643-651 CONGRESS STREET
(1922-1949) # 1

A. P. - 645 Congress Street

February 23, 1967

Fusco & Ruohio
54 Gertrude Avenue
Portland, Maine

CC to: Portlander Hotel
Attention: Mr. Jess Storey
645 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Permit to construct a masonry shaftway for dumb-waiter at the above named location is being issued subject to plans submitted with application and further Building Code compliance as follows:

Before the block walls are started this office will need to be notified as to the size of lintles to be used at the three openings indicated.

Very truly yours,

Archie L. Seeking
Deputy Director of Building & Inspection Services

ALS:kc

PERMIT TO INSTALL PLUMBING 12/30 [illegible]

14768
PERMIT NUMBER

Date Issued 12-29-64

PORTLAND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

By J. P. Welch

APPROVED FIRST INSPECTION

Date 12/31/64

By E P Gordon

OVED FINAL INSPECTION

1/22/65 E P G

JOSEPH P. WELCH
EE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

TYPE OF BUILDING

- ☐ COMMERCIAL
- ☐ RESIDENTIAL
  - ☐ SINGLE
  - ☐ MULTI FAMILY
- ☐ NEW CONSTRUCTION
- ☐ REMODELING

Address: 645 Congress Street
Installation For: Portlander Motel
Owner of Bldg. Portlander Motel
Owner's Address. Same
Plumber: Maynard Waltz
Date: 12-29-64

NEW	REP'L	PROPOSED INSTALLATIONS	NUMBER	FEE
		SINKS		
1		LAVATORIES	1	$ 2.00
1		TOILETS	1	2.00
		BATH TUBS		
1		SHOWERS	1	2.00
		DRAINS		
		HOT WATER TANKS		
		TANKLESS WATER HEATERS		
		GARBAGE GRINDERS		
		SEPTIC TANKS		
		HOUSE SEWERS		
		ROOF LEADERS (Conn. to house drain)		
			TOTAL ▶	$ 6.00

PORTLAND HEALTH DEPT. PLUMBING INSPECTION

PERMIT TO INSTALL PLUMBING

Date Issued 9-25-64

PORTLAND PLUMBING INSPECTOR

By J. P. Welch

APPROVED FIRST INSPECTION

Date Oct 2-64

By [illegible]

APPROVED FINAL INSPECTION

Date 10-26-64

JOSEPH P. WELCH

CHIEF PLUMBING INSPECTOR

- ☐ COMMERCIAL
- ☐ RESIDENTIAL
- ☐ SINGLE
- ☐ MULTI FAMILY
- ☐ NEW CONSTRUCTION
- ☐ REMODELING

Address: 645 Congress Street

Installation For: Portlander Motel

Owner of B'dg: Portlander Motel

Owner's Address: Same

Plumber: Ralph F. Blake

Date: 9-25-64

14514 PERMIT NUMBER

NEW	REPL	PROPOSED INSTALLATIONS	NUMBER	FEE
	1	SINKS		
	2	LAVATORIES		
		TOILETS		
		BATH TUBS	1	$ 2.00
		SHOWERS	2	4.00
		DRAINS		
		HOT WATER TANKS		
		TANKLESS WATER HEATERS		
		GARBAGE GRINDERS		
		SEPTIC TANKS		
		HOUSE SEWERS		
		ROOF LEADERS (Conn. to house drain)		
	3	Urinal		
			2	4.00
		TOTAL ▶		$10.00

PORTLAND HEALTH DEPT. PLUMBING INSPECTION

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(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
01539
SEP 21 1949
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, September 14, 1949

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~repair demolish~~ all 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 645 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner's name and address Columbia Hotel, 645 Congress Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Ernest C. Soule, 75 Edwards Street Telephone 2-7301

Architect Specifications Plans no No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Hotel No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 1300 Fee $ 5.00

General Description of New Work

To enclose existing elevator shaft (except where now enclosed) with 2x4 studs, 16" on centers and covered on both sides with 1/4" asbestos board. The existing sheathing between floors together with the sheathing in the penthouse is also to be covered with 1/4" asbestos board. This work applies to 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and floors and penthouse.

Otis Elevator Co. is installing new doors at all floor levels.

Permit Issued with Letter

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*** Ernest C. Soule

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

Columbia Hotel

Signature of owner by: E C Soule

INSPECTION COPY

10/20

Permit # 59/1539

Owner 645 Congress St Columbia Hotel

Date of permit 9/21/49

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Noti.

Final Inspn 10/20/49

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

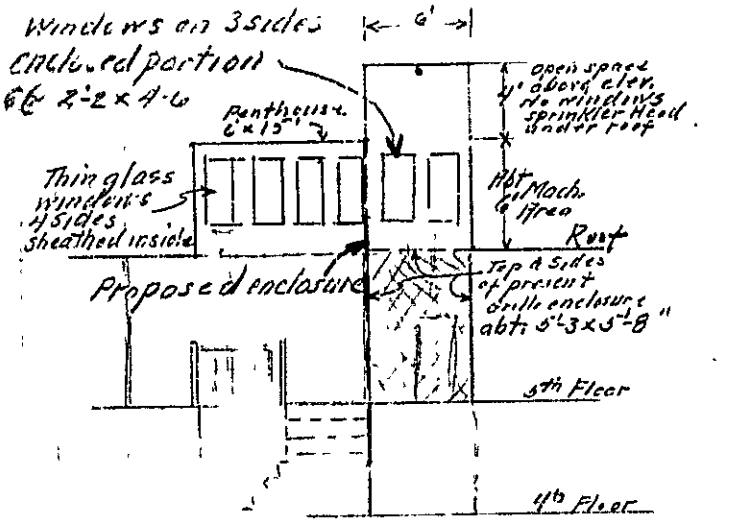
9/28/49 - Frame work nearly completed TH

10/10/49 - Work nearly completed TH

10/20/49 - Enclosure work done TH

Columbia Hotel 645 Congress St.
To enclose existing elevator shaft.
Ernest Arula 75 Edwards St. Cntr. 2-7301
Pte Elevator (Mr Williams) 3-8058

9-17-49
CB



SECTION SHAFT LOOKING WEST

5.75
5.25
28.75
11.50
28.75
30.1875

2.25
4.5
11.25
9.00
10.125
6 windows
60#

Penthouse windows are thin glass.

Approx area shaft 5.25 x 5.75 = 30# O.K.

Window area 2.25 x 4.5 x 6 = 60# Code allows for these wall windows but question it applying here where we have a pocket of 1144 cu ft to build up heat before the thin glass becomes effective

Could not reach Mr Williams this morning.

9-20-49 Mr Williams to provide Hafley metal interlocking doors, James Russell Bates Mfr. Will apply for permit. No other work

AP 645 Congress Street-I

September 21, 1949

Mr. Ernest C. Soule
75 Edwards Street
Otis Elevator Company
495 Fore Street

Subject: Permit to cover enclosing existing elevator shaftway of Columbia Hotel at 645 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

It is understood that Otis Elevator Company is to install hollow metal fire doors, fully interlocked with the elevator machinery, at each floor level, that all of the usual rules of the Building Code and the Safety Code for elevators with regard to installation and operation of these doors and their interlocking are to be observed, and that a separate permit is to be applied for at this department by the installer of the doors and the permit secured before the work of installation is commenced.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/G

cc: Columbia Hotel Company
645 Congress Street

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
01314
JUL 28 1948
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, July 14, 1948

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 645A Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Columbia Hotel Corp., Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Samuel Aceto & Co., 40 Preble St. Telephone 2-3789

Architect Specifications Plans no No. of sheets

Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 150. Fee $ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To Repair after Fire to former condition. No alterations

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*** Samuel Aceto & Co.

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:
7/26/48

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

Columbia Hotel Co.
Samuel Aceto & Co.

Signature of owner By: Ralph T. Bennett

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 46 1314

Location 6458 Congress St.

Owner Columbia Hotel Corp

Date of permit 7/25/46

Notif. closing-in

Insp. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 11/1/46

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

11/1/46 Mr. Columbia Market said this wood storage sub-structure (frame building under Metal Clad 6'x15'4"x3'2" ht.) is to be demolished and new metal one constructed, called Air Mix and lettered to the difference of construction. Mr. Frazier McCalary, Hy. Commissioner said said this to be carried out without change.

Held with
a number of
other permits
for Hawaiian Room
6/21/48

The Columbia Hotel

Portland 3, Maine

DANA R. BOWKER, PRES.
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

WM. R. DAVIS, MGR
PHONE: PORTLAND, 3 8181

June 19, 1948

Building Inspector
City Hall
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Would you please send us a permit for taking down false decorations and redecorating the Hawaiian Room in the Columbia Hotel.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation in this request, we remain

Very truly yours,

COLUMBIA HOTEL

Wm. R. Davis
M.J.C.

Manager

WRD:MJC

RECEIVED
JUN 21 1948
DEPT. OF BLDG. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

AP 645A Congress Street-I

June 22, 1948

Mr. William R. Davis, Mgr.
Columbia Hotel
645A Congress Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Application for building permit for alterations in the Hawaiian Room in first story of Columbia Hotel at 645A Congress Street

Dear Mr. Davis:

We are unable to handle applications for building permits by letter as indicated in your letter of June 19.

Please come or have some authorized agent of the hotel come and file application for the permit on the forms [illegible] are typed by our permit clerk here according to information given by the applicant across the counter.

Whoever files the application will have to indicate the cost of the work, which should be the total cost of removing the built-in ornamentation and replacing the surface for redecorating, but in this case need not include such items as paint and the labor to put it on. The fee for the building permit is based on this estimated cost.

When application is made, the general description of the work should read: "To remove built-in ornamentation in Hawaiian Room in first story of the hotel and to replace or repair the original surfaces preparatory to redecorating."

I understand that the new decorations are to be by paint and perhaps some wallpaper. The Public Assemblage Ordinance under which the Hawaiian Room is operated, provides in this connection:

"Combustible materials may be used sparingly in both temporary and semi-permanent decorations. New combustible wall, partition or ceiling coverings shall not be used unless applied directly to and adhering to a non-combustible base and in such a way that the materials will not be exposed to concealed spaces behind them or above them. Such combustible coverings, except wallpaper, whether new or existing, shall be effectively flameproofed. Combustible temporary decorations, except floor and stair coverings, shall not be contiguous in such a way as would be likely to spread fire rapidly from one part to another, and all such temporary decorations and all scenery of combustible materials, except floor and stair coverings, shall be effectively flameproofed."

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/S

(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
JUN 25 1948
01062
CITY of PORTLAND

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, June 24, 1948

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 645A Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Columbia Hotel, 645A Congress Street

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address owners Telephone

Architect Specifications Plans no No. of sheets Telephone

Proposed use of building Hotel No. families

Last use " No. families

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 100.

Fee $ .50

General Description of New Work

To remove built-in ornamentation in Hawaiian Room in first story of the hotel and to replace or repair the original surfaces preparatory to redecorating.

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. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO

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 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

Columbia Hotel

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: Roger Blethington

Permit No. 48/ 1062

Location 645A Congress St

Owner Columbia Hotel

Date of permit 6/ 25 /48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 8. 11-48 Fine

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

AP 651 Congress Street-I

August 15, 1947

Mr. Ernest C. Soule
75 Edwards Street
Miller & Beal, Inc.
465 Congress Street

Subject: Permit for alterations to store front for Columbia Market at 651 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

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

1. Either the standing door of the double doors in new entrance must be equipped with an anti-panic bar, so that both doors may be opened merely by pressure on the bar in case of emergency even though both doors are locked from the outside, or a vestibule lockset, so arranged that the door may be always opened from the inside by turning or pressing on the usual knob or thumb latch, is required on the working door.

2. Check should be made to make sure that the awning box is provided at such a height that no part of the awning in a lowered position will be closer than seven feet to the surface of the sidewalk in compliance with requirements of Section 211-c-2 of the Building Code.

3. Attention of contractor is called to the requirements concerning application of structural glass as specified in note on plan.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJB/J

CC: Columbia Markets
651 Congress Street

(C) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
02930
AUG 15 1947

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 14, 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~xxxx~~ *alter* ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ *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 651 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's name and address Columbia Markets, Inc., 651 Congress Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Ernest C. Soule, 75 Edwards Street Telephone

Architect Miller & Heal, Inc., 465 Congress Specifications No. Plans Yes No of sheets 2

Proposed use of building Store & Hotel No. families

Last use " " No. families

Material No. stories 6 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 4,000.

Fee $ 4.50

General Description of New Work

To reconstruct store front as per plans submitted.

Permit Issued with Letter

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?

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? Yes 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

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner Columbia Markets, Inc.

By: E. C. Soule

Permit No. 47/2030

Location 651 Congress St.

Owner Columbia Market

Date of permit 1/15/47

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 12/15/47 OK

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

9/17/47 Work started on

9/24/47 Work progressing. Stairs to be boarded during night

9/29/47 Same OK

10/14/47 Same OK

10/20/47 Same OK

10/27/47 Structural work completing glass work with Hdl. to

10/13/47 Work completed, anti-panic hardware on both doors, and glass front done. Awning left out awning posts and fence to

FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED
02121
OCT 28 1946

Portland, Maine, October 23, 1946

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 651 Congress Street Use of Building Store & Hotel No. Stories 5 ~~New~~ Building Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Columbia Market Co., Inc. 651 Congress Street

Installer's name and address Owners Telephone

General Description of Work

OK. 10-25-46

To install electrically operated doughnut frying machine

Final

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat Type of floor beneath appliance

If wood, how protected? Kind of fuel

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

From top of smoke pipe From front of appliance From sides or back of appliance

Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue

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

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled by underwriters' laboratories?

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

Type of floor beneath burner

Location of oil storage Number and capacity of tanks

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

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

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance First floor Kind of fuel electricity Type of floor beneath appliance concrete

If wood, how protected?

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance ~~1ft~~ 5'

From front of appliance brick wall From sides and back brick wall From top of smokepipe 15"

Size of chimney flue 12x12 Other connections to same flue ~~none~~ yes hood from restaurant range

Is hood to be provided? totally enclosed If so, how vented? Machine vented to chimney flue

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

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

Machine being totally enclosed eliminates hood requirement. Vent connected carries off fumes, odors, etc. Machine to set 12 inches from wall

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.)

APPROVED:

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

Columbia Market Co., Inc.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of Installer by J. W. Duncan Jr.

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Permit No 46/2121

Location 651 Cooper St.

Owner Columbia Market Co.

Date of permit 10/26/46

Approved 3-9-49 [illegible]

NOTES

3-9-49 Dangerous
Machine, Heat
in Hot, Noncondi-
tions

: A. P. 645A Congress St.-I

December 31, 1943

Mr. William O. Armitage,
23 Mitchell Road, South Portland
Samuel Acato Co.,
40 Preble St.
Columbia Hotel Co.,
645 Congress St.

Subject: Building Permit for Alterations at Columbia Hotel, 645A Congress St.

Gentlemen:

Above permit is issued to contractor today, subject to the following:

Since the two new steel beams are to support masonry walls, and are spandrel beams rather than lintels, Section 3023 requires that they be fireproofed.

Where floor joists of existing platform are to be cut and supported on new steel beam, the floor joists should not penetrate the fireproofing, and explicit details for supporting the wooden joists and anchoring them should be shown, for the guidance of the contractor.

In fireproofing the other steel beam care will be necessary not to cut down the headroom of the exit steps and passageway to less than the minimum allowable of 6 feet 4 inches. Present clearance is 6 feet 6 inches, and if fireproofing is of concrete, it requires 2-inch thickness. This passageway and steps is an important emergency means of egress to a place of safety, serving not only two emergency exits from the hotel basement lounge, but also the Maine Theatre.

May we have the revised plan showing these details.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) WARREN McDONALD

Inspector of Buildings.

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
1860
DEC 31 1945

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, December 28, 1945

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ *alter* ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ *all 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 645A Congress Street

Owner's name and address Columbia Hotel, 645a Congress St. Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address Samuel Aceto Co., 40 Preble Street Telephone _____

Architect William Armitage Specifications _____ Plans Yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Hotel

Last use " No. families _____

Material brick No. stories _____ Heat _____ Style of roof _____ No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____ Roofing _____

Estimated cost $ 2500.

Fee $ 3.75

General Description of New Work

To close in portion of rear porch, first floor, as per plan to enlarge Ladies' Toilet Room.
To provide steel beams and 4" Lally column to strengthen floor, as per plan.
To extend existing sprinkler system.
To change window to 7' opening in existing brick wall between existing toilet room and new addition.

Permit Issued with Letter

Sent to Health Dept. 12/29/45
Rec'd. from Health Dept. 12/29/45

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? yes

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:

TRAVIS P. BURROUGHS, M. A.
BUILDING INSPECTOR

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

Columbia Hotel
Samuel Aceto Company

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner By: _____

Permit No 45/1860

Loc. 1655 Congress St.

Owner Columbia Hotel

Date of permit 12/31/46

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif

Final Inspn 12/30/46 [illegible]

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

[illegible]

3/1/43 This is the month
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this our property not mine
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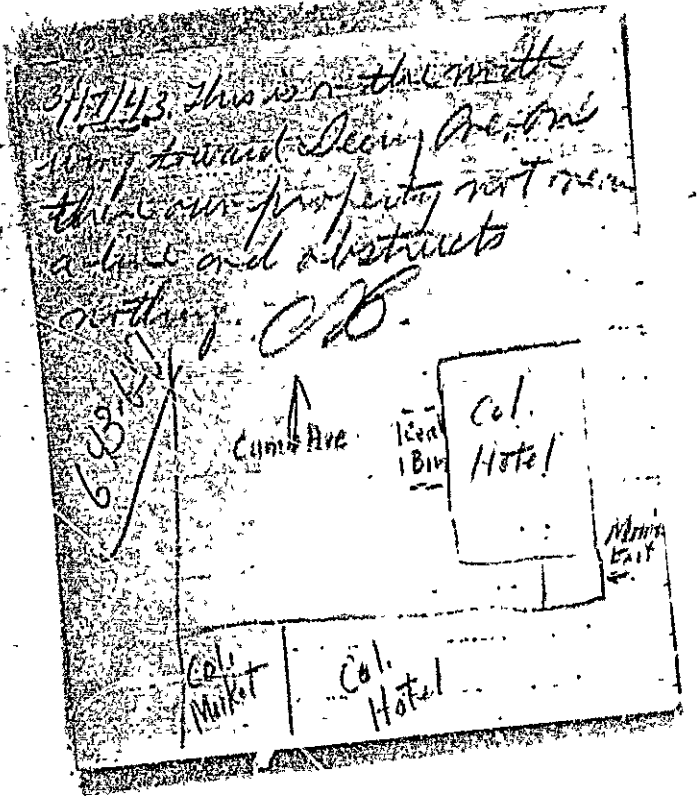

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PERMIT CHECKING DATA

Date 3/16/43

Location 645 Compress St

1. Hold for more information

2. Incomplete plans. See remarks

3. See notes on inspection copy

4. See notes attached

5. O.K. to issue with letter

6. O.K. to issue with memo

7. O.K. to issue 3/17/43

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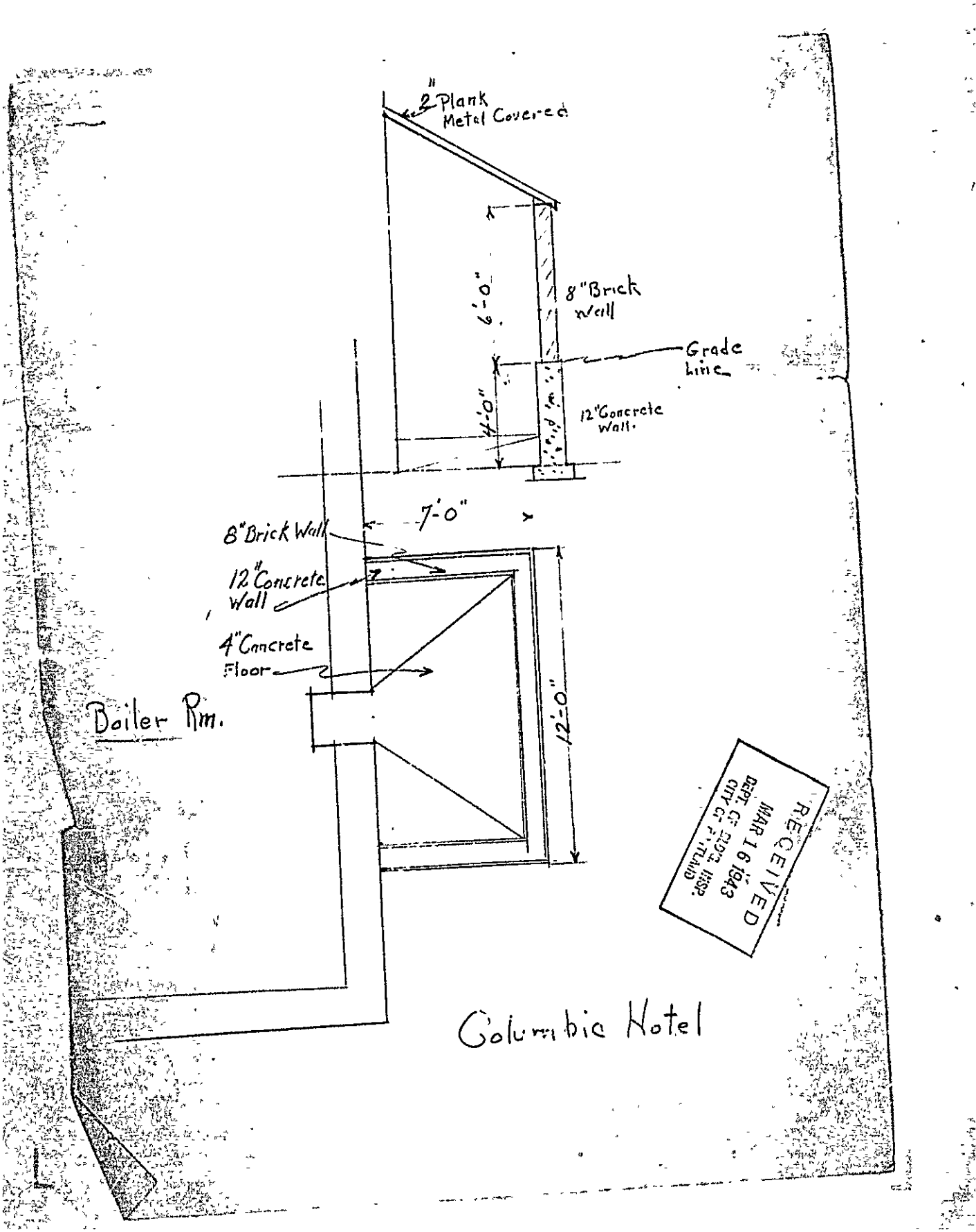
2" Plank
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Wall.
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Wall
4" Concrete
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12'-0"
Columbia Hotel
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MAR 16 1943
Dept. of Bldg. Insp.
City of Portland

(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 0235

MAR 19 1943

Class of Building or Type of Structure _____

Portland, Maine, March 16, 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 645 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or lessee's name and address Columbia Hotel Co., 645 Congress St. Telephone _____

Contractor's name and address C. H. Gailey & Son, 12 Irving St. Telephone 2-5606

Architect _____ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost $ 200. Fee $ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine
645 Congress St.---One story additionnfor Coal Bin for Columbia Hotel by
C. H. Gailey& Son, Builders-----3/19/43

To Owner and Builder:
Presumably this bin is for storage of soft coal. If so, it is suggested that you provide positive means of ventilation of the bin, since fire prevention authorities claim that confining soft coal without sufficient circulation of air tends toward spontaneous combustion, especially if the coal becomes damp.

CO Columbia Hotel Co.,
645 Congress Street.

(*Signed*) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

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 concrete trench wall at least 4' below grade Thickness, top 12" bottom 12" cellar _____

Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____

Kind of roof flat Rise per foot 1/4" Roof covering metal

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 _____

Stud (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 concrete, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof 2" plank

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

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

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

If a Garage

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

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated _____

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

Signature of owner By Columbia Hotel Co. Clifford H. Gailey

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Permit No 43/235

Location 645 Cingers St.

Owner Columbia Hotel Co

Date of permit 3/19/43.

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 5/1/43

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

4/7/43 - Saying Pink

Final Insp. 5/1/43

5/1/43 - Work done - AJ

CHECK

ALFRED W. PERKINS
COMMISSIONER
GUY R. WHITTEN
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

C.C.A.
Forward file with application
Approved
WMM 2/12/43

STATE OF MAINE
Insurance Department
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DEPT. OF INS. & BKG.
CITY OF PORTLAND

February 11, 1943

Mr. Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

Please find enclosed copy of a letter which I have written to Mr. Dana Bowker, Manager of the Columbia Hotel, Portland, Maine. I believe the contents are self-explanatory and concur with the suggestions made in your letter of February 10th.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred W. Perkins
Commissioner

AWP:pm
Encl.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

February 11, 1943

Mr. Dana Bowker
Manager
Columbia Hotel
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Bowker:

I have received a letter from Mr. Warren McDonald regarding the door on the Gentlemen's Room located in the Columbia Hotel. The door on this room should be fixed so that it can not swing out over the landing.

This Department is in agreement with Mr. McDonald on this point.

Sincerely yours,

Commissioner

MF:pm

cc: Mr. McDonald

COPY

has been through some kind of a misunderstanding.
way that I know of to get it straightened out.

Warren McDonald

P. 42/1401-I

February 10, 1943

Alfred W. Perkins,
Insurance Commissioner
Augusta, Maine

Subject: Question of swing of toilet room door off of Victory Room in Columbia Hotel

Dear Mr. Perkins:

Due perhaps to a misunderstanding as to the intent of Item 15 of your letter to Mr. Dana Bowker, dated December 9, 1942, or due to some verbal instructions given by someone, a situation has been set up in connection with the above mentioned toilet room door which I believe tends toward accidents.

Perhaps you will remember that this men's toilet room is at a level raised a few steps above the floor of the Victory Room which is in the basement and may be reached not only from the Victory Room but by stairs from the hotel lobby there being a landing where these two stairs meet. The hotel people understood your instructions to mean that they would have to provide a "double-acting" door (one that swings both ways) in the doorway leading directly to the toilet room. That is what they have done so that persons leaving the toilet room would quite naturally push the door outwards and might do serious injury to any person on the landing whether such a person were trying to get safe exit from the Victory Room or trying to go down to the toilet room or the Victory Room from the lobby.

I have no recollection that the hotel was instructed to put in such a double-acting door, but they thought they were and have done so. The prospect of any number of people that would be in the toilet room at one time does not seem to make it necessary to make this toilet room door swing with exit travel from the toilet room.

If you agree with these conclusions, in order to straighten the matter out, I wonder if you would be willing to send another letter to Mr. William R. Davis, Manager of the hotel or Mr. Dana Bowker, President of the hotel company making it clear that you are willing that the door should be fixed so that it cannot swing out over the landing.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/H
CC: William R. Davis, Mgr.
Columbia Hotel

Dear Mr. Davis: I feel sure that the providing of this double-acting door has been through some kind of a misunderstanding. The above letter is the only way that I know of to get it straightened out.

Warren McDonald

PERMIT ISSUED

Original Permit No. [illegible]

Amendment No. JAN 20 1943

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, January 19, 1943

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 42/1181 *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 645 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Columbia Hotel Co.,

Contractor's name and address Brown & Berry, Inc. 171 Fiverds Street 9-2162

Plans filed as part of this Amendment No. of Sheets

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

Increased cost of work 200/ Additional fee .25

Framing Lumber: Kind? Dressed or Full Size?

Description of Proposed Work

In Hawaiian Room off the lobby in the first story to provide permanent decorations along the upper corners of the room, full length, by way of enclosing the cornice between ceilings and side walls with curved partitions formed with wall board consisting of hardened wood fibre.

Approved:

Chief of Fire Department.

Commissioner of Public Works.

Columbia Hotel Co.
By Brown & Berry, Inc.
Signature of Owner
By Edward C. Berry

Approved: 1/19/43 - [illegible]

Inspector of Buildings.

INSPECTION COPY

Rept. 268CD-I

December 14, 1942.

Mr. Dana Bowker, Pres.
Columbia Hotel Co.
645 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

New
Subject: Exit from the Victory Room at
Columbia Hotel, 645 Congress Street

Dear Sir:

You will perhaps remember our talk with the Insurance Commissioner relating to whether or not there would be steps or a ramp to make up the difference in elevation of the storage room floor and the threshold of the outside exit door from the storage room, a difference which I understand is about 24 inches.

The Building Code provides that if the difference in elevation is more than 10 inches in connection with such a means of egress, the pitch of the ramp shall not be steeper than one inch vertical to 12 inches horizontal and that the ramp shall have a non-slip surface covering all areas of it where persons would normally step, this non-slip surface to be firmly and permanently fastened in place.

You are familiar with the feelings of those of us who are responsible for safety in Portland toward this exit, but irrespective of that it is obvious that the details of it would have to comply with the Building Code. Inadvertently a ramp has been introduced instead of the steps indicated in the Commissioner's letter and the pitch of it is about four inches vertical to 12 inches horizontal. To put in a legal ramp, if the difference in elevation is 24 inches would require a run of 24 feet. That is all right if you want to do it that way and will make the entire ramp non-slip; but it is probable that such a ramp is impracticable because you do not have a straight run of 24 feet from the outside exit door toward the exit door leading from the lounge. Probably steps are the answer to the problem. Such steps are directed by the Code to have a maximum rise of eight and one-half inches (measured from tread to tread) and a minimum tread of nine inches measured from riser to riser. Substantial hand rails are required on both sides and the treads of the steps to have non-slip surfaces securely fastened down wherever persons would likely walk. While it is not a requirement of law, since the steps are primarily for ascending to use the exit doors with as little chance as possible of tripping as a practical proposition, I recommend to you that steps be built without any nosings.

Will you be kind enough to have this change made and notify this office so that we may charge the job off?

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMCD/H

CC: Brown & Berry, Inc.
174 Edwards Street

COPY

December 9, 1942

Mr. Dana Bowker,
Columbia Hotel
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Bowker:

In conformity with your conversation with the Commissioner in reference to the requirements of the Insurance Department for your Victory Room in the Columbia Hotel, you are advised that the following requirements of this Department must be carried out prior to the opening of this room:

1. That an illuminated exit sign be affixed to the wall area adjacent to the entrance to the main stairway leading to the lobby.

2. That the rope handrails now in use be removed and a rigid type handrail be securely affixed on either side of the stairway.

3. That the door leading into the main entrance of the Victory Room from the lobby be rehung to swing into the lobby.

See memo of Nov. 7, 44 Pers. to Pub. Assmb. Folder — Not Done

4. ~~That the one riser now existing between the landing at the top of the stairway and the door entering into the lobby be removed.~~

5. That the door leading into the passageway by the elevator well at the end of the wall along side of the main stairway entrance be kept locked at all times.

6. That at a point in the wall area adjacent to the second pillar an exit door thirty inches wide be installed with anti-panic hardware and a red exit light be affixed above this door.

7. That the old furniture, paper press, waste paper, be permanently removed from the storage space to the left of the wall partition leading into the Victory Room.

8. That the double doors now barred on the interior leading to the outer platform from the storage room be rehung to swing outward and anti-panic hardware be installed.

9. That on the wall to the left of these double doors an illuminated exit sign be installed in such a manner that it will be visible from the new exit entering from the Victory room.

10. That there be sufficient illumination maintained within the storage room for the proper egress of all persons using this exit door.

~~11. That the double doors at the end of the Victory Lounge leading into the vestibule to the exit doors, be removed.~~

12. That an illuminated exit sign be installed over the archway where

COPY

THE DOUBLE DOORS ARE BEING REMOVED, WHICH LEAD into the vestibule to the exit door, and that an exit light likewise be installed over the exit doors leading to the outer platform.

13. That a new stairway of gradual slope be constructed from the floor of the storage room to the landing leading to the ~~outer platform~~ double exit doors from the storage room to the outer platform.

14. That the doorway now marked, "Emergency," leading to the stairway into the Gentlemen's Lavatory, the word "Emergency" be removed and an illuminated exit light be placed above such door.

15. That a swinging door be installed leading into the Gentlemen's Lavatory from the landing and that along the wall area an illuminated exit light with an arrow pointing upward be installed.

These recommendations in no way conflict with the ordinances of the City of Portland and this has been confirmed by a joint meeting of State and City Officials.

Kindly advise this Office when these recommendations have been complied with in order that a final inspection may be made before opening.

Very truly yours,

Alfred W. Perkins
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

By direction

Alfred W. Perkins (signed)
Joseph A. P. Flynn
Chief Supervisor, Arson Division

JF:kcl

Paragraph number four and number eleven of the within communication has been rescinded at the suggestion of the City Building Inspector, and Insurance Commissioner.

ALFRED W. PERKINS (signed)
Insurance Commissioner

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 401

DEC 9 1942

Class of Building · *Type of Structure* Second Class

Portland, Maine, December 9, 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 645 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Columbia Hotel Co. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Brown & Berry, Inc., 174 Edwards Street Telephone 3-2482

Architect Owner Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores, hotel No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 100. Fee $ .50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 5-6 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Stores, hotel No. families

General Description of New Work

To cut in a new exit door from the so-called Victory Room in the cellar through an existing partition to a storage room west of the Victory Room, this door to be no less than 30 inches wide, to swing out of the Victory Room, to be equipped with anti-panic hardware and an exit light over the doorway showing in the Victory Room. This change is to be a part of a number of other changes in the exit arrangements of the Victory Room ordered by Alfred W. Perkins, Insurance Commissioner of Maine, by his letter addressed to Mr. Dana Bowker of December 9, 1942. Exit lights called for in these orders are to comply with Building Code requirements in that letters in the word "EXIT" will be no less than four and one-half inches high and show red on an illuminated light-colored background. As far as practicable all exit lights and all white lights required to illuminate the means of egress from the Victory Room will all be controlled by a single switch. In event the electrical equipment in connection with these exit lights cannot be procured on account of war emergency, suitable exit signs will be provided until the required lights may be procured.

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? yes Height average grade to top of plate

Size, front depth No. stories Height average grade to highest point of roof

To be erected on solid or filled land? earth or rock?

Material of foundation Thickness, top bottom cellar

Material of underpinning Height Thickness

Kind of roof Rise per foot Roof covering

No. of chimneys Material of chimneys of lining

Kind of heat Type of fuel Is gas fitting involved?

Framing lumber—Kind Dressed or full size?

Corner posts Sills Girt or ledger board? Size

Material columns under girders Size Max. on centers

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

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

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

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

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

Chief of Fire Dept. Chief of Police Dept.

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: Columbia Hotel Co.

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 42/1401

Location 645 Congress St

Owner Cumberland Hotel

Date of permit 12/9/42

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

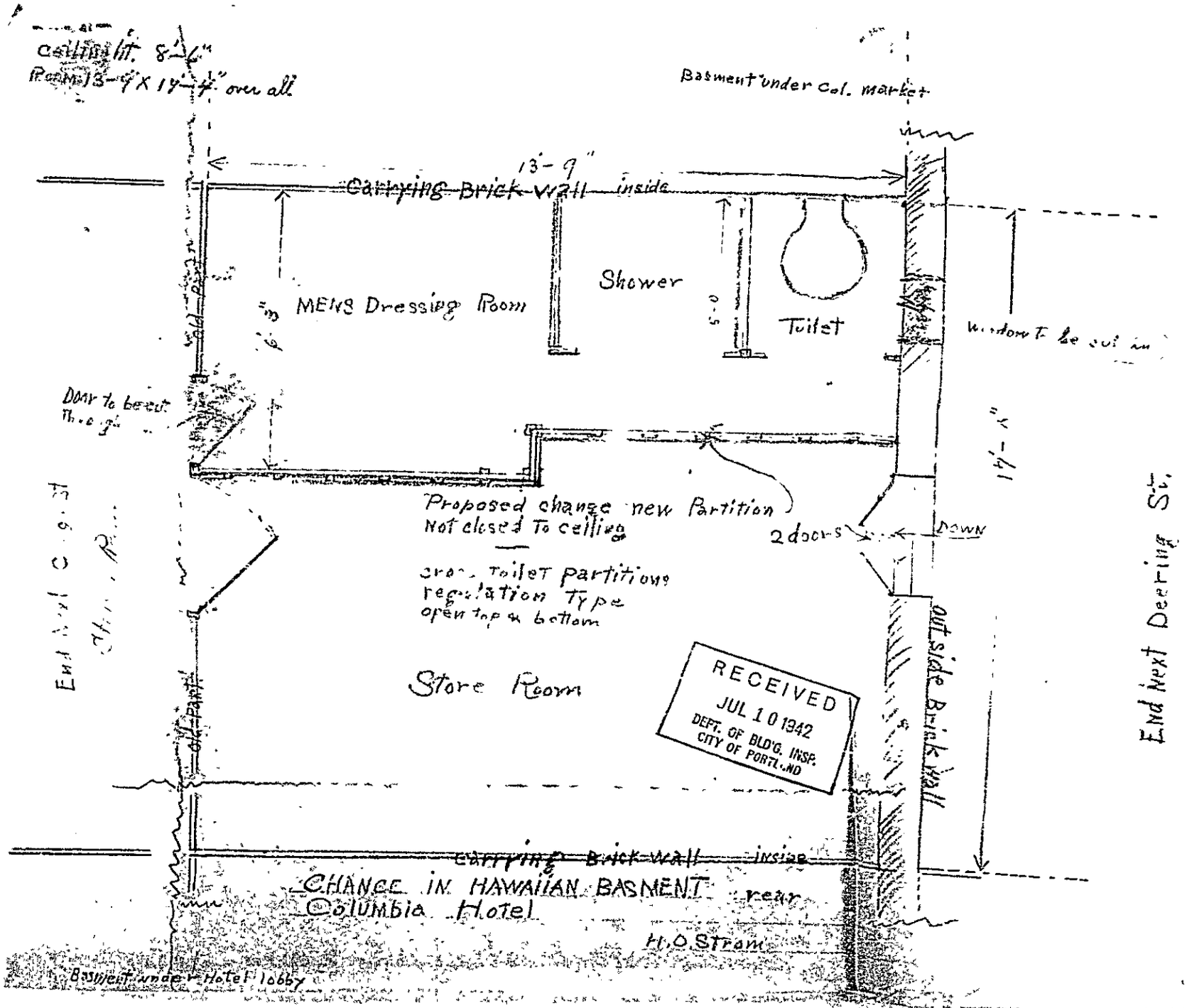
Final Notif.

Final Inspn. Co. to 9/7/43 ok

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Attempt to have that block
to have outside exit in
definitely bad condition.
Exits at rear Public toilet
There is a stairway from
the lobby to a landing that
is in front of rear toilet
The rear toilet doors
double acting and opens
into the lobby. This
landing is also used as an
emergency exit from the theatre.
Bridge Siffler
Toilet 6/16
9/14/43 Note
9/7/43 All work done
except as called for in
Parts 1 + 12 attached
to the Provisional Cert. Hotel
but these matters are
definitely settled ok.


ceiling ht. 8'-6"
Room 13'-9" X 14'-4" over all
Basment under Col. market
13'-9"
carrying brick wall inside
MENS Dressing Room
Shower
Toilet
window to be cut in
Door to be cut through
Proposed change new Partition
Not closed to ceiling
2 doors
Down
cross toilet partitions
regulation type
open top & bottom
Store Room
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CITY OF PORTLAND
outside brick wall
End Next Deering St.
carrying brick wall inside
CHANGE IN HAWAIIAN BASMENT near
Columbia Hotel
H.O. Strom
Basment under Hotel lobby

IN GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 17161

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

JUL 11 1917

Portland, Maine, July 10, 1917

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 645 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner or Lessee's name and address Columbia Hotel Co., 645 Congress St. Telephone 3-2101

Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores and Hotel No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 200. Fee $ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 5-6 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Hotel and stores No. families

General Description of New Work

To partition off new men's room (for employees) in basement, taking part of an existing storage room o 2x3 studs 16" OC asbestos board, to ceiling, cutting in new door to same, and new window in outside wall for ventilation, steel lintel

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? yes

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.

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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

Columbia Hotel Co.

Signature of owner by Henry Strom

Thomas Tetreau M.D.
Health Officer

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 42/761

Location 645 Cumgen St.

Owner Columbia Hotel Co

Date of permit 7/11/42

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 9/30/42. OK

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

605 Oven
42/158

NOTES

7/14/42. Not started. OK
7/27/42 Same.

TIMPERIOR FOR VOID

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0[illegible]

FEB 13 1942

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, February 11, 1942

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 645 Congress Street Use of Building Hotel No. Stories New Building Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Columbia Hotel Co., 645 Congress Street

Installer's name and address Portland Gas Light Co., 5 Temple St Telephone 2-9321

General Description of Work

To install gas fired bake oven

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? no If not, which story 1st Kind of Fuel gas

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) wood - 18" legs on oven

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace 5'

from top of smoke pipe 2' from front of appliance over 4' from sides or back of appliance over 4'

Size of chimney flue ~~1212~~ 12x12 Other connections to same flue none

enclosed burners produce 60,000 BTU

IF OIL BURNER

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

Will operator be always in attendance? Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure)

Location oil storage No. and capacity of tanks

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? How many tanks fireproofed?

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 Installer Portland Gas Light Co. Carl M. Morgan

INSPECTION COPY Thomas Lateran

1360

Permit No. 42/152

Location 645 Congress St.

Owner Columbia Hotel Co

Date of Permit 2/12/42.

Post Card sent

Notif. for inspn. None.

Approval ~~Tag issued~~ 12/3/42. CHG

Alt. 42/761

~~Oil Burner Check List (date)~~

1. Kind of heat Refined bituminous
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

4/11/42. Re location but not installed. CHG

12/3/42. Some discoloration

on the wall near ceiling and on ceiling above the vent. I talked with Mr. Morgan of Geo Co and he said the vent from heat. Mr. Davis of the Columbia Hotel said he thinks this mess can be traced to the heat at any time and is confident it is not heat. GHG.

GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 0 0 8 7

JAN 28 1942

Class of Building or Type of Structure

Portland, Maine, January 22, 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 615 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Columbia Hotel Co., 615 Congress St. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Associated Engineers, 56 Cross St. Telephone 2-3907

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ Fee $ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Hotel and stores No. families

General Description of New Work

To make alterations to existing ventilations system, first floor, as per plan

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 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 the 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

Columbia Hotel Co.
By Associated Engineers
Signature of owner
By A. E. Sheegan

INSPECTION COPY

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Permit No. 42187

Location 645 Congress St.

Owner Columbia Hotel Co

Date of permit 1/26/42

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 7/1/42, 008

Air Condition. 4/1/850 41185

Cert. of Occupancy issued 037445

Alt. Basement 4/1/819

4/1/946

NOTES

5/6/42 Not started, OK

FILE

BY

NAME BALLARD OIL & EQUIP. CO. OF ME

ADDRESS 353 CUMBERLAND AVE
PORTLAND

DATE DEC. 16, 1941

JOB #

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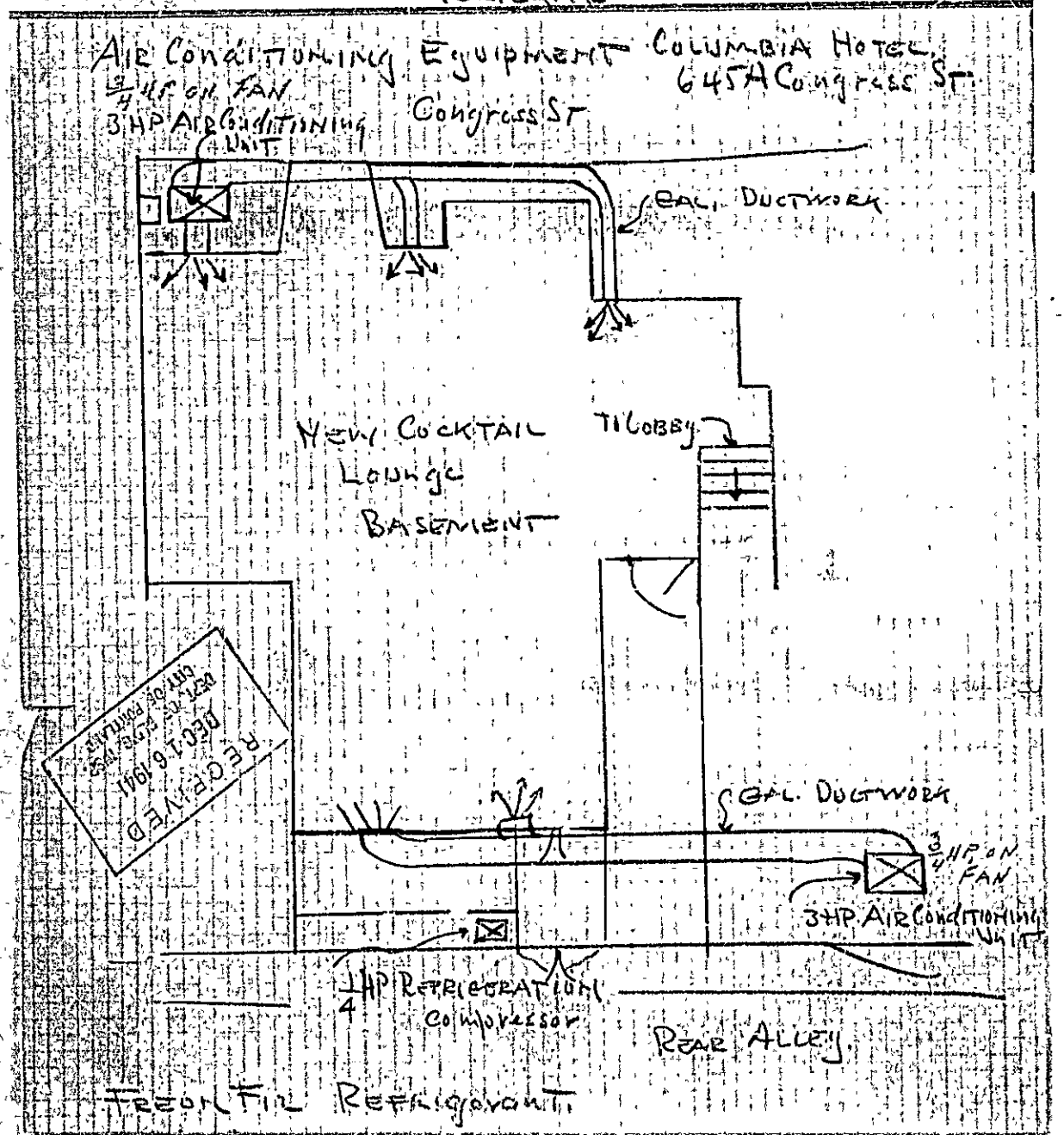

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(2) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 15.0

DEC 17 1941

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, December 16, 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 645 Congress Street Use of Building Hotel No. Stories 5 New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Columbia Hotel Co.

Installer's name and address Ballard Oil & Equipment Co. 353 Cumberland Av Telephone 2-1991

General Description of Work

To install air conditioning units as shown on plan for cocktail lounge in basement

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? _____ If not, which story _____ Kind of Fuel _____

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) _____

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace _____

from top of smoke pipe _____ from front of appliance _____ from sides or back of appliance _____

Size of chimney flue _____ Other connections to same flue _____

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner _____ Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? _____

Will operator be always in attendance? _____ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) _____

Location oil storage _____ No. and capacity of tanks _____

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? _____ How many tanks fireproofed? _____

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.)

Ballard Oil & Equipment Co. of Maine

Signature of Installer By [illegible]

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 41/1950

Location: 645 Congress St.

Owner: Columbia Hotel Co

Date of Permit 12/17/41.

Post Card sent

Notif. for Insp.

Approval ~~Issued~~ 1/6/42. Ne

~~Gas Burner Check List (date)~~

(Kitch. Vent. 42/87)

1. Kind of heat Air Conditioning
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

Columbia Hotel.

Congress Street.

New Closet

Closet

Elevator

GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
Permit No. 1026
DEC 15 1941

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, December 15, 1941

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 615 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Columbia Hotel Co., 615 Congress St. Telephone

Contractor's name and address Brown & Perry, Inc. 171 Edwards Street Telephone 3-2182

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 100. Fee $ .50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 5 Heat Style of roof Roofing

Last use Hotel and stores No. families

General Description of New Work

To partition off her closet (defense protection equipment) 3'6"x3' at end of side aisle (front wall of building) on second, third, fourth and fifth floors of building

This will not interfere in any way with light and air or means of egress from hall

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

CHIEF PLANT OF BUILDING
PORTLAND, MAINE

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 Columbia Hotel Co.
By Edward C.

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 4-1/1946

Location 645 Congress St.

Owner Columbia Hotel Co.

Date of permit 12/15/41.

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 1/6/42. OK.

Occupancy 4/11/49

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

Fir. Ordinance 4/11/50

Kitch. Vent. 4/4/87

NOTES

12/26/41 Work started. etc.

Dept. 718-D-I

November 17, 1941

Brown & Berry, Inc.
174 Edwards Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Permit for alterations in basement of Columbia Hotel to provide new cocktail lounge

Gentlemen:

With relation to the above project the following is required:

1. The exits as shown on the plan especially that shown via the main stairway in the present hotel lobby and that leading directly to the rear alleyway are not far enough apart but what an emergency which effected one of them would likely effect the other also. Mr. Davis says that to meet this question double doors will be cut in to the partition which is opposite and about eight feet from the existing outside doors to the rear passageway, these doors to be double acting and to have an exit light over them showing on the lounge side; that a partition will be constructed from the partition just mentioned to the rear foundation wall, thus making a sort of hallway between the lounge and the outside exit. The plan does not show the steps at this outside exit exactly as it is, the steps being within the thickness of the foundation wall and there being also two or three steps from the present basement floor to the threshold of the doors. Mr. Davis agrees that a landing at least as deep as the width of one of the double doors will be provided at the top of the outside steps and that steps will be built from the inside edge of this landing down to the basement floor level, the doors will then be recessed to the inside edge of this platform or landing and, of course, the spaces at the sides closed in with partitions. These doors are required to be at least six feet four inches high, to swing outwards and to be equipped with anti-panic hardware. At least one electric light is required to illuminate this small hallway and at least white light outside in the passageway, all on the exit light circuit and controlled by the same switch. We shall need a revised plan showing this rearrangement of exits, preferably a blueprint with all of the information printed from the original or in duplicate, so that we may feel sure that the same information is on the job that we have filed here. It is the understanding that the door indicated from the proposed lounge to "passageway to rear entrance" is not to be counted as an exit door and is to be fixed so that persons will not mistake it for an exit.

2. An exit light will also be required over the door leading from the proposed lounge to the stairs by the ladies toilet room, those stairs leading up to the main lobby and thus affording a particularly convenient emergency exit for the occupants of tables and booths near this doorway. We would prefer that this particular sign read "emergency exit" rather than just "exit" so that it will not be used habitually for means of egress. The letters in the word exit in these exit signs are required to show red or green, and the letters to be no less than four and one-half inches high.

3. The main entrance stairs from the lobby, the steps to the rear platform at the outside exit and the stairs to the lobby by the men's toilet are required to have anti-slip surfaces on the treads (it is understood a carpet is to be used on the main stairs, rubber mats or similar securely fastened down will satisfy the requirements on the others.) These stairs are required to have handrails

on both sides running the full length of the run. The steps to the platform at the rear exit should consist of no less than three risers and no riser less than five inches nor more than eight and one-half inches high.

4. The door leading from the proposed lounge to the small hallway at the foot of the stairs which leads to the main lobby and the door from this small hallway to the men's toilet room are both required to be self-closing in the sense that they are normally closed and kept closed by a suitable door check.

5. I understand that the space indicated on the plan as storage and dressing rooms is to be used merely for storage and not dressing rooms. It is understood that the toilet facilities for women in this new establishment is now existing on the main floor of the hotel.

6. I have turned the plan over to the Health Officer when the Building Code requires to approve the permit before it is issued. He may have additional requirements which, I understand, Mr. Davis is to find out direct from him.

7. It is understood that all of the new partitions are to be 2x3 studs, set vertically no less than 16 inches from center to center covered with wallboard and the ceiling covered with similar material, taking due care to leave the sprinkler heads of the automatic sprinkler system effective or to adjust them so that they will be fully effective.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WJcP/H

CC: Dr. Tetreau
Chief Sanborn
Chief Dodwell
Columbia Hotel Co., 645 Congress Street

GENERAL BUSINESS

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 1619

NOV 22 1941

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, November 13, 1941

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter remove 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 645 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Columbia Hotel Co., Telephone

Contractor's name and address Brown & Berry, Inc. 174 Edwards Street Telephone 3-2462

Architect Owner Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1

Proposed use of building Stores, hotel No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 1250 Fee $ 2.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

645 Congress St.--Alterations for Additional Cocktail Lounge for Columbia Hotel Co. by Brown & Berry, Inc. 11/22/41

To Owner and Builder:

Permit issued subject to Bldg. Insptr's letter of November 17th, and based on revised plan of rear exit received in this office 11/21/41. The plan shows a ramp inside rear exit door instead of steps which is satisfactory, but the Code provides that if the total difference of elevation covered by the ramp exceeds 10 inches, the pitch shall not exceed one foot rise to 12 feet run, and probably non-slip surface will be required anyway.

Exit light shown at foot of main entrance stairs is not required but is, of course, allowable.

CC Columbia Hotel Co.
645 Congress

(*Signed*) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

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 COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

Is any plumbing work involved in this work?

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

Size, front depth No. stories Height average grade to highest point of roof

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

Columbia Hotel Co.

Signature of owner by Edward C Berry

INSPECTION COPY

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

No. 41/1810

Location 645 Congress St.

Owner: Columbia Hotel

Date of permit 11/22/41

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 1/6/42. OK

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

Air Conditioning 4/1/1946

4/1/1950

Kitch. Vent. 12/87

NOTES

[illegible]

12/15/41 [illegible]

12/22/41 Work completed except wiring on emergency exit light. Also question the locking of the door. It was locked at this inspection. Should the door [illegible]

[illegible] not be operated [illegible] provide at all times [illegible] door is in-exit. [illegible]

1/6/42. Work completed as [illegible] illuminated exit. Exit door locking apparatus [illegible] light. [illegible]

449 Bringers
Q.Y.X.

We will not object to Glass panel new bringers for exit door under the circumstances.

As regards the grid at stairs, if the fire is to be sealed see no reason why ample protection cannot be furnished by a reaching clear around stair well at 1st floor level with a minimum frost put a few inches into the field so a person using exit hole door would run into frost before stepping down the first riser.

(over) [illegible] 4/11/41

Anything that you feel should be suggested for getting this to Mr. Davis that I do not see any purpose of them to engage in this discussion.

WMD
4/11/41

(3) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0195

FEB 17 1941

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, February 14, 1941

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 649 Congress Street — Within Fire Limits? yes — Dist. No. 1

Owner's ~~or Lessee's~~ name and address Columbia Hotel Co., 645 Congress St. — Telephone

Contractor's name and address C. H. Colley & Son, 12 Irving St. — Telephone 2-5606

Architect — Plans filed yes — No. of sheets 2

Proposed use of building Stores and Hotel — No. families

Other buildings on same lot

Estimated cost $ 300. — Fee $ .75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick — No. stories 6 — Heat — Style of roof — Roofing

Last use Stores and Hotel — No. families

General Description of New Work

To change wood partition or room in basement with 8" cinder block wall
To change store front as per plan - replacing iron column with 12x12 brick pier; replacing wood under show window with brick, and brining door out flush with street to be used for emergency exit only -vestibule door and insideremergency door will swing out. These doors will be equipped so that they can always be opened from the inside without a key, and have exit light over door as required by Building Code
To relocate stairs from first floor to basement as shown on plan
To remove 9" non-bearing partition

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? yes

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

Size, front — depth — No. stories — Height average grade to highest point of roof

To be erected on solid or filled land? — earth or rock?

Material of foundation — Thickness, top — bottom — cellar

Material of underpinning — Height — Thickness

Kind of roof — Rise per foot — Roof covering

No. of chimneys — Material of chimneys — 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 C. H. Colley & Son — Columbia Hotel Co. By Cliff H. Colley

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Name of Owner

Name of Contractor

Date of Inspection

Office

Permit No. 41/185

Location 640 [illegible] St

Owner [illegible] Hotel Co

Date of permit 2/17/41

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

3/8/41 – Visited [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Mr. [illegible]
[illegible]
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[illegible]
small [illegible]
door with a glass cover
to be broken in case of
emergency. He said that
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Rept. 774C-I

September 7, 1940

Gould Farmer Co.,
70 Free Street,
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the building permit covering installation of two oil burners for the Columbia Hotel at 645 Congress Street.

I note that the burners are to use heavy oil, evidently requiring a preheater. In the past we have had some difficulty with this type of installation not because the burners were defective, but because the equipment did not have all of the safety devices required for burners which are not to have an attendant always present while the burners are in operation.

The application states that the burners are labelled and approved by the Underwriters' Laboratories. If this label is actually on the burner, it undoubtedly indicates that the burners are approved as domestic burners, that is as burners safe to be operated without an attendant always present in the room where the burners are.

If each burner does not actually carry such a label on it, care must be exercised to see that all safety devices required by the Building Code, including that safety device which would automatically shut off the oil supply in case the burner should go completely out in the case of manual ignition.

If the burners do not carry the actual label of approval as domestic burners or do not have all of these required safety devices, then they must be classified as industrial burners which classification requires an attendant be always present in the room where the burners are while the burners are operating and that there be remote control valves or switches sufficiently removed from the burners that they will only be shut off manually in case of trouble at the burners without being exposed to the danger.

A copy of this letter of explanation is being sent to the Columbia Hotel Corp. so that no misunderstandings may arise later.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

H:ob/H

CC: Columbia Hotel Corp.
645 Congress Street

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 1030

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, July 11, 1940

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 645 Congress Street Use of Building Hotel No. Stories 5 New Building / Existing "

Name and address of owner of appliance Columbia Hotel Co., 645 Congress St.

Installer's name and address Portland Gas Light Co., 5 Temple St. Telephone 2-8321

General Description of Work

To install gas fired hotel range

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? no If not, which story 1st Kind of Fuel gas

Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) brick

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace, 6'

from top of smoke pipe 18" from front of appliance over 4' from sides or back of appliance no woodwork

Size of chimney flue 24x24 Other connections to same flue steam boiler

Hood to be provided over range

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner _____ Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? _____

Will operator be always in attendance? _____ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) _____

Location oil storage _____ No. and capacity of tanks _____

Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? _____ How many tanks fireproofed? _____

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.)

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of Installer Portland Gas Light Co. By Carl M. Morgan

Permit No. 40/811

Location 45 Congress St.

Owner Columbia Hotel Co.

Date of Permit 7/11/40

Post Card sent

Notif. for inspn.

Approval Tag issued 9/5/40 Co

Oil burner Check List (date)

1. Kind of heat Natural Gas Range
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

General Description of Work

Telephone