

818-820 CONGRESS STREET



SHAW-WALKER

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES

Date February 14, 1974

With relation to permit applied for to demolish a building  
at 820 Congress St it is unlawful  
to commence demolition work until a permit has been issued from  
this department.

Section 6 of the Ordinance for rodent and vermin control  
provides: "It shall be unlawful to demolish any building or  
structure unless provision is made for rodent and vermin  
eradication. No permit for the demolition of a building or  
structure shall be issued by the Building Inspection Department  
until and unless provisions for rodent and vermin eradication  
have been carried out under supervision of a pest control  
operator registered with the Health Department.

The building permit for demolition cannot be issued until the  
provisions of this section have been satisfied. It is the  
obligation of owner or demolition contractor or both to take  
up with the Health Department the matter of complying with this  
section, being prepared to inform that department what registered  
pest control operator is to be employed.

Very truly yours,

R. Lovell Brown  
Director

Owner: Gene Cohen  
Congress St  
Address: Portland Glass Co.

Contractor: Ralph Romano  
55 Frederick St  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Department comments: \_\_\_\_\_

*Inspection revealed no evidence  
of rodent or vermin infestation at this time.*  
*R. Watson*

Copies to:

Health (Mr. Blain) ----- 2  
Health (Mr. Noyes) ----- 1  
Public Works ----- 1  
Fire Department ----- 1



# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

B.O.C.A. USE GROUP .....

B.O.C.A. TYPE OF CONSTRUCTION .....

ZONING LOCATION .....

PORTLAND, MAINE, Feb. 14, 1974.

PERMIT ISSUED

8 19 1974

Feb 20 1974

CITY OF PORTLAND  
CITY OF PORTLAND

To the DIRECTOR OF BUILDING & INSPECTION SERVICES, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

LOCATION 820 Congress St. Fire District #1 ☐ #2 ☐  
1. Owner's name and address Gen. Cohen, Portland Glass Co., Congress St. Telephone .....  
2. Lessee's name and address ..... Telephone .....  
3. Contractor's name and address Ralph Romano, 55 Frederick St. Telephone 774-3096  
4. Architect ..... Specifications ..... Plans ..... No. of sheets .....  
Proposed use of building ..... No. families .....  
Last use rooming house ..... No. families ?  
Material ..... No. stories ..... Heat ..... Style of roof ..... Roofing .....  
Other buildings on same lot ..... Fee \$ 10  
Estimated contractual cost \$ .....

FIELD INSPECTOR—Mr. ....

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This application is for: @ 775-5451 Ext. 234 To demolish 2 1/2 story wooden dwelling. (Partly burned)  
Dwelling ..... Gas Co. was called. Sewer to be closed under  
Garage ..... Supervision of Public Works Dept.  
Masonry Bldg. ....  
Metal Bldg. ....  
Alterations .....  
Demolitions .....  
Change of Use .....  
Other .....

Stamp of Special Conditions

NOTE TO APPLICANT: Separate permits are required by the installers and subcontractors of heating, plumbing, electrical and mechanicals.

2/14/74 PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED TO 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐  
Sent to Health Dept. 2/19/74 Other: .....

Rec'd from Health Dept.

## DETAILS OF NEW WORK

Is any plumbing involved in this work? ..... Is any electrical work involved in this work? .....  
Is connection to be made to public sewer? ..... If not, what is proposed for sewage? .....  
Has septic tank notice been sent? ..... Form notice sent? .....  
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 .....  
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 .....  
Size Girder ..... 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? .....

APPROVALS BY:

DATE

BUILDING INSPECTION—PLAN EXAMINER .....

ZONING: .....

BUILDING CODE: .....

Fire Dept.: .....

Health Dept.: .....

Others: .....

## MISCELLANEOUS

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? .....

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

Ralph Romano

Signature of Applicant Ralph Romano

Phone # 774-13096

Type Name of above .....

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐

Other .....  
and Address .....

FIELD INSPECTOR'S COPY

NOTES

Permit No. 74/117  
Location 820 Canyon St  
Owner Portland Cement Co  
Date of Permit 4/20/74  
Approved

McKen

11100

3-12-74 Bldg down

Use of lot }



# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class  
Portland, Maine, May 31, 1955

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~alter~~ construct the following building ~~structure~~ 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 820 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's name and address Lynsandro Portello, 135 Bridge St., Westbrook Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address Herton F. McAlister, 820 Congress St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ Plans yes No. of sheets 1  
Proposed use of building apartment house No. families 10  
Last use \_\_\_\_\_ " " \_\_\_\_\_ No. families 8  
Material wood No. stories 2 1/2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ 5.00  
Estimated cost \$ 4,000.00 3,000.

## General Description of New Work

To partition off former storage space in basement into two apartments making 10 apartments in building.  
All partitions to be 2x3 studs, 16" on centers, covered on both sides with plasterboard.  
All ceilings to be plasterboard. Height of ceiling 8' 6".  
To enlarge existing windows on Ellsworth St. side of building, two sets of two windows, opening 62" wide with stud between. To change ~~at~~ door to window on rear of building.  
Floors to covered with tile.  
To enlarge window in front kitchen to 31" x 26".  
Existing furnace to be used for heating this apartment.  
To remove existing 1-story piazza on rear of building and on Ellsworth St. side of building.  
To close up door at first floor level on Ellsworth St. side of building leading to this piazza.

820 Congress St., or 42/132 30/1/1/55  
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 owner

## Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Is any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
Is connection to be made to public sewer? \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what is proposed for sewage? \_\_\_\_\_  
Has septic tank notice been sent? \_\_\_\_\_ Form notice sent? \_\_\_\_\_  
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? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_

## 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of owner

Herton F. McAlister

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AP - 820 Congress Street

June 3, 1955

Contractor - Merton McAlister,  
820 Congress St.

Owner - Lynsandro Porello  
135 Bridge St.,  
Westbrook, Maine

We are unable to issue a permit for providing two apartments in basement of building at the above location because the plan filed with application for permit does not show compliance with Building Code requirements in the following respects:

1. Will ceiling height in all of rooms be at least 90 inches as specified by Section 203-d-5.1?
2. Are window areas in each room equal to one-tenth of the floor area as required by Section 203-d-5.2?
3. Is the ceiling at all points at least 45 inches above the grade of the ground outside of windows providing light and air for rooms, as specified by Section 203-d-5.4?
4. The bedroom of one of apartments is shown without at least one window opening directly to the outside air, contrary to Section 212-d-1.1.
5. Kitchen of one apartment about 75 square feet in area is shown without window opening directly out-of-doors.
6. What provision is to be made to vent inside bathroom?
7. The two apartments do not have access to two means of egress, as required by Section 203-g-1.
8. Is outside entrance door to apartments at least 36 inches wide?
9. What provision is to be made for lighting entrance hall in accordance with Section 203-e-3?

We shall be unable to issue a permit for the proposed work unless and until plans showing compliance with all Building Code requirements have been filed for checking and approval. It is necessary that these plans be in the form of blueprints and drawn to scale.

Very truly yours,

AJS/H

Inspector of Buildings

Two new Apartments in Building at 818-820 Congress  
6/2/55

1- Zoning: Limited Business Zone - Use OK

2- Special + General Use Requirements:-

SECTION 203	SECTION 212
a- OK.	a- OK
b- O.K.	b- O.K.
c- O.K.	c- O.K.
d- 5.1 - Ceiling height	d- Ventilation of
d- 5.2 - Window area	Baths rooms.
d- 5.4 - No ceiling at all points. Half of required ceiling light above grade of ground where re- quired windows open?	
e- 1 - Access to two means of egress required for both apt's.	e- Width of entrance door to basement
e- 3 - Hall lights?	
f- 1 - Covering of hall partitions.	f- O.K.
g- O.K.	g- O.K.
h- O.K.	h- O.K.
i- O.K.	i- O.K.
j- O.K.	j- O.K.





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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR  
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, July 2, 1954

PERMIT ISSUED  
00903  
JUL 3 1954  
CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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 818 Congress St. Use of Building apartment house No. Stories 2 ~~New~~ Building Existing "  "  
Name and address of owner of appliance Samuel Porello, 135 Bridge St., Westbrook  
Installer's name and address Peterson Oil Co., 377 Cumberland Ave. Telephone   

General Description of Work

To install forced hot water heating system and oil burning equipment (replacement)

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance basement Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? no  
If so, how protected?    Kind of fuel? oil  
Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace 3 1/2'  
From top of smoke pipe 4' From front of appliance over 4' From sides or back of appliance over 3'  
Size of chimney flue 8x12 Other connections to same flue none  
If gas fired, how vented?    Rated maximum demand per hour     
Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? yes

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner York Heat Labelled by underwriter's laboratories? yes  
Will operator be always in attendance?    Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? bottom  
Type of floor beneath burner concrete Size of vent pipe existing  
Location of oil storage basement Number and capacity of tanks existing  
Low water shut off    Make    No.     
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks enclosed?     
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners   

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance    Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?     
If so, how protected?    Height of Legs, if any     
Skirting at bottom of appliance?    Distance to 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?    Forced or gravity?     
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:

Wm. J. 7/2/54

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

Peterson Oil Co.

Signature of Installer by:

J. J. Peterson

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- 1 Fill Pipe
- 2 Vent Pipe
- 3 Kind of Heat
- 4 Butler Capacity & Support
- 5 Name & Label
- 6 Switch Control
- 7 High Limit Control
- 8 Remote Control
- 9 Piping Support & Protection
- 10 Valves in Supply Line
- 11 Capacity of Tanks
- 12 Tank Rigidity & Support
- 13 Tank Distance
- 14 Oil Gauge
- 15 Instruction Card
- 16 Low Water Shut-off

# NOTES

7.22.54, Work started  
This installation  
replace burner  
154-214 under  
date 3-2-54.

Permit

Permit No. 541903  
Location 818 Congress St.  
Owner Samuel D. Delle  
Date of permit 7/2/54  
Approved S. S. / [Signature]

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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR  
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, March 2, 1954

PERMIT ISSUED  
00234  
MAR 2 1954  
CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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 820 Congress St. Use of Building Apartment house No. Stories        ~~New~~ Building Existing  
Name and address of owner of appliance S. Forello, 135 Bridge St., Westbrook 1232-W  
Installer's name and address Philip Lourie, 81 Vesper St. Telephone 1-8896

General Description of Work

To install forced hot water heating system and reinstall old oil burner

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance basement Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath? no  
If so, how protected?        Kind of fuel? oil  
Minimum distance to burnable material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace 2'  
From top of smoke pipe 3' From front of appliance over 4' From sides or back of appliance over 3'  
Size of chimney flue 10x12 Other connections to same flue none  
If gas fired, how vented?        Rated maximum demand per hour         
Will sufficient fresh air be supplied to the appliance to insure proper and safe combustion? yes

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner        Labeled by underwriter's laboratories?         
Will operator be always in attendance?        Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank?         
Type of floor beneath burner        Size of vent pipe         
Location of oil storage        Number and capacity of tanks         
Low water shut off        Make        No.         
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame?        How many tanks enclosed?         
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners       

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance        Any burnable material in floor surface or beneath?         
If so, how protected?        Height of Legs, if any         
Skirting at bottom of appliance?        Distance to 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?        Forced or gravity?         
If gas fired, how vented?        Rated maximum demand per hour       

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

R.M.G. has no apartment, a  
holder of oil burner that  
never have checked and will have  
to check it now should check it  
before put out the unit

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 3-2-54 Rmb.

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 Installer

Philip Lourie

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, March 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 ... 820 Congress Street ... Use of Building ... 14 Stories ... No. Stories ... New Building  
Name and address of owner of appliance Lysandro Porello, 820 Congress Street ... Existing "Yes"  
Installer's name and address Holland Furnace Company, 7 Franklin Street ... Telephone 5-1522  
Deering Ave.

## General Description of Work

To install

### 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 Holland ... Labelled by underwriters' laboratories? Yes  
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? ...  
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners ...

### 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

Job already installed before application filed.  
Permit not issued because of lack of time  
to complete check & get any defects corrected.  
Now stating see notes and release side and  
letter of 12/19/51.

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:

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 Inspector

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NOTES

10-24-51 No fire alarm at Hasman  
 No remote control that I  
 could find. in installation cart.  
 11-19-51 - See letter - ~~was~~  
 5-13-52 Intified to day, installation  
 completed  
 5-14-52. Could not get in. ~~Perm~~

OK

Permit No. 51 11-8-51

Location 920 Carnegie St.

Owner ~~Wendell~~ ~~Carroll~~

Date of permit 1/51

Approved

AP 820 Congress Street-I

December 19, 1951.

Mr. Lysandro Porello  
820 Congress Street  
Holland Furnace Company  
Attn: Mr. Kirby  
7 Deering Avenue

Location: 820 Congress Street  
Installer: Holland Furnace Company

Gentlemen:

Further with relation to heating appliances installed at the above location without a permit having been secured from this department our inspector reports the following defects as compared with Building Code standards for safety and fire prevention, the Building Code containing no requirements as to the efficiency of such apparatus in heating the building:

Judging from the application the only appliance installed by the Holland Furnace Company is Holland oil burning equipment, and even so there is no indication at all on the application about oil storage tanks. If the job included anything else than installation of oil burning equipment with tank in connection with an existing furnace, will the owner advise this office as soon as possible of what the additional installation consisted of?

1. An automatic shut-off valve is required in the oil supply line at the burner assembly--this capable of cutting off the supply of oil to the burner automatically in event fire should take place in the cellar.
2. Our inspector could discover no remote control switch. Such a switch is intended to be far enough away from the burner assembly, so that if anything should go wrong there, a person would have certain opportunity to reach the switch and shut off the burner without being exposed to the danger. When equipment is in the cellar, the usual place for this is at the top of the cellar stairs, still better would be a location in the first story just as one would enter the cellar stairway. It should not be below the top of the cellar stairs and in any case should be clearly marked so that the oil burner will not be accidentally turned off thinking the switch is for lights or some other appliances.
3. An instruction card explaining the operation of the oil burning equipment is required to be posted near the oil burner assembly.

This department has no authority to give instructions directly to the installing company to enter into an owner's building and make any changes without owner's consent. According to the Building Code standards for safety, correction of these defects are necessary to safeguard the building and the occupants, and it is hoped that they may be corrected without delay. If the owner feels that the corrections should not be made, or if the owner does not understand the reason for the corrections, it is hoped that he will contact Inspector Thurlow of this office, so that the matter may be cleared up to his satisfaction. Mr. Thurlow may usually be reached by phone (4-1431, extension 234) week days other than Saturday between 4:00 and 4:30 P.M.

The installer should notify this office for another inspection when defects have been corrected. We shall appreciate a notice from the owner at that time as to whether or not he is satisfied with the work done.

Very truly yours,

WNcd/G

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Warren McDonald  
Inspector of Buildings



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

September 28 1951

Location: 820 Congress Street

Mr. Lysandro Porcello  
820 Congress Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Porcello:

A heating appliance, oil burning equipment or similar device has been installed in the building at the above location although the installer did not apply for and secure a building permit before commencing the installation as required by the Building Code of the City of Portland.

Installers of such equipment had become careless about securing permits before starting such installations, and since early in 1951 a special effort has been underway to compel compliance with this part of the law because such acts are not only in violation of the law, but they leave this Department without knowledge of the installation and the owner without benefit of inspection by the department before the installation is accepted and paid for by the owner.

Better operation of the law in this particular is the rule now, but our effort in this connection has turned up a considerable number of installations which may have been thus installed without permits a year or more ago.

With our large volume of inspection work, we have been unable to inspect these jobs, but we hope to do so as fast as time permits.

It is to be hoped that the above job, as to its details of installation, complies with the requirements of the Building Code. If not you and the installer will be notified.

It is to be borne in mind that the Building Code regulates details of such installations from the standpoint of fire protection and prevention, and contains no requirements as to the efficiency of the appliance or system in heating the building.

Very truly yours,

*W. M. Donald*  
Inspector of Buildings

WMCD/H

AP 820 Congress Street-1

June 18, 1948

Subject: Building permit for rebuilding retaining wall along public sidewalks at 820 Congress Street, corner of Ellsworth Street.

Mr. Arthur Allen  
87 Pleasant Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Allen:

Building permit for the above work is issued based on Mr. Fenderson's markings in red crayon on the plan as of June 8, 1948, but subject to the following:

1. The wall along Congress Street is to be rebuilt from the corner of Ellsworth Street to the front entrance steps, and more than the 30 feet along Ellsworth Street if the portion farther up Ellsworth Street is found to be defective.

2. All of the replaced wall is to have its foundation extend at least 4 feet below the grade of public sidewalk or to ledge if ledge is encountered at a less depth.

3. All of the stone masonry is to have joints slushed full of mortar, and the Building Code is to be observed in that where the wall is 24 inches or less in thickness hand stones are to be built in with a maximum spacing of 3 feet vertically and horizontally, and where the wall is more than 24 inches thick one hand stone is to be provided for at least each 6 square feet of wall surface on both sides of the wall.

4. I am unable to approve the arrangement whereby the foundation will not be as thick as the wall above, unless you are able to supply an analysis of the superstructure to prove that the arrangement will work out all right. I have never happened to see a proposal like this before, and it is my belief that the weight of earth and surcharge over the batter of the wall would produce shearing action in the stone masonry which it could hardly be expected to stand. It may be that a careful analysis of the thrust will allow a somewhat less thickness of superstructure and if so a less thickness of foundation of course.

5. While it is an excellent precaution to drain the material in back of the wall, it certainly is not allowable to discharge any considerable amount of water upon either public sidewalk. If that may possibly take place, some other method of back-draining the wall should be adopted.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WM:D/S

CC: Mr. F. W. Fenderson  
26 Nevada Avenue

*He claims there is portion of wall in good condition at the back of front building. He is to look down the front of Ellsworth Street, from the corner and notify for inspection.*



(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Structure  
Portland, Maine, May 27, 1948

PERMIT ISSUED  
01008  
JUN 18 1948  
CITY of PORTLAND

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 820 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's name and address Arthur Allen, 87 Pleasant Ave. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address owner Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ Plans yes No. of sheets 1  
Proposed use of building Apartment No. families 8  
Last use \_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_ No. families 8  
Material frame No. stories 2 1/2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 500. Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To replace and repair existing stone retaining wall, as per plan.

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. **PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO** Arthur Allen

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 plat \_\_\_\_\_ 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. Railing 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

Signature of owner

Arthur Allen

INSPECTION COPY

NOTES

7/2/48. Section on Ellsworth St. side about 6' long rebuilt to 30" above sidewalk. Workman said he must 24" below sidewalk. Filled in existing stone with concrete and drilled in this. Remaining section of wall (Ellsworth St. side) to be removed. Told them to stop before any other work would be started. Due to unusual high grade and loose stone, a shoring bracing to prevent possible washout in case of heavy rain over long weekend. O.K.

6/6/48. Met. went over this on job to get information & to give when foundation graded and ready for stone to be laid.

7/9/48. Inspection of section on Ellsworth St. abt 15' from corner. It has been cleared out about 2' below grade exposing a stone wall on the bank inside. Bottom is to be graded and the stone laid. O.K.

7/19/48. Wall completed. Several weep holes are put in on Ellsworth St. They don't seem to be anything controlling this, in freezing weather there would be little if any running water and at other times no particular damage would be done under any such conditions O.K.

Permit No.	48-1008
Location	820 Campbell St.
Owner	Arthur Allen
Date of permit	6/18/48
Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. closing-in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	7/2/48 O.K.
Cert. of Occupancy issued	

10222 10222



COPY

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
Department of Building Inspection

# Certificate of Occupancy

Issued to **Arthur Allen**

Date of Issue **May 23, 1943**

This is to certify that the building, premises, or part thereof, indicated below, and ~~hereby~~ altered—changed as to use at **813-820 Congress Street** under Building Permit No. **48/138** has had final inspection, has been found to conform substantially to requirements of Zoning Ordinance and Building Code of the City, and is hereby approved for occupancy, limited or otherwise, as indicated below.

PORTION OF BUILDING OR PREMISES

**Entire Building**

**Limiting Conditions**

This certificate supersedes  
certificate issued

APPROVED OCCUPANCY

**Single Apartment House**  
**First floor-3 apartments**  
**Second floor-3 apartments**  
**Third floor-2 apartments**

*Inspector of Buildings*

Notice: This certificate identifies lawful use of building or premises and ought to be transferred from owner to owner when property changes hands. Copy will be furnished to owner or lessee for one dollar.

AP 818-320 Congress St.-I

February 5, 1948

Mr. Arthur Allen  
87 Pleasant Avenue  
Portland 5, Maine

Subject: Permit for alterations in apartment  
and lodging house at 818-320 Congress  
Street to provide eight apartments therein

Dear Sir:

The permit for the above work is issued herewith based on plans  
filed with application and subject to the following:

1. A vent through the roof of incombustible material at least  
50 square inches in cross sectional area is required for the new kitchen-  
ette of apartment #1. No cross connection of this vent with vents from  
bathrooms is allowable. Since the venting of the inside bathrooms is no  
longer controlled by the Building Code, the Plumbing Inspector should be  
consulted concerning requirements. See Section 212d of the Building Code.
2. Unless they are already so arranged, the hall lights are re-  
quired to be on the owner's meter controlled by an automatic time switch  
so as to burn from sunset to sunrise. Section 203e3.
3. The door to boiler room enclosure is required to be at least  
a Class C (labelled) fire door set in a structural metal frame since it  
is to be in a masonry wall. It must be either automatic or self-closing,  
but preferably self-closing as shown on plan. Section 203f3.
4. Where stairs to cellar from first story are to be removed, the  
walls are to be framed and covered in with construction equivalent to  
that in the rest of the first floor.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/S

P.S. Because this work represents a substantial alteration, when  
all features controlled by the Building Code are completed, notice of  
readiness for final inspection is required, and none of the new apart-  
ments is to be occupied for living quarters until the certificate of oc-  
cupancy covering the new situation has been issued.



LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class  
Portland, Maine, February 4, 1948

PERMIT ISSUED  
00133  
FEB 5 1948  
CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~repairs~~ ~~or~~ ~~to~~ ~~construct~~ the following building ~~structure~~ ~~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 818-820 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's name and address Arthur Allen, 87 Pleasant Avenue Telephone 3-0924  
Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address Owner Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect Owner Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ Plans yes No of sheets 4  
Proposed use of building Apartment House No. families 8  
Last use Apartment House & Lodging House No. families 3  
Material wood No. stories 3 Heat hot water Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 2000 Fee \$ 5.75

General Description of New Work

To provide 8-apartments ~~rooms~~ in entire building in place of apartment and lodging house use, 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 owner

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

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

Arthur Allen



48/138  
Permit 18-820 Congress St  
Loc Arthur Allen  
Date of permit 2/5/48  
Notif. closing-in 5/24/48 (11.31)  
Inspn. closing-in  
Final Notif.  
Final Inspn. 5/27/48, J.H.  
Cert. of Occupancy issued 5/27/48

NOTES

5/20/48. Down from hotel  
apt 8 third floor to apt 7  
not closed.

Could not get in  
apt 1 first floor. This  
was under a separate  
permit. S.S. said work  
done.

Fixed down cellar  
enclosure not being up.  
J.H.

AP 818 Congress Street-1

December 13, 1947

Mr. Arthur Allen  
87 Pleasant Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Subject: Permit for alterations in  
building at 818 Congress Street  
to provide a second apartment in  
first story

Dear Sir:

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

1. Unless the opening between the livingroom of the  
new apartment and the proposed kitchenette is made large enough  
to have an area equal to 60 percent of the area of the partition  
separating the two rooms, a vent of incombustible material at  
least 54 square inches in cross sectional area through roof of  
building is required.

2. Check should be made with the Plumbing Inspector to  
make sure that the method proposed of venting the new bathroom  
into a chimney flue will meet requirements of law.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

AJS/S

Location 818 Congress Street

Date 12/18/47

Permit  
Enquiry  
Complaint

Memo:

✓ Since our last record gives use of this half of building as 1 apt. - 1st story, 3 bldg. rms. - 2nd story and existing use in application is given as Lodging House & 2 apts, there is no change of use involved. - AJS



(3) LIMITED  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, December 13, 1947

03383  
DEC 18 1947

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter repair ~~demolish~~ 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 818 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 13  
Owner's name and address Arthur Allen, 87 Pleasant Avenue Telephone 3-0924  
Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address owner Plans yes No of sheets 1  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Specifications \_\_\_\_\_ No. families 3  
Proposed use of building Leasing House - apartments (duplex) No. families 2  
Last use \_\_\_\_\_ Dwelling \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Material frame \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories 3 Heat steam Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ 2.00  
Estimated cost \$ 1000.

General Description of New Work

To partition off new kitchenette and bathroom in existing front room, first floor, to provide new apartment making two apartments on 1st floor and one apartment on second floor of this half of duplex house.  
Studs 2x4, 16" OC., covered with sheetrock both sides.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Framing lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or full size? \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. c \_\_\_\_\_  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof \_\_\_\_\_  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_  
On centers: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_  
Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_  
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ Is to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_, to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_ number \_\_\_\_\_  
Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ of any tree on a public street? no  
Will there be \_\_\_\_\_ of the above work a person competent to see that the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ and City requirements pertaining thereto are \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of owner

Arthur Allen

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 47/3369  
Location 918 Congress St  
Owner Arthur Allen  
Date of permit 12/18/147  
Notif. closing-in  
Ins. closing-in  
Final Notif.  
Final Inspn. 5/19/115  
Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

11/1/148 - 11/1/148  
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ZONE 7

FIRE DIST. 3

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

DATE 5/1/45

Verbal  
By Telephone

LOCATION 825 Congress St OWNER ?

MADE BY Richard Hursey, attorney for Mrs. Hayward TEL. 3-5746

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING ?

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION \_\_\_\_\_ NO. OF STORIES \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: I believe Mrs. Hayward is a prospective  
tenant and the State Health Dept. here  
told her that she must satisfy our requirements

INQUIRY: What is legal use of this  
building?

R.M.T. If you will determine legal  
use and find one - present one  
I will do the rest - W.H.D.

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF REPLY \_\_\_\_\_

REPLY BY \_\_\_\_\_

Location

820 Langmuir

Date

7/2/5

Permit

Inquiry

Complaint

1st story furnished.  
Bessie apt. kitchen  
bath + one room.  
furnished - no edge  
down 1st floor

2nd floor

3 lodging rooms.

3rd - 3 lodging rooms  
2 rooms - each  
+ 1 double.



**SURVEY AND INVESTIGATION OF TENEMENT AND LODGING HOUSES  
QUESTIONABLE AS TO LEGAL AND SAFE USE**

13054-A-1  
B  
limited 8/2/45

1. Location 820 Congress St. Ellsworth - 26
2. References: Complaints \_\_\_\_\_ Appl. BP \_\_\_\_\_ Inq. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Present Owner and Address Don L. Ling & Maude Noble - 818 Congress
4. Present Lessee and Address \_\_\_\_\_
5. Building Permit Record: \_\_\_\_\_

Assessors' Record

6. Survey 1924: Owner Blaise M. Feldman No. tenants 1  
No. rooms 9 ; Class of Use Dwelling - 3 rooms - 4-5-10
7. Assessors' change record since 1924 \_\_\_\_\_

8. Change of Owners, 1924 to date  
 1924 Frank Bradley & Trading Co. 1930 Almon B. Libby Co. 1931 Elmer S. Morley  
 1936 Unio. Safe Deposit. 1937 Ed. W. Dearth & Son, 1940 Emma M. Dubie  
 (818) Mrs. Grace T. Murphy 1943 Don L. Ling & Maude Noble  
 (818) Charles E. Clark
9. City Directory Record

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1926 (818) Mrs. Grace T. Murphy        | 1936 (818) Vacant                       |
| 1927 (820) Ellsworth St.               | 1937 Same                               |
| 1928 (818) Mrs. Louise M. Farland      | (818) Robert E. Downs (Aldan)           |
| 1929 (818) Vacant                      | 1939 (818) Robert E. Downs              |
| 1930 Same                              | 1940 (818) The Hill-Top Lodge           |
| 1931 Same                              | (818) Mrs. Helen M. Cawden - Lodge      |
| 1932 Same                              | 1941 (820) Mrs. Helen M. Cawden - Lodge |
| 1933 (818) C. Harry Sanborn (Louise F) | Don L. Ling                             |
| (818) Vacant                           | 1942 818-820 Catherine M. Ling (Lodge)  |
| 1935 (818) Louis R. Sinais (Mary F)    | Same as 818-820                         |
|  | 1943 (820) Vacant                       |
|  | 818 - Don L. Ling - Lodge               |
|  | 1944 820 - Walter W. Hubbard            |
|  | 1945 _____                              |

10. Miscellaneous

Conclusions and Action

No 820 listed for this year.  
700 number was called 818

Don L. Ling & Maude Noble  
Ellsworth - 26

(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

RECORD OF PLUMBING PERMIT

DATE *May 2, 1945*

Location *820 Congress St.*

Owner *Don Ling*

Plumber *H. A. Williams*

New Building

Old Building

How is building occupied? *Res. and rooming house*

How many families? *2*

Number of Stores?

Present Use of Building? *Res & Room* Proposed Use *same*

NATURE OF WORK

	Closets	Lavatories	Bath Tubs	Sinks	Laundry Trays	Conductors	Foot Baths	Slop Hoppers	Cuspidors	Soda Fountains	Ice Boxes	Urinals	Shower Baths	Drinking Fountains	Stall Drains	Butler Sinks	Dish Washers	Washing Machines	Soil Pipe Extended Through Roof	Drains	Cellar Drains	Roof Drains	Cement Drain Removed	Vaults & Cesspools Done Away With
Basement																								
Stories																								
<i>1st</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>											<i>1</i>										

Remarks:

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

ZONE \_\_\_\_\_

FIRE DIST. \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 4/20/45

Verbal  
By Telephone

LOCATION 820 Congress St OWNER \_\_\_\_\_

MADE BY Mrs. Minor P. Hayward TEL. \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT USE OF BUILDING Lodging House

CLASS OF CONSTRUCTION 3rd NO. OF STORIES \_\_\_\_\_

REMARKS: Mrs. Hayward has leased this half of a double Kelly (owner lives in other half) and wishes to convert to commercial home

INQUIRY:

She has a communication of some sort from Mr. Harmon State Health Inspector who told her to find out requirements of this office

ANSWER:

Explained what necessary permit and cert. of occupancy and that architect's plans would be necessary with application for permit - further that such a permit for wooden building could only be issued after approval by Municipal officers

DATE OF REPLY 4/20/45

REPLY BY WMD

Rept. 2834D-I  
C-33-133-I  
E-15-42-S

February 26, 1943

Mr. D. L. Ling,  
812 Congress Street,  
Portland, Maine

Subject: Application for building permit to  
cover cutting in fire door in cellar of building  
at 812-818 Congress Street

Dear Sir:

I am unable to issue this permit for the following reasons. The two sides of this building, both used as a combined apartment and lodging house have a dividing wall from the cellar to the roof, unbroken except for the single fire door opening in the third story. Both sides have cellar stairs from the first floor to the cellar.

If you were to be allowed to cut this opening in the dividing wall in the cellar, the law provides that both of these stairs between the first floor and the cellar would have to be enclosed with fire resistive partitions and with a self-closing standard fire resistive door in each enclosure at the foot of each pair of stairs. A similar standard self-closing fire resistant door would be required in the new opening in the dividing wall. In view of the scarcity of metal for making these fire doors, it is extremely doubtful if you could satisfy the requirements of the law now even if you are willing to go to the expense. There might be a chance for variation from these requirements for enclosing the cellar stairs, according to what you can get along with. For instance you might be able to remove the cellar stairs on one side, the building and fill in the wall (this additional space in the first story, if beneath stairs to the floors above could not be used for a closet, however); then enclose the other pair of cellar stairs, put a fire door in the opening in the dividing wall. Or, you could remove both cellar stairs, flooring over the wells tightly; provide entrance to one side of the cellar or the other, or both, from the outside of the building only and then provide the new opening with fire door in the dividing wall.

The type of stairway enclosure in such a case required consists of wooden wall studs set vertically no more than 16 inches from center to center and covered on both sides with plaster on perforated gypsum lath with the same material on the underside of the stairs if the underside of the stairs would otherwise be exposed to the cellar. The standard fire resistant door is specified in Section 802-0-1 of the Building Code together with the details of the fire door frame. The term "self-closing" means a door which is normally closed and kept closed by a suitable device. The fire door in the central masonry wall in the cellar would have to have a frame of structural metal such as angles or channels.

Our inspector finds that, perhaps through ignorance of legal requirements, you have already cut the opening through this wall. It will be necessary for you to have this opening closed with masonry the same thickness as it was before you started and made thoroughly tight not later than March 9, 1943.

In event you decide that you will not go through with any of the above requirements as to stairway enclosures, etc., if Mr. Stultz will return the receipt for the fee paid to this office the money will be refunded by voucher. If you decide that you will make the changes, complying with the legal requirements, you should have him revise the application for the permit accordingly, give the new estimated cost and adjust the fee.

Mr. D. L. Ling—3

February 26, 1943

In any event there are several matters which require attention and which were never fully taken care of by the former owner who made the change from a duplex dwelling house to apartments and lodging rooms. The stairs from third floor to second floor on both sides are required to be provided with a handrail the full length on at least one side. If there are any closets existing under stairs in the building they must be eliminated. Electric lights in public and stair halls on both sides of the building are required adequate to show the way out of the building in case of emergency. All of these lights must be placed on the owner's meter and are required to be kept burning from sunset to sunrise each night. The fire door existing in the dividing wall at about the third floor level is required to be made self-closing (normally closed and kept closed by a suitable device). It is necessary that you have these latter matters attended to not later than March 9th and notify us for another inspection.

Very truly yours,

WCD/H

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Shepard Stultz  
R.F.D. #5



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED  
Permit No. 0202

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, January 30, 1943

MAR 3 1943

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter imm<sup>4</sup> the following building structure-equipments in accordance with the L<sup>s</sup> 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 Fl<sup>6</sup> 212-220 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or Lessee's name and address D. L. Ling, 816 Congress St. Telephone 4-2593  
Contractor's name and address Shepard <sup>Stultz</sup> ~~Stultz~~, West Vallowah <sup>Portland</sup> #5 Telephone 4-5808  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed \_\_\_\_\_ No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Apartment and rooms (20) No. families 2  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 100. Fee \$ .50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 3 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use Apartment and rooms (20) No. families 2

General Description of New Work

~~To cut in new door (2015) in existing brick party wall in basement self-closing fire~~  
~~door~~

To put sheet rock on walls of an existing room on third floor of 816

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

any plumbing work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_  
any electrical work involved in this work? \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_  
ze, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
aterial of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
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ists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
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maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

If a Garage

How accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_, to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
umber commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
omobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

ework require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no  
be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto  
ed? yes

Signature of owner

D. L. Ling

DN COPY



Permit No. 43/202

Exation: ~~8/6-8/8-8/20~~ Congress St.

Owner: D. L. King

Date of permit 319/43

**Notif. closing-in**

**Inspn. closing-in**

**Final Notif.**

Final Inspn. 1/19/48

Cert. of Occupancy issued *None*

# NOTES

2/25/43:- The new 4th  
building is practically  
the same as called for  
in specific memorandum  
by Mrs. Duke, altho  
the remainder of order  
provided for are partly  
fully completed. It is  
stated that the new  
building is follows:-

#818 - East side -  
1st story - 1 apartment (lower)  
2nd - 3 lodgings rooms  
3rd - 3 lodgings rooms  
#820 - West side -  
1st story - 2 apartments  
2nd - 3 lodgings rooms  
3rd - 3 lodgings rooms

Barriers runs both sides  
of passage. Fire door put  
in between stairs in 3rd  
story stands open.  
Should this not be self  
closing but not necessari-  
ly provided with locking  
since both sets are under  
the control of one party?  
Handrails on both sets  
of stairs from 3rd story

do not extend full  
length of stairs which  
are very steep and wind  
up.

Purpose of fire door  
in brick building in  
basement is to provide  
access from one hall of  
house to other to find  
walkers without going  
out of doors. One of  
heaters has been converted  
from oil and the other  
to be so.

Room in third story  
to be finished off is now  
the use, a man being  
to keep there at time of

[illegible]

15/5/50 - Opening in Pasco  
has been closed. Tel. by Mrs  
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STATEMENT OF SPECIFICATIONS ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT TO COVER  
MINOR ALTERATIONS AND CHANGE OF USE OF THE BUILDING OF MRS. EMMA DUBIE AT 818-820  
CONGRESS STREET

November 25, 1939

*file with  
copy with  
820*

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NOV 28 1939  
1. This statement of specifications is to be considered as much a part of the application for the building permit as though written on the application form, but failure to mention any requirement of the Building Code herein shall not relieve owner, tenant or contractor or any other person from compliance therewith.

2. It is proposed to change the use of this building from the last legal use, that of a two family duplex dwelling house to the following use: on the west side one apartment in the first story, one two room apartment with cooking, one lodging room without cooking and one common bathroom in the second story, three rooms for one lodger each on the third floor; on the east side of the building a single apartment in the first story, three separate lodging rooms, one lodger to each, and a common bathroom, on the third floor three lodging rooms for one lodger each; not more than nine persons to be accommodated at any one time on each side of the building, thus making a maximum of 18 in the entire building, and no cooking facilities to be permitted in any of the rooms indicated as lodging rooms.

3. An approved metal-covered fire door set in a metal covered frame will be provided in the partition dividing the two sides of the house on the stairs just below the first floor level to swing to give as wide an opening as possible and to interfere with the stairway as little as possible. This fire door will have in it a small thin glass panel, will be equipped with two mortise bolts with a turn button on each side of the door, each button to operate only one of the bolts. The entire arrangement is to be so that in case of emergency a person on either side of the door may turn the button on his side, break the thin glass, reach through the opening and turn the button on the other side, thus allowing him to open the door and use the stairway on the opposite side of the building. The glass panel will be appropriately lettered on both sides to indicate even to a new tenant in the building the course to follow in an emergency, such as a fire in the building.

4. If there are not existing handrails on at least one side of each run of stairs, the full length of the stairs, such handrails will be provided. If any closets exit under any of the stairs in the building, they will be eliminated.

5. One or the other of the following methods of lighting public halls and stairhalls in the building will be adopted and provided:

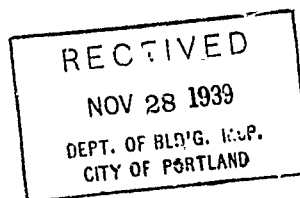
a. Adequate electric lights in all public hallways and stairhalls, both front and rear so that persons may have their way illuminated to leave the building, all lights to be on the meter of the owner of the building and controlled by a time switch and all such lights to be kept burning from sunset to sunrise each night; or

b. Similar lights will be provided in hallways and stairhalls, all such lights on each side of the building to be either on the owner's meter or on the meter of the tenant leasing that entire side and so arranged that any tenant or occupant on any floor level may operate a single switch conveniently located on the floor level where he is and light all lights in halls both front and back in the side of the building in which he is. In this latter case, these switches for the third floor levels will be located conveniently and similarly on both sides of the fire door mentioned above.

6. All of the above provisions will be made and operative, notice for final inspection will be given the Inspector of Buildings and a certificate of occupancy required by law received from him before any of the rooms on the third floor level on the easterly side of the building are occupied.

*Please sign  
and return this copy.*

Mrs. Emma M. Lusk



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STATEMENT OF SPECIFICATIONS ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT TO COVER  
MINOR ALTERATIONS AND CHANGE OF USE OF THE BUILDING OF MRS. EMMA DUBIE  
818 1/2 CONGRESS STREET

November 25, 1939

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c. All of the above provisions will be made and operative, notice for final inspection will be given the Inspector of Buildings and a certificate of occupancy required by law received from him before any of the rooms on the third floor level on the easterly side of the building are occupied.

Rept. 5724C-I  
C-39-133-I

November 13, 1933

Mrs. Emma Dubie,  
816 Congress Street,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Madam:

The status of your building at 816-820 Congress Street is now as follows:

According to information given to me by your tenant, the west half of the building is being used for one apartment (your tenant's) in the first story; one two-room apartment with cooking, one lodging room without cooking and one common bathroom in the second story; two rooms for one lodger each and one small room sometimes used as a kitchenette on the third floor; a total of eight persons accommodated. Thus this side has been converted to a three apartment tenement with a few lodging rooms without cooking in them, and this without a permit as required under the Building Code. We are not disposed to emphasize the latter omission, but to straighten the matter out as well as possible. On this side of the building there are four consecutive winding trends in two places in the stairs between the second and third floors, a condition which is not permitted under Building Code regulations for tenement houses.

I presume the easterly half is being used as you agreed when the building permit was issued for changes there on September 23, 1933,--the first story for a single apartment (your own), three separate rooms in second story to be used by lodgers without cooking facilities; the third floor to be unused for human occupancy on account of lack of means of egress; a maximum of not more than nine persons being accommodated at any one time on the easterly side of the building.

You have applied for a permit to cut in a new self-closing door on the third floor between the two sides of the building to act as an alternate means of egress for persons in the third story on either side of the dividing wall in case of emergency. There is a clause in this application which I do not understand, reading as follows: "To cut in new self-closing door on stairway between second and third floor, so as to provide additional means of egress from third floor of either half of this building (from third step from top of stairs)". The tenant on the westerly half told me that she understood that this doorway was to be cut between two closets at the third floor level instead of right on the stairs as indicated in the application by Mr. Skinner. I should think the door between the closets would be satisfactory, but I doubt if the arrangement on the stairs, which I may not understand, would be approved by the Board of Fire Engineers who have final jurisdiction in this matter of exits. In any event this alternate means of egress will have to be approved by the Board of Fire Engineers, and I suggest that you have Mr. Skinner supply a sketch showing clearly in what part of the building the doorway is to be provided with relation to the stairs and the rooms on the third floor and indicate the kind of door, the size of it and the fact that it would be self-closing, that is normally closed and kept closed by an approved closing device such as a door closer or spring. This door would have to be a metal covered fire door set in fire door frame, but could be a more or less ornamental door, if you desire to purchase a fire door of that type. If the dividing wall is of wooden construction, the frame of the door may be covered all over tightly so as to exclude air with metal, but if the dividing wall is brick, the frame of the fire door ought to be of structural metal. In any event a thin glass panel will

November 15, 1939

be required in the door and two bolts with turn buttons on either side of the door, so arranged that a person on either side can break the glass reach through and turn the knob on the other side, thus being able to pass to the opposite side of the building and use the stairs there. Full directions should be indicated permanently on the glass panel to read from both sides of the door.

I am told by the tenant on the west side that the small room on the third floor has only been used occasionally for cooking. With the third story stairs having windows as indicated above, a permit cannot be granted to use the west half of the building for more than two apartments, but a permit could be granted for two apartments as at present with the other rooms to be used for single lodgers with no cooking privilege or facilities other than those in the two apartments and with a total of not more than nine persons on that side.

After the new door and dividing wall has been provided and after a few requirements of the Building Code have been complied with as indicated herein, the easterly half of the building as you have indicated that you now desire, one apartment in the first story; three rooms in the second story for lodgers without cooking privilege or facility; lodging rooms in the third story without cooking privilege or facility with a maximum of not more than nine persons on that side; or it might be used in the same manner as indicated for the west half; all of that to be made clear in the application for the permit covering the installation of the new door.

If these indicated uses are to be maintained or established, the Building Code requires the following: handrails on at least one side of all stairs the full length; electric lights adequate in number, size and location to illuminate the way to leave the building, both front and back, the lights to be on the owner's meter, or may be on the main tenant's meter on each side, and controlled by switches so that there is one switch in each public hallway on each floor easily accessible to all tenants and which, when operated, will light the lights front and back so that any tenant by turning a single switch on his own floor level may illuminate his way to the outside of the building; or all of the lights would have to be kept burning from sunset to sunrise each night.

If you desire to go ahead with this, perhaps the quickest way would be for you to sign a statement of specification covering these features, which I will prepare upon notice from you, if you want to go ahead, to accompany application for permit which you have filed for the door, this statement and application will then go to the Chief of the Fire Department for approval, and when the approval is received the permit will be issued. Before the building on either side can be considered to be legally occupied in the above manner, it will be necessary for these noted provisions to be made and certificate of occupancy received from this department.

Very truly yours,

WMCD/H

Inspector of Buildings

Chief Sanborn

Rept. 5724C-I

November 25, 1939

Mrs. Euse Dubie,  
816 Congress Street,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Madam:

Relating to your building at 818-820 Congress Street, you have authorized Mr. Edward C. Berry of the firm of Brown & Berry, Inc. to proceed with the work of securing a permit and making the necessary changes incident to the change of use of the building, and I find that the Board of Fire Engineers is willing to approve the arrangement which he proposes of a fire door on the stairs and in the partition dividing the building into its two parts a little below the third floor level.

In order to clear this matter up and as indicated in my letter to you of November 15th, enclosed for your convenience is a statement of specifications to accompany the application for the building permit, original and one copy. If you will sign the original and return to this office, we should be able to issue the building permit to Mr. Berry covering both minor alterations and change of use of both sides of the building.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMcD/H

CC: Brown & Berry, Inc.  
22 Monument Square,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Berry:

An application for this permit was filed by another contractor. We have notified him and he is withdrawing it and collecting his fee. Whenever convenient please drop in the office and file your own application for this permit, and as soon as the signed specifications are received from Mrs. Dubie, we can issue the permit.

Warren McDonald



UNLIMITED BUSINESS ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No.

2198

City of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, November 28, 1939 DEC 4 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect or 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:

816-  
Location 818-820 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Emma Dubio, 818 Congress St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address Brown & Berry, Inc. 22 Monument Sq. Telephone 2-2482  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed no No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Lodging House No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 50. Fee \$ 50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 2 1/2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use dwelling house No. families 2

General Description of New Work

To cut in new door (self-closing, metal covered) in division wall between the two buildings at third floor level from stairs as per specifications - this is to provide second means of egress from this floor

To change Use of building: All as indicated in specification signed by Owner, attached hereto and made a part of this application

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 Mrs. Emma Dubio  
By Brown & Berry, Inc.

INSTRUCTION COPY

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Permit No. 89/2198

Location 816 818-820 Congress St.

On Linna Delle

Date of permit 12/4/39

Notif. closing-in

Instn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspu. 1/12/45

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

See notes on inspection

copy of 43/302

See 10 folder at  
# 818 Congress



P.39/1545-1

November 10, 1939

Harris Oil Company,  
17 Main Street,  
South Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Please provide an instruction card relating to the operation of the oil burning equipment which you have installed for Mrs. Emma Dubie at 816 Congress Street, permanently posted in place near the oil burner and thus comply with the regulations of the Building Code.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMCD/H

CC: Mrs. Emma Dubie  
816 Congress Street



FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT ISSUED  
1545

SEP 16 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, September 16, 1939

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 816 Congress Street Use of Building tenement N. Stories 2 1/2 ~~Old~~ Building Existing "Existing"  
Name and address of owner of appliance Mrs. Emma Rubie 816 Congress St.  
Installer's name and address Harris Oil Co., 17 Main St. So. Port. Telephone 2-2304

## General Description of Work

To install Oil Burning Equipment in connection with existing hot water Heater (forced)  
OR CLOSING IN IS REQUIRED  
REQUIREMENT IS

### IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? yes If not, which story \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of Fuel Oil  
Material of supports of appliance (concrete floor or what kind) concrete  
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 Fluid Heat Labeled and approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? yes  
Will operator be always in attendance? \_\_\_\_\_ Type of oil feed (gravity or pressure) pressure  
Location oil storage basement No. and capacity of tanks 1 - 275 gal.  
Will all tanks be more than seven feet from any flame? yes 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.)  
Harris Oil Co.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of Installer

By

R. M. Bell

Permit No. 39/1545

Location 816 Congress St.

Owner Mrs Emma Dubie

Date of Permit 9/16/39

Post Card sent

Notif. for insp. None

Approval Tag issued 11/9/39 No

Oil Burner Check List (date) 11/9/39

1. Kind of heat H.W. (Heard)

2. Label 341988

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 No

16. Drafting started in smoke pipe

11/10/39

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*Grogan*

November 10, 1939

Harris Oil Co.,  
17 Main Street  
South Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

The outlet of the vent pipe connected with the oil storage tank of the oil burner assembly which you have installed for Mrs. Emma Dubie at 818 Congress Street is several inches less than the required 24 inches above the grade of the ground required by the Building Code.

Please have this vent pipe extended to comply with legal requirements at least by November 20, 1939.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMCD/H  
CC: Mrs. Emma Dubie  
818 Congress Street



**FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK**

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

PERMIT NO. 7542  
PERMIT ISSUE  
POWER EQUIPMENT

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

SEP 16 1939  
~~Portland, Maine, September 16, 1939~~

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: 318 Congress Street Use of Building: Office

Location 418 Congress Street Use of Building tenement No. Stories 2 1/2 New Building Existing  
Name and address of owner of appliance Mrs. Emma Duke, 815 Congress St.  
Installer's name and address Harris Oil Co. 217 Main St. So Portland Telephone 2-9304  
General Description \_\_\_\_\_

### General Description of Work

To install Oil Burning Equipment in connection with existing hot water heat (gas) **WAIVED**

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATENESS  
OR CLOSING IS WAIVED  
Heat (gray) WAIVED  
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED  
Fuel \_\_\_\_\_

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

Is appliance or source of heat to be in cellar? yes If not, which story \_\_\_\_\_ Kind of Fuel oil

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

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

IF OIL BURNER

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

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

Location oil storage basement No. and capacity of tanks 1 - 275 gal.

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

Amount of fee \$12.00

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.)

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Signature of Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Harris Oil Co.

**INSPECTION COPY**

*Signature of Installer*

By

Harris Oil Co.

Permit No. 39/1542

Location 818 Congress St.

Owner Mrs. Edna Duke

Date of Permit 9/16/89

Post Card sent

Notif. for insp. *Hand*

Approval Tag issued 11/27/39. No.

Oil Burner Check List (date) 11/9/39.

1. Kind of heat *H.V. Granites*

2. Label: 35-2841

3. Anti-siphon

[illegible]

5. Tank distance:

6. Vent Pipe *20" Above grade*

7. Fill Pipe	11/1	11/2	11/3	11/4
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8. Gauge

9. Rigidity ☒

10. Feed safety

11. Pipe sizes and material

12. Control valve

13. Ash pit vent.

14. Temp. or pressure safety

[illegible]

16. Drift - 0. Stat in smoke

NOTES

10/10/39 - 9/10/40

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11.  $\frac{1}{2} \log_2 1000000 = 11.585$  bits

[illegible]



7) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, October 13, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter ~~hath~~ 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 S-12 - 820 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or lessee's name and address Emma Dubie, 816 Congress St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address Thomas Skinner Co., 127 Main St. So. Portland Telephone 4-4746  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed no No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Lodging House No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 40. Fee \$ 50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 3 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use Lodging House No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

To cut in new self-closing door on stairway between second and third floor, so as to provide additional means of egress from third floor of either half of this building (from third step from top of stairs)  
There will be no lock of any kind on this door so that it may be opened from either side at any time

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

INSTRUCTION COPY

Signature of owner By \_\_\_\_\_

Emma Dubie

*Thomas Skinner*

57244

Permit No. 39/  
Location 818-820 Congress St.  
Owner Emma Dubie  
Date of permit 10/ /39.  
Notif. closing-in  
Inspn: closing-in  
Final Notif. 12/11/39.  
Final Inspn.  
Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

7/19/39 - 1st floor  
used by family of  
Jesse & Mary. They  
made one 2-room apartment  
cook by gas with oven -  
no private bath - one  
front room 1 lodge, one  
common bath.  
3rd floor - 2 rooms -  
1 lodge each - small  
room and bathroom used  
as bath when at the  
total of 8 persons on  
this floor. 4 persons  
under 2 places and  
the 2nd floor. Handled  
do not sit and eat in  
length of afternoon





# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PERMIT ISSUED 1136

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, September 23, 1939 SEP 23 1939  
Supersedes application of 9/20/39

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 818 Congress Street (Called 816) Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or lessee's name and address Mrs. Emma Duble, 816 Congress Street Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address L. A. Lane & Son, 278 Front St. So. Portland Telephone no  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed no No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Single apartment first floor, 3 lodging room 2d floor No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot the other half of this duplex building  
Estimated cost \$ 50.

Description of Present Building to be Altered Fee \$ 50  
Material wood No. stories 3 Heat hot water Style of roof hip Roofing asphalt  
Last use certified use - single family dwelling house No. families 1

General Description of New Work  
First floor, remove about 3' non-bearing partition to change pantry to bath room, existing window at least three square feet in area for ventilation  
This alteration involves the easterly half of this duplex building only. The Owner has verbally agreed in presence of Inspector of Buildings and contractor that all rooms in first story will be used as single apartment; that the three rooms in second story will be used by lodgers and that no cooking will be permitted in these three rooms; and that the rooms on third floor will not be used for human occupancy because there is only one means of egress, until an additional permit has been secured covering changes required; and further that there will not be more than nine (9) persons accommodated at any one time on this side of this duplex building.  
(All information that can be found seems to point to the facts that this half of the building was being used as a single family dwelling when the Building Code became effective in 1927. Perhaps a year or two ago some person may have used it as a rooming house, but the recorded information does not support that fact. The above change does not constitute a change of use.

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  
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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
Framing Lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or Full 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

INSTRUCTION COPY

Signature of owner

Mrs. Emma Duble

By

L. A. Lane & Son

54630



(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZON  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

Class of Building or Type of Structure third

Portland, Maine, Sept. 20, 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 816 Congress St. Within Fire Limits? \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's or Lessee's name and address Emma Dubie 816 Congress St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address L.A. Lane & Son 278 Front St. So. Portland Telephone no  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed \_\_\_\_\_ No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Rooming house No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Estimated cost \$ 50 Fee \$ 50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material frame No. stories 3 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof hip Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use Rooming house No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

First floor, remove about 350 non-bearing partition to change pantry to bathroom. present window ventilation  
Third floor to finish off partly studded room for bathroom, present skylight 30x36 for ventilation.

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

Details of New Work

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Emma Dubie

La Lane & Son

54630

Permit No. 39/1616  
 Location 816 Congress St.  
 Owner Emma Dubie  
 Date of permit 9/23/39  
 Notif. closing-in  
 Inspn. closing-in  
 Final Inspn. 9/28/39  
 Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

Reason record  
 1924 - 818 - 1 tenant (owner)  
 8 rooms 820 - Dwelling 1  
 Tenant for 32 boundaries  
 Dug out into 816 & 818

Subsequent Record  
 1926 (816 - 1 tenant)  
 1927 (818 - 2 "  
 1928 (816 - 1 tenant)  
 1929 (818 - 1 "  
 1930 (816 - 1 "  
 1931 (818 - 1 "  
 1932 (816 - 1 "  
 1933 (818 - 1 "  
 1934 (816 - 1 "  
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	816	818
1929	vacant	vacant
1930	"	"
1931	"	"
1932	"	"
1933	"	Name
1934	"	vacant
1935	"	1 name Emma Dubie
1936	"	vacant
1937	"	"

816 818  
 1928 1 name 2 names  
 1939 1 name 1 name  
 no 816 9/26/39  
 9/28/39 - Work done OK

29/1683

January 17, 1930

Almon C. Libby Company  
12 Monument Square  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

With reference to alterations proposed last summer upon the building at 818 Congress Street, and covered under building permit #29/1683, an inspector from this office reports that nothing has been done upon this project. Therefore, since more than ninety days have elapsed since the permit was issued, and no work has been commenced upon the project, the building permit has lapsed.

If this work is contemplated in the future, it will be necessary to apply for and secure a new building permit to cover the same.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

WM/HO

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Wooden girder on  $6\frac{1}{2}$  ft span curves

$$5 \times 25 + 23 \times 20 + 2 \times 11 \times 25 = 1135$$

$$6 \times 1135 = 6810 \neq$$

8" I on 10' span grdfn 17,100.

15" I at 14' 2" on 18' span grdfn 39000

$$\begin{aligned} & 6.5 \times 18 \times 55 + 5.5 \times 18 \times 7.5 + 20 \times 20 \times 18 = \\ & 6435 + 7425 + 7200 = 21,160 \\ & 21,160 + 2 \times 6950 = 21,160 + 13,900 = \\ & 35,060 \end{aligned}$$

7x9 on 12 ft span grdfn  $840 \times 7 = 5880$

$$12 \times 24 \times 20 = 5760$$

2x10 on 15 ft span grdfn 1630.

$$15 \times 1.33 \times 55 = 1100$$

~~Lapsed~~  
29/1683

#9875-I

August 26, 1929

Almon G. Libby Company  
12 Monument Square,  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the building permit covering alterations to the building at 818 Congress Street.

Please note the following:

The ceilings of the stores are required to be lathed with metal lath or other incombustible lath and plastered or, if desired, these ceilings may be covered with incombustible wall board which in turn should be covered with metal ceiling.

No toilet facilities are shown on the plan and at least one toilet easily accessible to all of the stores will be required and if women are likely to be employed in the stores, an additional toilet must be provided for them and so marked.

It is understood that the new foundation walls are to be of stone laid in mortar. The minimum thickness permitted is 18 inches and all of the walls should extend at least 4 feet below the grade. It will be necessary to make the rear walls, which hold a considerable bank of earth, much thicker than 18 inches.

When the work is completed, one fire extinguisher will be required in the boiler room and one in the corner store.

Please be governed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.



(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Third Class

Portland, Maine, July 30, 1929

PERMIT ISSUED  
AUG 26 1929  
1683

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 818 Congress Street Ward 7 Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 3  
Owner's or lessee's name and address Almon G. Libby Co., 12 Monument Sq. Telephone F 5535  
Contractor's name and address not let Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect's name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Stores and tenants No. families 2  
Other buildings on same lot none

## Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material wood No. stories 2 1/2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use dwelling house No. families 1

## General Description of New Work

To make alterations to existing building as per plans submitted to provide for two stores in basement (or street level) and two tenants

## Details of New Work

Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_  
Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_  
No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
Kind of heat no change except in location of boiler Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Distance, heater to chimney \_\_\_\_\_  
If oil burner, name and model \_\_\_\_\_  
Capacity and location of oil tanks \_\_\_\_\_  
Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_ Size of service \_\_\_\_\_  
Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
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  
Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. sheets 6  
Estimated cost \$ 3200. Fee \$ 5.75

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 Almon G. Libby Co.

INSPECTION COPY

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Ward 7 Permit No. 29/1683

Location 218 Congress St

Owner Almon & Lissy Co

Date of permit 7/20/29

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

Nothing started

at

9/16/29 nothing

yet

9/16/29 nothing

started yet

9/26/29 nothing

started yet

10/10/29 no change

at

10/24/29 no change

at

11/15/29 no change

at

11/15/29 no change

at

11/15/29 no change

at