Retain file copy

481 Commercial St.

January 22, 1953

Miller & Beal, Inc.
465 Congress St.
F. W. Cunningham & Sons
181 State St.

Copy to: Portland Distributors, Inc.
481 Commercial St.

Gentlemen:-

A check of the plans filed with the application for a permit for construction of a one-story concrete block addition 24 ft. x 29 ft. to the building at 481-487 Commercial St. raises the following questions as to compliance with Building Code requirements:-

OK 1. Is the addition to be used for other than storage purposes? If so, what is the use to be? - STORAGE

? 2. Since one section of the building is of wood frame construction and is not cut off from the rest of the building by separations of 4-hour fire resistance, the entire building must be classed as Third Class Construction in figuring the maximum area allowable. On this basis the building is already in excess of the area allowable for an unsprinklered building more than one-story high, having two street exposures and built of Third Class Construction. Therefore, we are unable to approve construction of any increase in the size of the building.

? 3. The plans call for relocation of the so-called "cold room" in the building, involving removal of one entire masonry wall which likely now supports the roof of the building. Nothing is indicated as to how any such load is to be carried after removal of the wall.

OK 4. The plans appear to indicate that the new walls of the cold room are to be of masonry. If this is the case, information is needed as to the support of these new walls.

OK 5. Projection of the unreinforced concrete footings for the foundation walls of the addition beyond the face of the wall is indicated in excess of the twenty-five per cent of the depth of the footings, contrary to Sect. 307c3.3 of the code.

OK 6. Is the entire overhang of the wood eaves to be covered with metal, as required? What is the construction to be where the roof joists bear on the front wall of the addition?

OK 7. No spacing is indicated for the strap iron anchors to be attached to floor and roof joists.

OK 8. For what live load is the floor of the addition designed? It is noted that the girders supporting the ends of the floor joists next to the masonry walls do not figure out to carry nearly as much of a load as the girders under the center of the floor.

OK 9. The required statement of design has not been attached to the plans.

We are unable to issue a permit for any of the proposed work until information

Miller & Beal, Inc. - - - - - #2 January 22, 1953

F. W. Cunningham & Sons

has been furnished to show compliance with Building Code requirements.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

P. S. Where possible to show the above missing information on the plans, that should be done and fresh prints furnished to the contractor for filing with his application for the permit. Where missing information cannot well be shown on revised plans, the architect, as agent of the owner, should give a letter of instruction to the contractor and mail a copy direct to this office.

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED
01961
OCT 5 1951
CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, October 5, 1951

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 487 Commercial St. Use of Building Wholesale No. Stories New Building Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Industrial Realty Co., Lewiston, Maine Box 326

Installer's name and address Harris Oil Co., 202 Commercial St. Telephone 2-8304

General Description of Work

To install steam boiler and oil burning equipment (replacement)

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat boiler room Type of floor beneath appliance concrete

If wood, how protected? Kind of fuel oil

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace Over 15"

From top of smoke pipe Over 15" From front of appliance Over 4' From sides or back of appliance Over 3'

Size of chimney flue 10x14 Other connections to same flue none

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

IF OIL BURNER

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

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

Type of floor beneath burner concrete

Location of oil storage boiler room Number and capacity of tanks existing 1-275 gal.

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

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

Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners none

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Kind of fuel Type of floor beneath appliance

If wood, how protected?

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance

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

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented?

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

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

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

APPROVED:
OK. 10-5-51 [signature]

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 Harris Oil Co.

Signature of Installer By: Dana E. Archer

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(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
022[illegible]
NOV 2 1951
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Concrete Block

Portland, Maine, October 25, 1951

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner's name and address Portland Distributors, Inc., 481 Commercial Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Simonds Construction Co., Inc., 12 Monument Sq. Telephone 3-5123

Architect Specifications yes Plans yes No. of sheets 7 P

Proposed use of building warehouse and loading shed No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 3 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 8,000. Fee $ 8.00

General Description of New Work

To construct 1-story concrete block addition on side of existing building 37' x 61' 4" as per plans.

Permit Issued with Letter

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** Simonds Construction Co., Inc.

Details of New Work

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

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

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

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

Framing lumber—Kind 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?

APPROVED:

with letter by AJV

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Portland Distributors, Inc.
Simonds Construction Co., Inc.

Signature of owner by: John H. Simonds

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Permit No. 51/ 2 2 3 1 P

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Hall Distributing Co.

Date of permit 9/1/51

Notif. closing-in

Insp. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Insp. 12-1-52

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

12-8-52 Underground work started, 2 wks.

12-17-51. An existing outside pump will now be inside of this new addition. Owner says this pump is for Diesel Engine Oil. Our records show a change from fuel oil to gas for private use in 1947 tank is 1500 gals.

7-21-57 memo to Chief Sanitarian - [illegible]

File: BP 481 Commercial Street-I

December 21, 1951

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief of the Fire Department

Warren McDonald, Insptr. of Bldgs.

Electric pump in loading shed at 481 Commercial Street

Several months ago we issue a permit for construction of an addition for a loading shed on the west end of the warehouse of Portland Distributors, Inc. at 481 Commercial Street on a paved area used for loading and unloading purposes. At the time of a recent inspection an inspector from this department found that there is an electric pump located close to the original building, the pump now being within the addition. He has been informed by the proprietors of the business that they plan to leave the pump in the present location. They say that the pump is used in connection with an underground storage tank for the pumping of Diesel oil into the tanks of their trucks.

Our records indicate that in 1947 a permit was issued at this location to change the use of an existing 1500 gallon underground tank from storage of fuel oil to storage of gasoline. The permit also included the installation of an electric pump. At this time the installation was of course outside of any building. We have no record of any change from storage of gasoline to storage of Diesel oil. The new addition is constructed and equipped so that it may lawfully be used for storage of motor vehicles overnight as well as for loading and unloading purposes.

We are not sure whether or not there is any hazard involved in having a pump used for such a purpose inside of a building but believe that it is not the usual practice to allow pumps for gasoline in such a location. Of course it is perfectly possible for them to change back to storage of gasoline at any time unbeknown to anyone. We are unable to find anything in the Building Code governing such a condition and are therefore reporting the matter to you for consideration and whatever action you may deem warranted.

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/G

AP 481 Commercial Street-I

November 2, 1951

Simonds Construction Company, Inc.
12 Monument Square
Portland, Maine

Copies to: Portland Distributors, Inc.
481 Commercial Street
Miller & Beal, Inc.
465 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

Building permit for construction of a one story addition 37' x 61' for a loading area on the westerly side of the building at 481 Commercial Street is issued herewith based on the plans filed with the application but subject to the conditions listed below. If for any reason you are unable or unwilling to provide the construction indicated, no work is to be started and the permit is to be returned to this office for adjustment. Conditions under which the permit is issued are as follows:

1. It is understood that trucks are to be driven into the new addition for loading and unloading purposes and may be stored there overnight. On this basis the addition is classed as a major garage and the construction of the addition and the separation provided between the addition and the existing building meets the requirements of the Building Code for such a use.

2. A second means of egress by way of a door at least 2' wide and 6' 4" high is required from the rear part of the addition. This may be by way of a pass door of this size in the large entrance door farthest from Commercial Street or may be a separate opening in the rear wall of the building. Permit is issued on the basis that such a door is to be provided.

3. If there is likelihood that the small door in the Commercial Street wall of the addition will be called upon to serve as a means of egress for more than twenty people at any one time, a vestibule latchset is required on this door so that a person may leave the building at any time, even though the door is locked against entrance from the outside, without the use of a key and by merely turning the usual knob or by pressure on the usual thumb lever.

4. Th[illegible] fire doors to be installed on the openings to the present building fr[illegible] are required to bear the Class B label of Underwriters Laboratories in order to provide the 2-hour fire protect[illegible] Mutuals Laboratories and required. Care will therefore need to be taken to install only [illegible] doors on these openings, as only doors bearing the Class B label or better will be acceptable at these locations.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

P. S. When the method of providing the second means of egress mentioned in Paragraph #2 is decided upon, it is important that this information be filed here with application for amendment for the change this before that point in the work is reached.

AJS/O

PERMIT ISSUED
0084
JUN 13 1949
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, June 7, 1949

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 481 Commercial Street

Owner's name and address Portland Distributors, Inc., 481 Commercial St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Thomas Marland, 10 Everett Street Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Warehouse

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 3½ Heat Style of roof Roofing No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 100

Fee $ .50

General Description of New Work

1st story

To cut in opening in outside east brick wall 38" x 48". This will be used for loading purposes.

6/11/49

3½" x 4" lintel, 6" course of brick over opening

Permit Issued with Memo

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. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** Portland Distributors, Inc.

Details of New Work

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

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

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

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board?

Girders Size Columns under girders Size

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

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

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Portland Distributors, Inc.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by: [signature]
Mgr

Permit No. 49843

Location: 48 Commercial St.

Owner: Central Distributing Co.

Date of permit 6/13/49

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

5/149. Drawings made.
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Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

481 Commercial Street--Cutting in new opening in first story of east wall for Portland Distributors, Inc. by Thomas Marland, contractor--6/13/49

Perhaps due to some misunderstanding over the phone, the only indication we have, as given by Mr. Marland on June 11, as to the proposed lintel over the door is: "3½" x 4" lintel, six courses of brick over opening".

It is not clear what this member that is 3½" x 4" is. Obviously wood cannot be used. Perhaps this is intended to be two structural angles, back to back, each angle 3½" x 4". Obviously the member will have to be of non-burnable material and adequate in strength to support the load overhead which may include some floor loads from the stories above as far as any information we have goes.

WMcD/G

CC: Portland Distributors, Inc.
481 Commercial Street

(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED
No. 113
AUG 30 1948
CITY of PORTLAND

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 29, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Portland Distributors, Inc., 481 Commercial St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Thomas Marland, 10 Everett Street Telephone 3-0617

Architect Specifications Plans No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Warehouse No. families

Last use " No. families

Material ~~Frame~~ Concrete block No. stories 1 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 100. Fee $ .50

General Description of New Work

To cut in two 3-foot door openings in rear wall of building next to railroad track. One of these openings will be a concrete block wall and angle iron lintels will be provided to support the masonry above. The other opening will be in the wall of a wood frame addition to the main building. Wood sheathing doors covered on the outside with metal are to be provided in these openings. These openings are to be used in unloading merchandise from railroad cars.

To cut in ordinary sized doorway in wood partition between wood frame portion of building and the concrete block section.

70x58 = 2920
35+40 = 1,100
4020

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. ***PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO*** Portland Distributors, Inc.

Details of New Work

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

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

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

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

Framing lumber—Kind 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?

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? No

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

Portland Distributors, Inc.

Signature of owner By: W J Mullen Mgr

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Permit No. 48/1330

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Portland Distributors Inc

Date of permit 7/30/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 11/30/49

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

11/4/48 w/ w/ chg

AP 481 Commercial Street-I

September 19, 1947

Portland Distributors, Inc.
481 Commercial Street
Mr. Thomas Marland
10 Everett Street

Subject: Permit for alterations to building at 481 Commercial Street

Gentlemen:

Permit for above work is issued herewith subject to the following:

1. Because the new 10" I-beams will be on a span of about 14' and will support more than a 4' height of masonry wall, Section 303d2 of the Building Code requires that they be encased with fireproofing of incombustible material having 4-hour fire resistance. This fireproofing if of concrete must be poured into place, not plastered, and must have a thickness of at least 2" beyond the outer edges of the flanges of the beams. Wire mesh or other type of reinforcement, held at least three-fourths of an inch from the outer surface of the concrete, is required for this fireproofing.

2. Although no bearing plates are shown beneath ends of steel beams, no doubt they will be required and should be provided to spread the load upon the brick wall so that the allowable compressive strength of this type of masonry will not be exceeded.

In order not to delay start on the work, this permit is being issued without the above information being shown on plan or given in application. However, if the work is not to be done as outlined above or if there is any question concerning it, no work should be started and this office notified accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/S

CC: Maguire & Jones Company
33 Pearl Street

(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
02421
SEP 18 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, Sept. 16, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner's name and address Portland Distributors, Inc., 481 Commercial St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Thomas Marland, 10 Everett St. Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans yes No of sheets 1 Telephone

Proposed use of building Warehouse

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 3½ Heat Style of roof pitch Roofing No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 300.

Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To remove existing archway and door, first floor, and provide I-beam for support as per plan. This is outside brick wall of building, 8" wall.
To cut in two new doors front of building, 8" wall.
To cut in new 4'x4' opening rear of building, wood.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

Permit Issued with Letter

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

Details of New Work

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

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

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

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

Framing lumber--Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board?

Girders Size Columns under girders Size

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

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

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

APPROVED:

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Portland Distributors, Inc.

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Signature of owner By: R. H. Weiller Mgr

Permit No. 47/2421

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Portland Distributors

Date of permit 9/19/47

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 10/11/47

Cert. of Occupancy issued —

NOTES

9/24/47 Work not started
TPO

10/1/47 Came for inspection by contractor to clean up.
EAS

(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
No. 01631
JUL 12 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure Installation

Portland, Maine, July 9, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Portland Distributors, Inc., 481 Commercial St. Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address George F. Littlefield, Rear 243 Congress St. Telephone Fire Dept.

Architect Specifications Plans yes No of sheets

Proposed use of building No. families

Last use No. families

Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To change use of existing 1-1500 gallon fuel oil tank to gasoline for private use only. To install 1 electric pump.

Sent to Fire Dept. 7/9/47
Rec'd from Fire Dept. 7/11/47

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

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

Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof

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

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

Framing lumber—Kind 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?

APPROVED Chas. T. Woodbury
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Signature of owner Geo. E. Littlefield
Contractor

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Permit No. 47/1631

Location 481 Commercial St

Owner Portland Distributors

Date of permit 7/12/47

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

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(b) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
00818
MAY 11 1946

Class of Building or Type of Structure Refrigeration

Portland, Maine, May 9, 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 2 1

Owner's name and address Portland Distributors, Inc., 481 Commercial St. Telephone 2-1995

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address owners Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Warehouse No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 3½ Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To install refrigeration equipment - as per plan.

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

Dealer to Fire Dept. 5/9/46
Recd from Fire Dept. 5/10/46

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing 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 roof

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

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

Framing lumber—Kind 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?

APPROVED: [signature]
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

Portland Distributors, Inc.

Signature of owner By: [signature] Mgr.

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Permit No. 46/818

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Portland Distributors

Date of permit 5/11/46

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 5/13/46

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

5/13/46 - P.I.F. - [illegible]

INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second

Portland, Maine, May 8, 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? Dist. No.

Owner's name and address Portland Distributors Inc., 481 Commercial Street Telephone 2-1995

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address owners Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans no No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Warehouse No. families

Last use " No. families

Material Brick No. stories 2½ Heat steam Style of roof pitch Roofing ~~asphalt~~

Other buildings on same lot None

Estimated cost $ 25.

Fee $ ~~25.50~~

General Description of New Work

To construct 5'2"x12'6" non-bearing partition in basement clear to ceiling to provide enclosure for blowers in connection with refrigeration equipment.
Studs 2x4, 16" O.C., pine board - insulated with cork.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing 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 roof

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

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

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

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board?

Girders Size Columns under girders Size

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

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

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

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

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

If a Garage

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

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

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no

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

APPROVED:

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner Portland Distributors, Inc.

By: [signature] Mgr

Permit No. 46/801

Location 471 Commercial St

Owner Portland Distributors

Date of permit 5/9/46

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 8/14/46

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

8/14/46

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AT
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June 13, 1945

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief
of the Fire Department

Subject: Question of adequate exits
from second floor of the mercantile
building at 481 Commercial Street

Dear Chief Sanborn:

In connection with a building permit issued for minor alterations at 481 Commercial Street, Portland Distributors Inc., a plan of the second floor was furnished which shows only one stairway down from the second floor but two or three offices there.

This situation is called to your attention, not with assurance that the means of egress are inadequate, but that you may have it checked up upon as regards compliance with the State Law.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/S

(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT

Permit No. 56

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

JUN 12 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, June 11, 1945

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 481 Commercial Street

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Portland Distributors, Inc., 481 Com. St. Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Contractor's name and address Owner Owners Telephone 2-1995

Architect Telephone

Proposed use of building Warehouse and offices Plans filed Yes No. of sheets 1

Other buildings on same lot No. families

Estimated cost $ 600. Fee $ 2.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 3½ Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Warehouse and offices No. families

General Description of New Work

To close up existing archway to Office #2 and cut in new door to office #2

To partition off new toilet room with 2x3 studs, 16" O.C., covered with flexboard both sides, as per plan

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes

Is any electrical work involved in this work? ~~no~~ yes

Size, front depth Height average grade to top of plate

To be erected on solid or filled land? No. stories Height average grade to highest point of roof

Material of foundation earth or rock?

Material of underpinning Thickness, top bottom cellar

Kind of roof Rise per foot Height Thickness

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys Roof covering

Kind of heat of lining

Framing lumber—Kind Type of fuel Is gas fitting involved?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Dressed or full size?

Material columns under girders Size Size

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. Max. on centers

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

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

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

One story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? height?

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated, 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

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Signature of owner By: Portland Distributors, Inc.

Mgr.

Permit No. 45/568

Location 481 Commercial St

Owner Portland Distributing Co Inc

Date of permit 6/11/45

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 1/4/46

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

6/25/45 - Work underway

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D INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0788

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 5, 1944 AUG 5 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 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Portland Distributors, 481 Commercial St. Telephone 2-1995

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect Plans filed No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Warehouse No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 40. Fee $ .50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 2½ Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Warehouse No. families

General Description of New Work

To close up two existing windows on east side, second floor, (above roof of new platform) with 12" masonry (other existing windows on this side)

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 REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED.

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

Signature of owner Portland Distributors By H. J. Mallett Mgr

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Location 701 Commercial St.
Owner Pinland Distributors
Date of permit 8/5/44
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 11/29/46
Cert. of Occupancy issued None
NOTES

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0302

APR 21 1944

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, April 14, 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 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Eastern, Inc. 481 Commercial St. Telephone 2-1995
(Portland Distributors, Inc.-new name)

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect Miller & Beal Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Warehouse No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 75. Fee $ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material Brick Last use Warehouse No. stories 3½-1 Heat Style of roof pitch-flat Roofing Asphalt-T&G No. families

General Description of New Work

To provide shaftway for elevator as per plan
Studs 2x4 16" oc -

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

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

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Signature of owner By Eastern, Inc.
Mgr

Rept. 4256D-I

February 5, 1944

Otis Elevator Company
495 Fore Street
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Permit for installation of hand power elevator at 481 Commercial Street

Gentlemen:

Above permit is issued herewith, subject to the following:

1. Safety gates, operated by the elevator, or equivalent are required at first floor and cellar level, so that on the one hand a person may not be standing on the top of the car at first floor level and have someone upset him by pulling the cab up from below; on the other hand no person may be standing under or be walking under the first floor well and have someone lower the elevator down upon him from above.

2. The Building Code calls for tin clad hatch doors, operated by the movement of the car, at the first floor well; but obviously such hatch doors cannot be used in this case. Something equivalent must be provided. Noting that the car is to be cut down in height anyway, perhaps the top of the car maybe constructed in such a way that the very top will be level with the first floor when the car is in its lowest position; and the top of the car can be made deep enough with the flange all around at the under side, and the ceiling under the top be covered with metal, so that when the car is in its down position the flange underneath the top will fit snugly up against the under side of the well opening and present a tight metal covered stop against fire in the cellar travelling upward into the first story. Likewise, perhaps, the pit maybe made deep enough and the bottom of the car so constructed and covered with metal underneath that when the floor of the car is at the first floor level, the under side will have a flange up snug against the outline of the first floor well underneath, under side of car to be covered with metal, so that when the car is left at the first floor level the bottom will make a metal fire stop against fire travelling as of above.

3. I understand that the owners are to apply for a separate permit to cover construction of the well, pit, supports of the sheaves etc. On your part it is necessary that you have the original drawing that you have here traced and a blueprint filed here in its stead. You may take the original drawing for that purpose, but please supply the print without delay. While the drawing is being traced, please show on it the type, weight per foot, number and location of steel beams to support sheaves; also the method to be adopted in the car to provide fire stop at first floor well whethdr car is at first floor level or in cellar; also, if it falls within your responsibility a provision for preventing accident by way of gates or otherwise, both at the first floor and cellar floor; also the gross live and dead load of all of the elevator equipment, including sheaves, cables, steel beams etc. so that the owner and we may know how much load is to be deposited upon the wooden supporting beams to be put in by owner and upon the supports of these beams carrying the loads clear down to the cellar floor. You have given the capacity of 1,000 pounds, but I can find nothing about the dead weight of car and equipment.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/S

Eastern Inc.

Gentlemen:

Please note all of the above, and with your application for a permit file a detailed plan (blueprint) showing fully the material, size, spacing and spans of the beams, posts or other members to support these elevator loads down to the ground under the cellar; also the point of application of the steel beams to be furnished by Otis as regards the span of the wooden beams to support them; also insulated enclosure to be used above your present insulated ceiling of first story to enclose the elevator machinery in the attic and the door in this enclosure to reach the machinery from the attic. This enclosure should be built with no less than 2x6 studs no more than 16 inches from center to center and the door into this enclosure from the attic should be self-closing in the sense that it is normally closed and kept closed by a suitable device; also the framing around present insulated ceiling to support this enclosure in the attic; also the framing at the first floor level, including the existing framing, to show how the well is to be headed off; also it is not the responsibility of Otis to show the safety gates mentioned above or equivalent, show those on the plan also and the method of operation.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD:S

CC: Eastern Inc.
481 Commercial Street

P.S.

In reading this letter I discover that I have suggested an arrangement at top that would not let car go up. Perhaps this flange or overlap can be made in top of car at first floor level and underside covered with metal.

Permit No. 00000

APPLICATION FOR ELEVATOR PERMIT

FEB 5 1944

Portland, Maine, February 2, 1944

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to install an ~~dumb~~ *elevator* ____ *in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications submitted herewith, and the following specifications:*

Location 481 Commercial Street Ward ____ Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Eastern, Inc.

Elevator contractor's name and address Otis Elevator Co., 495 Fore St. Telephone 3-8058

Last use of building Warehouse No. families ____

Proposed use of building Warehouse No. families ____

Material of outside walls of building brick, interior frame wood

No. of stories 2 Style of roof pitch No. of existing elevators in building 1

Remarks

Details of Proposed Work

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Extent of work by elevator contractor ~~install new freight elevator in place of existing elevator~~ (larger)

Extent of work by owner ~~new door in floor~~

Type of elevator hand freight, in new or existing shaftway ~~new~~ existing (enlarged)

Shaftway enclosed or open open No. elevator stops 2

Capacity of elevator 1,000 lbs., Speed in feet per minute 35

Material of cables iron No. and size of hoisting cables 2 - 1"

Location of machinery overhead Material of supports steel, of guides wood

Minimum diameter of sheave: 22½" Minimum clearance counterweights and overhead beams 3'

Minimum clearance above car at topmost floor level 3'

Minimum clearance buffer plates and springs when car is at lowest floor level 6"

Type of power Hand Type of machine drum

Will elevator be equipped with the following safety devices:—governor? no, car safety? yes, electric brakes? no, automatic terminal stops at top and bottom? no, slack cable stops? no, safety floor stops? no

If Passenger Elevator

Passenger capacity? ____ Area of platform ____ Material of enclosure ____

No. of entrances ____ Type of gates ____, interlocked? ____, automatic closing device? ____

Will elevator be automatic or will operator be in attendance? ____

Will doors in shaftway enclosure be interlocked? ____

If Freight Elevator

Area of platform 4'x5'7" No. of sides enclosed 2 Height of enclosure 6'

Will shaftway be enclosed? no Self-closing hatch gates? door, height? ____

No. outside entrances to shaftway? no Self-closing slatted gates? no, height? ____

Miscellaneous

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

Estimated cost of work by elevator contractor? $ 390. Fee $ 2.00

Signature of elevator contractor By Lincoln M. Colpitts

Otis Elevator Co.

4536

STATEMENT OF ELEVATOR TESTS

PORTLAND, MAINE, ____

I, ____

as an employee of ____, have personally supervised the installation of alterations to the elevator ____, hatchways and enclosures at ____ as permitted under Building Permit ____, and have personally supervised tests of loading capacity and of all brakes, interlocking and all other safety devices, and I do here state that, according to my best knowledge and belief, the elevator ____ will safely carry the maximum rated loading and all brakes, interlocking and other safety devices are in satisfactory condition.

____ (Signature)

PORTLAND, MAINE, ____

STATE OF MAINE

CUMBERLAND, SS:

Personally appeared the above named ____ and made oath the statements by him subscribed are true.

____ Notary Public Justice of the Peace

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Ward: Permit No. 44/72

Location: 481 Commercial St.

Owner: Eastern, Inc

Date of permit: 2/5/44

Elev. Cont.

Statement of tests rec'd

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Certificate issued

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

NOTES

2/5/44 [illegible]

3/9/44 Called in regard to [illegible]

ELEVATOR PERMIT

43/62 Appeal sustained conditionally 8/27/43 [illegible]

City of Portland, Main

Public hearing set for 8/27/43

Chairman Libby	
Mr. Berry	yes
Dr. Leighton	yes
Mr. Harrison	yes
Mr. Harry Libby	yes

Appeal to the Municipal Officers to Change the I

Inspector of Buildings Relating to the Proper

by Eastern, Inc. at 481 Commercial Street

August 20, 19 43

To the Municipal Officers:

Your appellant, Eastern, Inc.

who is the owner of property at 481 Commercial St.

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 115 Paragraph a of the ~~Zoning~~ 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 ~~Zoning~~ Building Ordinance.

The decision of the Inspector of Buildings denies a permit to cover the construction of a one story open loading platform about seven feet by 25 feet with roof over of wooden construction because that type of construction is contrary to the provisions of the Building Code within Fire District No. 1 where the property is located.

The reasons for the appeal are as follows: The appellant corporation finds this loading platform outside of the proposed building necessary for its business. The platform itself is to be built of Heavy Timber Construction and would be permitted in the Fire District. The roof which is not permitted by the precise terms of the ordinance is necessary for the protection of merchandise and the comfort and convenience of employees. It would not be practicable at this time to build the roof of any material but wood.

Eastern, Inc.

By: Raymond S. Oakes, Atty.

Sustained Conditionally 8/27/43

42/62

, that the appeal under the Building Ordinance of Eastern, Inc. at 481 Commercial Street, relating to the construction of an open loading platform with roof over using a wooden frame, contrary to the precise terms of the ordinance within the limits of Fire District No. 1 where the property is located, be sustained conditionally and that a building permit be granted to said appellant corporation subject to full compliance with all terms of the Building Code not involved in this appeal and subject to the condition that the framing and sheathing of the roof shall comply with the provisions of the ordinance for Heavy Timber Construction;

BECAUSE enforcement of the ordinance in this specific case involves unnecessary hardship by depriving the appellant corporation of the convenience and protection of a roof over the loading platform; and desirable relief may be granted without substantially derogating from the intent and purpose of the ordinance in that the proposed limited amount of wooden construction work not ordinarily allowed, being well removed from other buildings, would not increase fire or exposure hazard in the location where the platform is proposed.

43/62

HEARING ON THE APPEAL UNDER THE BUILDING ORDINANCE OF EASTERN, INC.
AT 481 COMMERCIAL STREET

August 27, 1943

A hearing on the above appeal was held before the Municipal Officers today. Present for the city were Councillors, Berry, Harrison, Leighton and Harry C. Libby, and the Inspector of Buildings. In the absence of Chairman Herman B. Libby, Councillor Berry acted as chairman.

Raymond S. Oakes, attorney, for the appellant corporation, appeared in support of the appeal, saying that the explanation contained in the appeal form covered the situation.

Warren McDonald

43/62

Room 21, City Hall
August 24, 1943

Mr. Raymond Oakes
465 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

The Board of Municipal Officers will hold a public hearing at the Council Chamber, City Hall, on Friday, August 27, 1943 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon upon the appeal under the Building Code of Eastern Inc. relating to construction of an open loading platform at their plant, 481 Commercial Street within the limits of Fire District No. 1.

Presumably you will represent the appellant corporation at the hearing.

BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Herman B. Libby, Chairman

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

Dear Sir:

Having a full understanding of the application of FEDERAL WAR PRODUCTION BOARD CONSERVATION ORDER L -41 to the construction work which I propose at 781 Commercial St in the City of Portland, I DESIRE THAT YOU ISSUE THE BUILDING PERMIT to cover that work.

Karlin Inc
by R. Brakes, atty.

September 2, 1943

Mr. Raymond S. Oakes,
463 Congress St.,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Permit for Loading Platform for Eastern, Inc. at 431-437 Commercial St.

Dear Sir:

The Municipal Officers having sustained conditionally the Building Code appeal relating to the above on August 27, 1927, although the framing and foundation sketch submitted does not show compliance with the conditions ofthe sustaining order or with other requirements of the Code not involved in the appeal, I am issuing the approved amendment herewith, adopting the expedient of this letter in lieu of competent plans with the hope that you and the owners (they are receiving a copy of this letter because they are actually acting as their own contractors) will carefully observe the following:

Two conditions of the sustaining order are: (1) all requirements of Code not involved in appeal to be complied with; (2) all framing of both platform and roof to satisfy requirements of Code for framing in Heavy Timber(slow burning) Construction.

The latter provisions means that all framing members are to be no less than 6 inches in least cross-sectional dimension; all floor and roof sheathing tongued and grooved, no less than 2 inches in thickness; both framing members and sheathing to be planed or dressed on all four sides. These dimensions are nominal, reduction from normal due to planing being allowed,-for instance actual thickness of 6-inch timber, planed, is about 5-5/8 inches. This refers to slow ingnition and burning qualities rather than strength, the latter not being countable if the lumber is not there.

The roof framing shown on sketch does not comply with H. T. Construction, and there is not information to show what is intended anyway. Before you get to the point of erecting posts please furnish plan competetent to show complete framing of roof to support a live load of 40 pounds per square foot.

8x10 timbers shown in floor are heavier than needed, but must be planed smooth four sides, and no details shown as to supporting them on the building or each other, details which make much of the difference between a good or half good platform. Presumably you will run the 2-inch tongued and grooved plank out from the building to the outside edge, thus in a span of about 3½ feet which is all right. Foundation piers required to extend at least 4 feet below surface of ground. Probably more economical to eliminate 2 intermediate 8x10's across from building to outer edge and provide two piers under corresponding bearing points of intermediate longitudinal 8x10.

Please be governed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

CC Eastern, Inc.

[illegible], Inspr. of Bldgs.

Original Permit No. 43/598

Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, August 23, 1943

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 43/598 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 141-147 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? Dist. No.

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Eastern, Inc., 145 Commercial Street

Contractor's name and address Owner

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? no

Increased cost of work 200. Additional fee .25

Framing Lumber: Kind? Dressed or Full Size?

Description of Proposed Work

To construct 7' x 24'6" loading platform on ~~the~~ side of all of building, roof over same, as per plan.

Appeal Sustained conditionally 8/27/43

Eastern, Inc.

Approved:

Signature of Owner By: [illegible]

Chief of Fire Department

Approved: 9/7/43 [illegible]

Inspector of Buildings

Commissioner of Public Works.

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Rept. 3298D-I

June 23, 1943

Subject: Building permit for construction of one story addition for Eastern, Inc. at 481 Commercial Street

Eastern, Inc.
c/o Mr. Raymond A. Oakes,
465 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Although there are a few discrepancies in the new plans, knowing the desire for getting the job started, I am issuing the permit herewith subject to the following:

1. In order to satisfy the Building Code as to limited height of 8-inch concrete block walls it will be necessary to make the foundation wall and the superstructure wall to a level three feet above the grade of the ground an integral poured concrete wall, and the 8-inch concrete block wall may start on top of that. The poured concrete wall and footing as well as the piers and footings are required to have forms on all sides.

2. There is no detail at the top of the wall where the roof joists bear upon the wall. If the roof joists at this point are to bear upon a wooden plate, I suppose the plate is to be bolted onto the concrete block wall (this will require filling some of the blocks with concrete as indicated in the specifications on the plans. If the wall plate is to be above the bearing of the roof joists, then I take it the roof joists are to be anchored to all walls in a manner similar to that shown for the floor joists. All anchors from timbers to wall are required to be fastened to the bottom edges of the joists or timber, not on the top and not on the side of the wooden member.

3. All of the woodwork otherwise exposed to the open air at the cornice is required to be covered with metal.

4. When the excavation for the foundation walls and piers has been made, I presume the architect will be asked to pass upon the bearing capacity of the soil, to make sure that it will equal the 2000 pounds per square foot figured.

5. Before the addition is occupied one or more permanent signs are required to be posted in a conspicuous place on the walls of the addition stating the safe live load in pounds per square foot. The figure of 250 pounds per square foot indicated in the specifications checks out.

Please be governed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/R
CC: Miller & Beal, Inc., 465 Congress St.

Lintel: Please furnish a statement of design covering design of the [illegible] double doors, to be attached to your plan.

Warren McDonald

Dept. [illegible]

June 11, 1943

Mr. Raymond E. Dekes,
485 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Application for building permit to cover construction of one story addition to the building of Eastern, Inc. at 431 Commercial Street. References thus: (307-b-3.4-(c) are to sections of Building Code.

Dear Mr. Dekes:

Omissions from the plans and questions arising concerning construction of the above addition in connection with checking the proposition against Building Code requirements preparatory to issuing the building permit, are as follows:

1. How is brick facing to be bonded to 8-inch concrete blocks? (307-b-3.4-(c).)

2. How is the top of the wall to be anchored to the roof framing? (311-c-3.2-(c). On Section C-C is shown a wall plate bolted to the wall but no indication of how large the bolts are or on what centers they are to be placed. If these critical dimensions are shown this arrangement will work out all right on the easterly wall where the roof joists are at right angles to the wall and can be spiked to the plate. With this arrangement, however, the masonry wall would have to stop about two inches below the bottoms of the roof joists. Thus the upper 14 to 16 inches of the walls of the building would be of wooden construction forming sort of a cornice which would have to be covered all over with metal, as would also the facia boards at the top of the north and south walls of the addition. This arrangement for anchoring would not work out on the north and southwalls, and it would be best to work out a scheme for anchorage at those walls somewhat like that indicated in the section of the Code referred to. Apparently the designer has chosen to support the 8x8 roof girders upon 6x6 posts adjacent to the exterior walls, but no anchorage from roof girders or from 6x6 posts to the walls is shown.

3. What species of lumber is to be used in the girders and joists and are ~~these~~ these members to be dressed four sides or are they to be full size of the dimensions indicated. This makes quite a difference. What size are the "kick" pieces to be butted against each end of the diagonal knee brace - one to the underside of the 8x8 roof girders and presumably running from knee brace to knee brace, knee braces to be on each side of each intermediate post as well as at the post against the exterior walls, and one against the post under the lower end of the knee brace? How are these to be fastened to post and girder?

4. No bridging indicated for floor and roof framing. (311-c-3.8)

5. Show size and material of lintels over windows and doors and furnish a statement of design covering the lintel over the large doors signed by the designer as specified by 104-b-3.

6. Is the built-up roof to be covered with gravel or what does the term "built-up roof" mean?

7. Before the addition is occupied, permanent floor load signs are to be posted clearly visibile from all parts of the floor showing the safe live load of the floor per square foot. We shall only be able to check the loads indicated on the plan after the above information as to species of lumber and dressed or full size is supplied.

CO:

WJoD/H

OF INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 0598

JUN 23

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second & Third Class

Portland, Maine, June 2, 1943

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 187 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Eastern, Inc. 181 Commercial St Telephone

Contractor's name and address not let Telephone

Architect M. W. Beck, 112 McArthur Circle So. Portland Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Distribution malt beverages No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 2650. Fee $ 4.50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick & metal clad No. stories 2 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Distribution of malt beverages No. families

General Description of New Work

To build one story brick and concrete block addition 27' x 30' on side rear of existing building (northeasterly corner) 30' to lot line - railroad rear

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

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 REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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? solid earth or rock? earth

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar no

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof flat Rise per foot 1" Roof covering Built-up roof

No. of chimneys no Material of chimneys of lining

Kind of heat no 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

[illegible] above work a person competent to see that the State [illegible]

Signature [illegible]

Permit No. 43/598

Location 481-487 Commercial St

Owner Eastern Inc

Date of permit 6/23/43

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

7/26/43 - Forms nearly
ready for concrete. Just
F.M. Marino and he cannot
[illegible] times which have been
delayed on account of
[illegible] of forms
[illegible] delivered [illegible]
8/2/43 Still business
[illegible]
8/14/43 Forms ready for
concrete [illegible]
8/14/43 Foundations
poured. Stamping [illegible]
8/17/43 Work continuing
[illegible]
8/20/43 Saying walls [illegible]
[illegible] by Spitle work
[illegible] 15 sq. from this 2x6 knee brace
[illegible] d. from 2x10 timbers
[illegible] rough roof 8½' wide over
[illegible]
7/21/43 Job inspect.
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
7/23/43 - Condition [illegible]
[illegible]
7/26/43 Same [illegible]

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

(I) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 1995

AUG 28 1942

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, August 21, 1942

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 481 Commercial Street

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Eastern, Inc. 481 Commercial St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone 2-1995

Architect Telephone

Proposed use of building Beer Distribution Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Other buildings on same lot No. families

Estimated cost $ 200. Fee $ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

481 Commercial St.-----Insulation of existing room for Eastern, Inc. by Owner---8/1/42

To Owner:

Your application for the permit does not show the extent of the work, asxto whether or not new partitions are contemplated and how insulation on ceiling is to be supported. Any new partitions must comply with Section 311-c-3.5 and 3.7 of the Building Code. Before any of this insulation is covered from view, you are required to notify this office of readiness for inspection, the inspection must be made and a certificate of closure (green tag) left at the job.

(*Signed*) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

Details of New Work

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED.

Is any plumbing work involved in this work?

Is any electrical work involved in this work?

Size, front depth No. stories Height average grade to top of plate

To be erected on solid or filled land? Height average grade to highest point of roof

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar earth or rock?

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

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Signature of owner By Eastern, Inc.

Permit No. 42/995

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Eastern, Inc

Date of permit 9/1/42

Notif. closing-in 9/8/42

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 6/7/43

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

DEPT. OF BUILDING & INSPECTION

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

INDUSTRIAL ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

MAY 14 1942

Permit No. _____

Class of Building or Type of Structure Gasoline Installation

Portland, Maine, May 13, 1942

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 471 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Eastern, Inc. 471 Commercial St. Telephone 2-5991

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 100. Fee $ .50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use No. families

General Description of New Work

To install one 500 gallon tank, with electric pump, for gasoline, private use, new installation, tank bears Underwriters' Label, coated with asphaltum, minimum diameter of piping tank to pump 1½"

Storage license applied for

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

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

TEMPORARY AS WAIVED

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

Signature of owner Eastern, Inc.

By

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CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

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Permit No. 42/527

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Eastern, Inc

Date of permit 5/14/42.

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Stickam
Fuel Oil Tank 41/1365
Alt. 42/406

INDUSTRIAL ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0406

APR 15 1942

Class of Building or Type of Structure _____

Portland, Maine, April 15, 1942

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 481 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Eastern, Inc. 481 Commercial St. Telephone 2-1995

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone _____

Architect _____ Plans filed _____ No. of sheets _____

Proposed use of building Storage of Beverages No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost $ 15. Fee $ .25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 2½ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use Storage of Beverages No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To change non-bearing partitions, first floor, to make existing office 8' x 7' - 6' x 5'

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

Signature of owner By Eastern, Inc. [signature]

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Permit No. 42/406

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Eastern Inn

Date of permit 4/15/42.

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Cert. of Occupancy issued

Oil Burner 4/1/1965
Gas Tank & Pump 4/2/1927 NOTES

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

Record of Inquiry

Verbal in person
By telephone

Date 3/10/42

Location 481 Commercial St

Made by Eastern Inc. Mr. Mallett 2-1995

Inquiry: 1 Unable to get cork insulation for insulated room in basement - brick walls - Would wood shavings be permissible

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Answer: 1 Would have you answer - also to see Chief Sullivan (would like to make appointment to see you)

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3 Suggested furnishing mineral wool batts. He is to see Chief Sullivan

Reply by Dorr 3/10/42

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FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 41-1655

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, Sept. 13, 1941

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 481 Commercial St. Use of Building Storage No. Stories New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Eastern, Inc., 481 Commercial St.

Installer's name and address Eastern Oil & Equip. Co., 133 Marginal Telephone 3-6495

General Description of Work

To install One 1000 gal. fuel oil tank

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED
NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

481 Commercial St.--Installation of 1000 gal. oil storage tank for Eastern, Inc. by Eastern Oil ~~&~~ and Equipment Co.------9/13/41

To Owner and Installer:

It is understood that this new tank is to be connected directly with and an existing oil burner. On that basis all of the safeguards required by law for oil burning equipmtn will, of course, be necessary.

CC Eastern, Inc.,
481 Commercial

(*Signed*) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

Permit No. 41/1365

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Eastern Gas

Date of Permit 9/15/41.

Post Card sent

Notif. for inspn.

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Approval Card Issued

Alt. 42/406

Oil-Burner Check List (date)

Gas Tank & Pump 42/527

1. Kind of heat
2. Label
3. Anti-siphon
4. Oil storage
5. Tank distance
6. Vent Pipe
7. Fill Pipe
8. Gauge
9. Rigidity
10. Feed safety
11. Pipe sizes and material
12. Control valve
13. Ash pit vent
14. Temp. or pressure safety
15. Instruction card
16.

NOTES

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

Circulating Hot Water

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 1578
SEP 20 1939

Portland, Maine, September 20, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 481 Commercial St. Use of Building Store Room & Office

Name and address of owner Eastern Inc. Ward

Contractor's name and address Easternoil Inc. 1337M Telephone 3.6495

General Description of Work

To install Boiler radiators and oil burner (Brissette R. S. Walker)

CERTIFICATION BY OWNER OR OWNER'S AGENT IS WAIVED
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

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

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

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of boiler or casing top of furnace, 3 ft.

from top of smoke pipe 3 ft., from front of heater 20 ft. from sides or back of heater 10 ft.

Size of chimney flue 14 x 16 Other connections to same flue

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Model A Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? Yes

Will operator be always in attendance? No Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) Pressure

Location oil storage Basement No. and capacity of tanks One 275. gal tank

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

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

Signature of contractor Easternoil Inc.

By

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Ward Permit No. 39/1578

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Eastern, Inc.

Date of permit 9/20/39

Post Card sent

Notif. for inspn.

Approval Tag issued

Oil Burner Check List (date) 10/11/39

1. Kind of heat Hot Water
2. Label ✓
3. Anti-siphon ✓
4. Oil storage ✓
5. Tank distance ✓
6. Vent pipe ✓
7. Fill pipe ✓
8. Gauge none
9. Rigidity ✓
10. Feed safety ✓
11. Pipe sizes and material ✓
12. Control valve ✓
13. Ash pit vent —
14. Temp. or pressure safety ✓
15. Instruction card ✓
16.

NOTES

10/11/39 - Smoke pipe only 1 3/4" below lumber. No shield - AJ

10/17/39 - Mr. Young said he will provide shield. AJ

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 1912

JUL 27 1939

Class of Building or Type of Structure Billboard

Portland, Maine, July 27, 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 481-487 Commercial Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or ~~Lessee's~~ name and address John Donnelly & Sons, 73 Main St. So.Portland Telephone 2-2179

Contractor's name and address Telephone

Architect Plans filed no No. of sheets

Proposed use of building No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ .25

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use No. families

General Description of New Work

To remove two existing billboards from roof 2-12x25

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY

[illegible] REQUIRED

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 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

Signature of owner John Donnelly & Sons by J. P. Donnelly

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Permit No. 39/1112

Location 481-487 Commercial St.

Owner John Donnelly & Sons

Date of permit 7/24/39

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 7/27/39

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

7/27/39 - Work done

Original Permit No. PERMIT ISSUED

Amendment No. 4

OCT 13 1939

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, October 12, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 39/990 *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 481 Commercial Street Ward _____ Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Raymond S. Oakes, 465 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address R. Parker, Lewiston, Maine

Plans filed as part of this Amendment yes with Fire Dept. No. of Sheets _____

Increased cost of work $30. Additional fee .25

Description of Proposed Work

To provide refrigeration in cooler room on first floor, as per plan

Raymond S. Oakes
By R. Parker
Signature of Owner By [signature]

Approved: [signature]
Chief of Fire Department.

Approved: 10/13/39

Commissioner of Public Works.

Inspector of Buildings.

INSPECTION COPY

Original application

RAYMOND S. OAKES
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW
FIDELITY BUILDING
PORTLAND, MAINE

RECEIVED
JUL 13 1939
DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

July 13, 1939

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I anticipate seeing you this afternoon and carrying out the desire of your letter dated this morning and left in my office in accordance with your anticipation of quick action.

There are two things in your letter, however, that I wish to answer personally as a matter of record between your office and my office in order that at some future time there may be no question of our method of doing business.

Your second paragraph starts, "We were surprised to find yesterday" that certain work was being done inside the premises at 483-487 Commercial Street without permit. Personally I did not know that the work was being done. But as to a matter of surprise, I wish the record to show that my man who was doing the work did not understand that a permit was required and the information got to your office by reason of the fact that my man sent for your inspector to come and examine the work that was being done and check with him on it. There was no discovery on the part of your inspector of anything that was surreptitious and I think the above fact should be on record to show good faith.

Your last paragraph starts, "I am told that a refrigerator room is contemplated". I think the innuendo from this might readily be drawn that someone had not been frank with you. The fact is that I told you personally of the proposed use of the wooden corner portion of the building for refrigeration purposes at the time I applied for the other permit and I think this should be a matter of record.

Perhaps I am too particular but as your letter will stand for time, my reply in the same manner should be on file with your letter that there may be no future misunderstanding. I assume that in fact had your thoughts been expressed orally rather than in writing, there would have been no occasion for this reply as I cannot believe we have any personal misunderstanding.

Very truly yours,

Raymond S. Oakes

O:M

(J) INDUSTRIAL ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Billboard

Portland, Maine, November 19, 1934

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 481 Commercial Street Ward 6 Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Puritan Advertising Co., 142 High St. Telephone 2-0557

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect's name and address

Proposed use of building No. families

Other buildings on same lot

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

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use No. families

General Description of New Work

To remove existing three section poster panel and
To replace with two separate 12' x 25' panels as shown on plan submitted
metal face - wood frame, at least 3' above grade and not more than 15' to highest point

Owner of property - Mrs. H. Bate

NOTIFICATION REQUIRED ON CLOSING IN IS WANTED

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.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WANTED

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

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 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

Signature of owner Puritan Advertising Co. By W. J. Metcalf

INSPECTION COPY

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Ward 6 Permit No. 34/1924

Location 481 Commercial St.

Owner Puritan Cdy. Co.

Date of permit 11/20/34

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 12/27/34. O.K.

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
ELEVATOR INSPECTION
1-55

Bldg. No. 7 Block B Sheet 1 of 1

Location of Bldg. 14 BEACH ST

Owner CASCO MERCHANTILE TR. CO.

Occupant

Inspection by A. KEITH Date 3-26-34

Formal Complaint No. Date

Letter sent without complaint

Building Data

Mat'l outside walls Int. Frame

No. stories Style of Roof

No. elev. in bldg., Passenger Freight

Location of Elevator on Street Floor
Shown Below

BEACH ST

St. Ave.

This report for identical elevators

Elev. Man'f'r

Use of elev., Pass. Frt. Comb'n. (check which)

No. stops Bsmt, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Shaftway

Open? Hatch doors, Auto. Non-auto

Gates, Auto. Semi-auto. Hand

Enclosed? Mat'l. of enclosure

Fire Doors Normally closed open

Are enclosure doors interlocked?

Height enclosure, full story what ht.

Elevator Machinery

Type of Power

Type of Machine

Location of Machine

Material of Supports of Guides

Material of cables

No. cables, hoisting counterweight

Type of brakes

Has elev. following safeties: Governor

Car Safety; Elect. Brakes; Auto. Terminal Stops top & bottom; Slack Cable Stops; Safety Floor Stops

Remarks: (note defects, if any)

Elevator Car

Platform Dimensions Capacity

Mat'l. of Encl. No. sides encl.

Height of enclosure No. entrances

Type of gates or doors

Are they interlocked?

Have they auto-closing device?

Type operation, Push-Button Operator

Any emergency exit?

Remarks: (note defects, if any)

General Remarks:

55-56 Carmen

THIS BLDG IS ALL BURNED OUT INSIDE