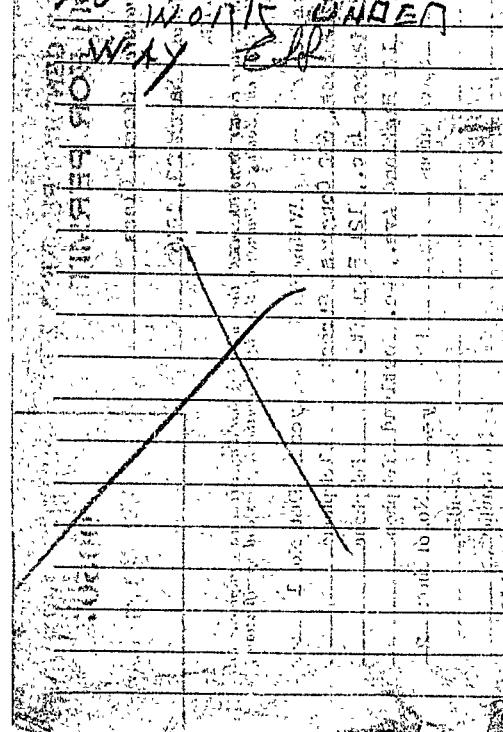
Final Notif.:

Final Inspn.: 5/3/46

Cert. of Occupancy issued: None

NOTES

5/3/46
140-115 CANNED
WATER





Public hearing set for Feb. 15, 1945

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Sustained
Oct. 5, 1945

City of Portland, Maine

Chairman Libby

Appeal to the Municipal Officers to Change the Decision of the Mrs. H. C. Frost

Fred H. Gabbi

Inspector of Buildings Relating to the Property Owned

George A. Harrison

by Free Street Corp. at 6-14 Congress Square

Herman B. Libby

October 11, 1945

To the Municipal Officers:

Your appellant: Free Street Corp.

who is the owner of property at 6-14 Congress Square

respectfully petitions the Municipal Officers of the City of Portland to change the decision of

the Inspector of Buildings relating to this property, as provided by Section 110 Paragraph 11 of the Building Ordinance, on the ground that the enforcement of the ordinance in this case

involves unnecessary hardship and because relief may be granted without substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of the Building Ordinance.

The decision of the Inspector of Buildings holds that a building permit is not issuable to cover construction of a one-story addition in front of a retail store because the addition is proposed of wooden frame (Third Class) construction within the limits of Fire District No. 1 where Second Class Construction (masonry walls) are required by the Building Code.

The reasons for the appeal are as follows: It would be a hardship to require the owner to construct the proposed one-story addition in front of building of masonry walls.

The premises face on Congress Square, so that there is no exposure to other buildings. There would therefore be no fire hazard to this or adjoining property.

Free St. Corp.

.....(signed)....by: Sidney P. Schwartz, Agent

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Adopted

City of Portland, Maine

IN BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

October 15, 1945

10/15/45
Norman

ORDERED:

That the appeal under the Building Code of Free Street Corporation at 6-14 Congress Square, relating to a proposal to construct a one-story addition in front of a retail store there using wooden frame construction within the limits of Fire District No. 1 where second class construction (masonry walls) are required by the precise terms of the Building Code, be sustained but subject to all terms of the Building Code not involved in this appeal;

BECAUSE enforcement of the ordinance in this specific case involves unnecessary hardship due to the practical difficulty and large expense to provide masonry walls and secure the architectural development intended; and desirable relief may be granted without substantially departing from the intent and purpose of the Building Code since the open space in front of the addition by way of public street is sufficiently wide to prevent exposure fire hazard to or from the proposed addition.

Seizing under Building Code of Appeal of 45/49
Free St. Park at 654 Congress Avenue.
October 15, 1945.

Present for City

Sidney Schwartz →

Mead of Bd: Ch. H. C. Libby

Mrs. H. C. Frost

Fred H. Gabbi

H. B. Libby

I. of B. W. McDonald

Harry Schwartz represented
owners in support of appeal

J. H. Jackson present on behalf
of E. B. Watson, prospective
tenant.

45/49

City of Portland, Maine

IN BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

October 11, 1945

Free Street Corporation
c/o Mr. Sidney P. Shwartz
602 Congress Street
Portland 3, Maine

Gentlemen:

The Board of Municipal Officers will afford a hearing at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, October 16, 1945 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon upon your appeal under the Building Code relating to the construction of a one story addition, proposed to be partly of wooden frame construction within the limits of Fire District No. 1 in front of the building at 6-14 Congress Square.

Please be represented at this hearing in support of your appeal.

BOARD OF APPEALS

Harry C. Libby, Chairman

CITY STEER

F. W. Cunningham & Sons
Attn: Mr. Fallon
181 State Street

Steve's Search

Location 8 Congress Sq.

Date 7/7/49

Permit

Inquiry

Complaint

In answer to your request
for expiration date.

At the June 28th council
meeting a 30 day temporary
license was recommended
relative to compliance
with Health Dept. regulations
in Burroughs Bldg.

Subject to compliance with
Park Assembly Ord.
No. 1 signature

Council voted a 30 day
Temporary license.

This temporary license
expired Aug 1st so he is on a
day to day basis and actually
no license. This according to
Mr. Beanting

O.D.C.



Original Permit No. 44733

Amendment No. 2

AUG 28 1944

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, August 28, 1944

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 44733 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 4 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Fren Street Corporation, 10 Congress Square
Contractor's name and address Emile McMillen, 491½ Congress Street
Plans filed as part of this Amendment yes No. of Sheets 1
Is any plumbing work involved in this work? no Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes
Increased cost of work none Additional fee .25
Framing Lumber: Kind? Dressed or Full Size?

Description of Proposed Work

To decrease depth of vestibule to be provided for new exit as per plan, door to swing out over platform or landing at least as deep as door is wide.

Approved:

Signature of Owner Fren Street Corporation
By J. P. Ahern

WBS, legal
T. M. Burroughs, M.D. Health Officer
Commissioner of Public Works.
INSPECTION COPY

Approved: J. P. Ahern Inspector of Buildings
AUG 28 1944

P. 44/753-I
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August 21, 1944

Burnham-McLellan,
Free Street Corp.,
Peter & Nicholas Valerian.

Subject: Approved amendment to building
permit covering alterations in restaurant
at 8 Congress Square, issued subject to certain
conditions.

Gentlemen:

Approved amendment is herewith, subject to the following:

O/L
1. Exit light over new exit is to be a standard exit light and angled so that it may be clearly read from the greater part of the dining room. The white light outside of exit door is to be on the same circuit and controlled by the same switch as the exit light on the inside and this switch clearly marked Exit Lights. I suggest that the outside white light be placed farther toward the outside if not entirely outside the entry way and that an extra large bulb be used, and that this light be kept burning at all times during the dark hours whether the restaurant is open or not with the intention of preventing all sorts of nuisances being committed in this otherwise dark pocket leading from the alley.

O/L
2. The new exit door is to be equipped with a "vestibule lockset" which is of such a type that any person on the inside can quickly open the door at all times merely by turning the usual knob or pressing on the usual thumb latch, without requiring a key or any special knowledge. Thus, no dead bolt or any other kind of a bolt or fastening rather than the cylinder latch can be used on the door.

3. I understand that the double line shown at the location of the exit door indicates merely the ordinary threshold and that the line at the inside of the brick outside wall of the building indicates only the inside of the well, and that there is no appreciable difference in level of the floor of the dining room and the existing granite threshold in the outside wall which is to be the tread of the upper of two steps leading to the alley.

4. I doubt if the wooden step lag screwed to the masonry wall of the building with angle iron clips will prove satisfactory. It would prove far more satisfactory if this were made a block of concrete extending four feet below the grade or similar so that garbage trucks or other vehicles entering the alley could not be likely to damage it. If the step is put in as shown on the plan it will have to be the responsibility of the owner of the building or the tenant who holds the victualer's licence to keep it in good repair and safe for use of the patrons at all times.

5. Handrails should be provided on both sides of the steps leading from the dining room level to the higher level in the rear where the women's toilet is located. It is to be borne in mind that if this construction is to be such as will cut down any of the aisle spaces to less than 30 inches.

O/L
~~Don't change~~
6. The plan does not show the swing of the front door. If it swings in it is to be made to swing outwards; and in any event, if not already so equipped, a "vestibule lockset" is required as indicated for the rear exit door and all other

Burnham-McAllister
Free Street Corp.
Peter & Nichols Valentzad

August 21, 1944

fastenings of every description removed from it.

7. A note referring to vestibule for women's toilet read: "Non partitioned studs, $\frac{3}{4}$ inch plywood two sides. New 2' x 6'6" door. Partition approximately 7'6" high. No ceiling over vestibule." Unless this height of 7'6" would carry the vestibule partition clear up to the ceiling, then a ceiling is required over the vestibule, otherwise neither the State Health Law nor the Building Code would be complied with. Both the door to the vestibule and the door to the women's toilet room are to be made self-closing by a suitable device.

8. The plan indicates for the new exit door where I have stipulated vestibule lockssets - anti-panic hardware. It is satisfactory, of course, to use anti-panic hardware but not required since the capacity of the restaurant is not 150 or more.

Very truly yours,

TMCB/H
Inspector of Buildings

CC: William E. Willard
37 Lane Avenue



Original Permit No. 43194

Amendment No. 1

AUG 21 1944

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, August 17, 1944
Supersedes original No. 43194

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 43194 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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: 8 Congress Square

Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address: Free Carpet Corp., 10 Congress Square

Contractor's name and address: F. W. Muller, 171 Congress St. 2-6951

Plans filed as part of this Amendment: yes No. of Sheets: 1

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

Increased cost of work: \$30 Additional fee: \$25

Framing Lumber: Kind? Dressed or Full Size?

Description of Proposed Work

In first item of original permit - door is not to be changed to swing out
To provide vestibule app. 5'x6' around exit near Congress Street opening onto alley
Door to swing out - 12" wood stop to be provided outside door
All as per plan filed August 15, 1944

Free Street Copy.
By Burnham-Wallace

TRAVIS P. BURROUGHS
Signature of Owner
CITY HEALTH OFFICER

CITY OF PORTLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Approved: 7/21/44 - TRP

Commissioner of Public Works.

Approved: 8/21/44 - WMB

Inspector of Buildings



Original Permit No. 14730

Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, Atc. U.S.A. 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 14730 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine and the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location: 8 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or lessee's name and address: Five Street Corp., 10 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address: F. J. Burdick & Son, 101 Congress St. S-4381

Plans filed as part of this Amendment: No. of Sheets 1

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

Increased cost of work Additional fee .25

Framing Lumber: Kind? Dressed or Full Size?

Description of Proposed Work

In first item of original permit is not to be changed to swing out - to be used for storage disposal only
To change door from restaurant to main hall of building to be changed to swing toward hall
All as shown on plan

Approved:

Health Officer

Five Street Corporation

By Burdick & Son

Signature of Owner

INSPECTION COPY

Commissioner of Public Works.

Approved: *Philip M. Burdick* Inspector of Buildings

Alterations, Restaurants

Program 99

7-19-44

Free St. Cafe owners, 130 Free St.
Dinner/Lunch Tenant Peter + Nicholas Valentino & Son, 89

CHS

I have been unable to get the name of a definite individual in the
Cafe. Assessors records give as above.
Mr. Linds said Sydney Schwartz, and Registry of Deeds said
Harry M. Schwartz is given as trustee.

There is some question if this will come under Pub. Law as it
is checked as capacity of 77 plus max. a employee. This is on the
basis of both rear rooms being discontinued as dining rooms.
Should any one of these other rooms be used for eating
space, the total would be likely to be close enough to
come under Pub. Law. Regardless of this, the 1st 2
provisions do not seem to be enforceable.

The entrance is the only means of egress from this
restaurant. There is a side door near the rear wall, restaurant
and another on the first back room. Both of these doors
lead into the alley but have been blocked so they
would not be available in an emergency.

This second means of egress as shown on plan does not
seem to be a good arrangement to me especially as there is
a door in the restaurant that probably can be easily
removing a little off the door or the rear room might be
used as a shower place. There are two other doors which
might lead to exterior, the one is the rear wall leading
to the dining room without any outlet and the door
in the right wall leading to the office, both of which is
closed after hours.

The rear door on the north west corner of the
plan but is well located for this emergency exit.
It is further 6' 6" off the floor in the plan above blocking
from the rear room.

We should have a layout of this restaurant showing the
elevator and giving the size of each and every room and
capacity.

Rept. 4901D-I

July 25, 1944.

Messrs. Peter and Nicholas Volentgas
Burnham-McLellan
Fred Street Corp.

Subject: Building permit for alterations
in the restaurant at 8 Congress Square

Gentlemen:

Provision for a rear emergency exit is very necessary for this restaurant with a capacity of 75 or more patrons, but there are some details with regard to the emergency exit proposed on the plan which may be difficult to accomplish. I do not know whether there are already steps in place beneath the raised floor of the rear room or not, but the landing at the foot of the steps inside of the proposed emergency exit door is required to be as deep as the stairs are wide. The outside door as shown on the plan is required to swing outwards, but there must not be only a single step at any point in this means of egress, and the outside door cannot swing out over any steps.

There is a door near the same position in this outside wall now, it having been blocked up but there is one step of more than a foot between the level of the threshold under this door and the level of the ground outside. It is necessary that this door swing outwards but not required to have anti-panic hardware since less than 150 persons are accommodated in the restaurant. Of course anti-panic hardware can be used if desired but a "vestibule lockset" will satisfy the requirements of the Building Code, this lockset being of the type with which any person on the inside can open the door quickly merely by turning the usual knob or pressing upon the usual thumb latch without requiring a key or any special knowledge.

There will have to be handrails on both sides of both runs of stairs, - those from the restaurant floor level to the higher level of the rear room and from that higher level down toward the new outside exit door. The treads of all of those steps are required to be non-slip. Standard exit lights (letters of word "exit") no less than four and one-half inches high and showing red upon a light background are required to clearly indicate the location of this outside exit door from the restaurant and a white light is required in the alloy outside of the new exit door, all these lights to be on the same circuit and controlled by the same switch which should clearly be marked "Exit Lights". These exit lights, one or more in number must be arranged and located as to show clearly to persons in the restaurant how to reach the outside emergency exit door. An exit light will be required on the dining room side of the opening at the top of the steps from the dining room and another at the rear of this opening with an arrow pointing down the steps leading to the outside emergency door. Perhaps a better arrangement than this can be arrived at, but it should be borne in mind that the purpose of the exit lights is to show clearly to everyone how to reach the exit door. It will also be necessary to have a white light just inside of the new emergency door and this too should be on the single exit switch.

If for practical reasons it is not found possible to arrange this new emergency exit as indicated above, this office should be contacted before starting the work. It will certainly be necessary for this restaurant to have a safe rear exit. If the one shown cannot be worked out for any reason there is another existing outside door which has been closed up just on the restaurant side of the

Messrs. Peter and Nicholas Valentzas
Burnham-McAllan
Free Street Corp. _____ 2

July 25, 1944

partition between the restaurant and the rear room at higher level, and this would make a satisfactory exit for the restaurant as to location, but it would be necessary to permanently move the booth which now obstructs it, take down the paneling, make the door swing outwards and equip it with proper hardware and exit light. If it should be decided to use this latter door instead of the one shown on the plan, the change should be covered with application for amendment and the approved amendment received before this part of the work is commenced.

All of this about exits is based upon the assumption that neither rear room at the higher level will ever again be used for patrons except as a phonograph room to reach the toilet room and to reach the emergency exit.

Very truly yours,

R.M.D.H.
CC: Dr. T. B. Burroughs,
Health Officer

Inspector of Buildings

GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. U-733

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 15, 1944 JUL 25 1944

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect, alter 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 8 Congress Square Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Free Street Corporation 10 Congress Square Telephone

Contractor's name and address Burnham-McLellan, 491½ Congress St. Telephone P-5951

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Restaurant, stores, offices, etc. No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost \$ 200 Fee \$ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Restaurant, stores, offices, etc. No. families

General Description of New Work

To put in new partitions to provide new storage room in rear of restaurant, and open up existing door to alley on easterly side - changing door to swing out with anti-panel hardware

To partition off new vestibule to ladies toilet - door to be at least 24" wide and made self-closing - 7' high closed over top

New partitions to be 2x4 studs, 16" OC wall board both sides

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

CERTIFICATE OF DUE PAYMENT
RECEIPTED IN WRITING

Is any plumbing work involved in this work?

Is any electrical work involved in this work? 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 Thrust

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?

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 Burnham-McLellan

Signature of owner T. A. F. BURNAH-MCQUEEN, M. D.

INSPECTION COPY CITY HEALTH OFFICER

Permit No. 44) 733

Location 8^o Cuniers Sq

Owner Free School Corp

Date of perm 7/15/44

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 10/20/44. C.P.B.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES W.P.B.

10/23/44, 24, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
11/1/44 - 1/1/45
Filing except with mess
Branchman & Branting
Mr. Branting said he
was not going to
further than the
spot

PERMIT ISSUED
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(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Permit No. 1 MAI

Portland, Maine, February 27, 1941 19

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 127 High Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Free Street Corporation

Name and address of owner of sign High Street Beverage Co.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display 27 Monument Square Telephone 2-695

When does contractor's bond expire?

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 5 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 21 Horizontal 4 1/2 ft. CERTIFICATE OF ULTIMATE REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

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

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

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

No. guys 3 material cable Size #

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street 4 1/2 ft.

Fee \$ 1.00

Order of Fire Dept. Signature of contractor To be checked by
INSPECTION COPY

United Neon Display

Permit No. 41) 242

Location 125 High St.

Owner High St Beverage Co

Date of permit 3/1/41

Sign, Contractor

Final Insprn. 3/8/41, C.R.C.

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S. J. Green

Shop Inspection

3/9/41 ✓

Date February 26, 1941

Permission is hereby granted to The Beverage Shop
a tenant of the building located at 125 High Street
to erect an outside Neon sign over the public sidewalk.

Free Street Corp.
By Harry M. Savatz, Agent
(owner of building)



Appeal sustained
2/23/42

City of Portland, Maine

Appeal to the Municipal Officers to Change the Decision of the

Inspector of Buildings Relating to the Property Owned

by Free Street Corp. at 14 Congress Square

February 20, 1942

To the Municipal Officers:

Your appellant, Free Street Corp.

who is the owner of property at

respectfully petitions the Municipal Officers of the City of Portland to change the decision of

the Inspector of Buildings relating to this property, as provided by Section 3, Paragraph 115, Building Code,

of the Zoning Ordinance, on the ground that the enforcement of the ordinance in this case

involves unnecessary hardship and because relief may be granted without substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of the Zoning Ordinance.

The decision of the Inspector of Buildings denies a permit to cover alterations of the first story store at this location because a part of these alterations consists of an extension of the store front much like a bay window, which actually represents a small addition and increase in the volume of the building and is proposed of wooden frame construction contrary to the Code within the limits of Fire District No. 1 where the property is located.

The reasons for the appeal are as follows: The arrangement proposed by the prospective tenant makes very desirable this small increase in space, and wooden construction lends itself much better to the situation than the second class construction ordinarily required. On account of the extremely wide space between this store and any building opposite, representing by the entire width of Congress Square, it is the belief that the small amount of exposed woodwork involved would not increase the fire exposure hazard in any way.

Free Street Corp.

By:

City of Portland, Maine

IN BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

ORDERED:

That the appeal under the Building Code of Free Street Corp. at 14 Congress Square, relating to the construction of a small first story addition at the front of the building of wooden frame (Third Class) construction, contrary to the precise terms of the ordinance within the limits of Fire District No. 1 where the property is located, be sustained and that a building permit be issued to said appellant, subject to full compliance with all terms of the Building Code not involved in the appeal;

BECAUSE enforcement of the ordinance in this specific case involves unnecessary hardship by requiring a type of construction not adapted to this particular situation; and desirable relief may be granted without derogating substantially from the intent and purpose of the ordinance, since the small amount of woodwork involved and the large open space between it and any other building precludes any exposure hazard from fire.

HARRY M. SHWARTZ, AGENT
ROOM 23

TELEPHONE
4-4282

FREE STREET CORP.

156-FREE-ST., CORNER-HIGH-ST.

10 CONGRESS SQUARE

PORLAND, MAINE 3

45/1242

September 1, 1943



Mr. Warren MacDonald
Inspector of Buildings
City Hall Building
Portland, Maine

Dear Warren:

We have this morning received permit for alterations on store #125 High Street, this city, and want to thank you very much for same. We want you to know that we regret very much there was some little misunderstanding in connection with the prosecution of the work.

Our relations in the past have always been most cordial and friendly, and we have always found you to be most cooperative and helpful. It certainly was not our intention to deviate from the usual procedure and if we have done so, we are exceedingly sorry.

We are asking our architect to prepare details of the store front and will, of course, submit same to you before proceeding with same.

With many thanks for your assistance and for the prompt attention you have given our application, we are

Very truly yours,

FREE STREET CORP.

By *Sidney P. Schwartz*

SPS:em

Rept. 3720D-I

August 31, 1943

Free Street Corporation
10 Congress Square
Portland, Maine

Subject: Building permit for alterations
in the store at 125 High Street to ac-
commodate Postal Sub-Station

Gentlemen:

The above permit is herewith with the following understanding as to specifications and information not shown on the plan or in the application:

1. As Mr. Sidney Schwartz said the wooden paneling below the show windows along High Street front is to be backed up with plaster on metal laths. Care is to be exercised in framing the supports and nailers for the additional wooden trim on the store front to see to it that all of the concealed spaces in this wooden framing is cut off from the cellar and from any existing or proposed concealed spaces in the building by non-burnable fire stops, the store to be substantially as indicated on the Stegens' plan dated August 23, 1943 (elevation).

2. Both the new entrance door and the existing door leading to the passageway in the rear of the proposed station which in turn leads to the lobby of the building are to be equipped with "vestibule" locksets or equivalent arranged in such a way that persons on the inside may always turn the knob and open the door at any time without requiring a key or any special knowledge.

3. Both short runs of steps to the raised platform in the rear are to be equipped with handrails on at least one side.

4. If substantial deviation is decided upon from the plans filed with the application, revised information is to be filed with an application for an amendment to the permit now issued, and the approved amendment received before the changes are commenced.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

W.McD/S

CC: Messers. John Howard & John Calvin Stevens
187 Middle Street

GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

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AUG 31 1933

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 28, 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 6-1/2 Congress Square

Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or lessee's name and address Free Street Corp. 10 Congress Square Telephone 4-4282

Contractor's name and address Owner

Telephone

Architect John Howard & John Calvin Stevens

Plans filed Yes No. of sheets 4-1

Proposed use of building Stores and Office

No. families 17

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost \$ 230

Fee \$ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 6 B Heat Style of roof Roofing
Last use Stores and Offices No. families

General Description of New Work

To provide new store front at No. 125 High Street as per plan
To remove existing non-bearing partitions to provide one large space of two existing stores
to be used for substation for Post Office (20x50)

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

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENTS IS SATISFACTORY

Is any plumbing work involved in this work?

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

earth or rock?

To be erected on solid or filled land?

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

observed? yes

Free Street Corporation

Signature of owner

By Harry A. Stevens, Jr.

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GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMITPERMIT NO. 0303

Permit No.

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

MAR 19 1942

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To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, March 19, 1942

Supersedes application of 2/20/42

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 14 Congress Square Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1Owner's or Lessee's name and address Free Street Corporation 12 Congress Square Telephone 2-3246
Lessee: The Canal National Bank, 184 Middle St.Contractor's name and address E. N. Cunningham & Sons, 181 State St. Telephone 2-3246Architect John P. Thorne, 21 Free St. Plans filed? yes No. of sheets 7Proposed use of building Bank, stores and offices No. families 1

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost \$ 1,000 Fee \$ 1.50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____Last use Stores, Offices, etc. No. families 1

General Description of New Work

To make alterations to store space as per plans to provide for banking quarters

General sustained 2/23/42

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? yesIs 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) 2x16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner post 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? noWill there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yesSignature of owner By E. N. Cunningham & Sons Free Street CorporationSECTION COPY By Joseph DePeter

Permit No. 42)

Location 14 Congress Square
+ Where Canal Mall Bank

Date of permit 3/ /42.

Noti closing-in

Insp closing-in

Final f.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No.

of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

MAR 25 1942

Portland, Maine, February 20, 1942

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter 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 14 Congress square Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or lessee's name and address Free Street Corporation 12 Congress Sq Telephone
Lessee The Canal National Bank

Contractor's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Architect John P. Thomas Plans filed No. of sheets _____

Proposed use of building Stores and Offices No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ _____

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Stores and Offices No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To make interior and exterior alterations to provide in the basement and first story, banking rooms, including six extending the store front on private property toward the street line of Congress Square in a sort of bay window effect, which is proposed of Third Class (wooden frame) Construction.

This is a preliminary permit to get settled the question of appeal. In event the appeal is successful, full information will be filed with the permit and requisite fee paid.

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____

Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____

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 _____

Free Street Corporation

Signature of owner

By

Ernest F. Spaulding

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Permit No. 42/303

Location 14 Congress Sq

On 2nd St Cupt

Date of permit 2/25/42

Notif. closing-in

Insp. closing-in

Final

Final Inspn. 5/1/42

Cert. of Occupancy issued

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4/3/42 Work well under
construction

4/10/42 Work well under
construction

5/2/42 Work well under
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5/5/42 Work well under
construction

5/12/42 Work well under
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5/19/42 Work well under
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5/26/42 Work well under
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6/2/42 Work well under
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6/9/42 Work well under
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6/23/42 Work well under
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7/15/42 Work well under
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7/22/42 Work well under
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7/29/42 Work well under
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8/5/42 Work well under
construction

8/12/42 Work well under
construction

Rept. 1304D-I

March 26, 1942

F. W. Cunningham & Sons,
181 State Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Building permit for
alterations at 14 Congress Square

Gentlemen:

The above permit is herewith, issued with the following understandings:

1. All spaces covered by wooden trim or finish on both Congress Street and High Street fronts, exclusive of the entrance doorway are to have the exposed woodwork backed up with plaster on incombustible lath, and all wooden framing of these exterior walls is to be firestopped from the cellar by masonry.

2. Drainage of the roof of the new bay window projection is to be taken care of by running back toward the building and connecting to the sewer.

3. A reinforced concrete slab and new supporting steel if found necessary are now being designed to support the bay window and take the place of the existing vault lights in front of the building, these structural parts to be designed for a live load not less than 400 pounds per square foot, the design plan to be furnished to this office for filing as soon as completed bearing the statement of design of the actual designer.

4. The new cellar stairs are to be no less in width than the present cellar stairs, and the cellar is not to be used habitually for the public or for any persons to work there.

5. I believe at present there is a door leading from the cellar to other parts of the cellar of the same building which, after a fashion, could be used as a means of egress. The plans call for this door to be permanently closed. The Building Code does not forbid closing this doorway, and the desirability of eliminating all possible means of access to this new occupancy is evident. Nevertheless the attention of all concerned is called to the fact that with the present threat of air raids hanging over us, cellars are frequently being relied upon as a refuge. One of the cardinal principles of such a refuge is that there may be two ways to get out of it. It has occurred to me that the tenant might wish, with suitable safeguards, to maintain this possible means of egress.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Free Street Corps

OVER

Free Street Corp
12 Congress Square—

Gentlemen:

The work on the toilet rooms which you have underway in the cellar is not included in this permit. Will you not be kind enough to have your contractor apply without delay for an amendment to this permit now issued to cover the work in the cellar, giving us the entire estimated cost including the plumbing fixtures and other work that would really be a part of the building.

Warren McDonald



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 119763

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 13, 1940 JUL 13 1940

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 10 Congress Square

Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or lessee's name and address Fred Street Corp., 10 Congress Square Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address Fox Fossett & Bertelsen, 26 Kent St. Telephone _____

Architect _____

Proposed use of building Stores and Offices Plans filed no No. of sheets _____

Other buildings on same lot _____ No. families _____

Estimated cost \$ 75. _____

Description of Present Building to be Altered Fee \$.50

Material brick	No. stories	5	Heat	Style of roof	Roofing	
Last use	Stores and Offices					No. families

General Description of New Work

To cut in 4' wide door in existing 16" brick wall, supporting opening with steel lintel (4x4 angles) fifth floor, to connect two existing rooms used by the same tenant

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____

Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____ Height average grade to top of plate _____

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 _____ Kind of Roof _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

No. of chimneys _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____ of lining _____

Kind of heat _____ Framing Lumber Kind _____ Type of fuel _____ Is gas fitting involved? _____

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

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

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-10" 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 relating thereto are observed? yes

INSTRUCTION COPY Signature of owner _____ by _____

Fred Street Corp. J. H. Thompson 253c

Permit No. 40/933

Location 10 Congress Square
Owner Free Street Corp
Date of permit 7/13/40

Date of permit: 7/13/40

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif

Final Inspn. 11/19/46

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Date Sept 1 / 39

As owner of the building at 127a High St.
~~127a~~, we hereby give consent to the erection of a sign project-
ing over the public sidewalk for Ide B. Jauber
a tenant of the building.

Free Ad. Boys.
By Sidney P. Howard sgt.
(Signature of owner.)



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, September 2, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.
The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the sign extending over a public side-walk or street.

Location 127A High Street (6-14 Congress Street) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Vine Street Corp.

Name and address of owner of sign Keyis - Ida B. Kenner, 127A High St.

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 27 Monument Square

When does contractor's bond expire? October, 1939

No. stories 5 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 34" Horizontal 4"

Weight 95 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

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

No. rigid connections 1 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts none, Size 1/4", Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 3, material cable, Size 1/4"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street 49"

W. V. Penrose.
Signature of contractor by United Neon Display

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Fee \$ 1000

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 1414

Owner

Date of permit

Contractor

Final Inspn.

NOTES

M.D. has waived shop inspection on this as they have
to put up to minimum requirements

Distance above 3 ft - 13-3½" measured
Ornamental Underside - Yes



(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No.

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class MAY 23 1939

Portland, Maine, May 23, 1939

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 10 Congress Square Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Free Street Corp. 10 Congress Square Telephone 1-1242

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone _____

Architect _____ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores and Offices No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost \$ 15. Fee \$.25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

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

Last use Stores and Offices No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To remove 6' non-bearing partition, second floor, and close up an existing door into public hall - this is to include in present beauty parlor an additional room as shown on plan

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

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 trees 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 Free Street Corp.

Signature of owner _____

INSPECTION COPY

No. 39/666
Location 10 Congress Sq
Owner Free Street Corp
of permit 5/23/59.
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 7/31/59. H.C.
Cert. of Occupancy issued ✓ H.C.
NOTES

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO REPAIR BUILDING

GENERAL BUSINESS ZON

Permit No. 623
MAR 29 1939

Second

Class Building

Portland, Maine, March 29, 1939

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 6-14 Congress Square

Owner's name and address Frou Street Corp., 602 Congress street Ward Within fire limits? Yes Dist. No. 1
Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone _____
Use of building Store and offices Telephone _____
No. stories 5 Height ft., Gross area sq. ft., Style of roof

General Description of New Work

To Repair after fire to former condition.
To strengthen first floor over boiler room, as per plan submitted.

When last repaired? If Roof Covering is to be Repaired or Renewed yes
Are repairs or renewal due to damage by fire? , Area then repaired sq. ft.
Area of roof to be repaired now? If so, what area damaged? sq. ft.
Type of roofing to be used No. plies sq. ft.
Trade name and grade of roof covering to be used
Estimated cost \$ 200.

CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Fee \$.75

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Signature of owner By: Frou Street Corp.
Walter H. Weber

Ward 5 Permit No. 39,303

Location 6-14 Congress St.

Owner Lee S. Corp

Date of permit 3/29/39

Notif. closing-in

Inspe. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 5/11/39 0300

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

3/30/39 Work not started

4/17/39 Work not done

except main floor

to brick masonry

4/22/39 Paintwork not

done. This includes interior

and exterior

exterior all field concrete

to sidewalk 1/2 way up 1/3

of wall. C.R. 1/2

5/11/39 Mr. William Schmidt,

said that ceiling not to be

finished in 2nd floor

or basement with the

ceilings not to be

finished until 5/13 before

paying 1/2 of balance