

247 York Street

STANDARD  
#8503-31

April 28, 1969

Mr. Thomas H. Hawes  
274 Valley Street  
Portland, Maine

Re: 247-249 York Street

Dear Mr. Hawes:

As owner of the property located at 247-249 York Street, Portland, Maine, you are hereby notified that as the result of a recent inspection, the entire structure is hereby declared unfit for human occupancy.

The above mentioned apartment building is to be kept vacant so long as the following conditions continue to exist thereon:

- a. The property is damaged, decayed, deteriorated, insanitary and unsafe in such a manner as to create a serious hazard to the health, safety and general welfare of the occupants or the public.

Therefore, you will not occupy, permit anyone to occupy or rent the above mentioned without the written consent of the Health Officer or his agent, certifying that the conditions have been corrected. You are also hereby ordered to make the above mentioned property safe and secure so that no danger to life or property or fire hazard shall exist thereon. This can be accomplished by boarding up all entrances and sealing all openings in the foundation.

Sincerely,

Lylo D. Hoyer  
Housing Supervisor

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REQUEST FOR SERVICE

PORTLAND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATE RECEIVED	4/16/69	BY	Li	DISTRICT	7TB
REQUEST BY	NAME	Anon			
	ADDRESS				
OWNER	NAME	T. James			
	ADDRESS	274 Valley St. City			
CONDITIONS	ADDRESS	247 York St (Vacant)			
<p>Alley filled with rubble, rubbish &amp; garbage. The windows are broken - The place is a sight!</p>					
COMMENTS	<p>Wanted have them removed from lot to be demolished OK</p>				
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS					
DIVISION	SANITATION		HOUSING		NURSING
	ROUTINE		SPECIAL		BY
	PRIORITY		URGENT		REPORT TO
DATE					

File OK 5/66

March 16, 1966

OK  
DATE 5/66

Mr. Thomas Hayes  
274 Valley Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Hayes:

RE: 247 York Street

We recently received a complaint, and an inspection was made of the property owned by you at 247 York Street, Portland, Maine. As a result of the inspection, you are hereby ordered to correct the following substandard housing conditions:

NUISANCES AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS

- a. Rid the premises of all infestation (cockroaches). We suggest that you procure the services of a competent pest operator registered with this Department to do the work.

The above mentioned conditions are in violation of Chapter 307 of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, and must be corrected on or before April 16, 1966.

Sincerely,

Gordon E. Martin  
Housing Supervisor

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247 York Street  
 Fisher's Estate  
 CLASS CODE 39  
 REF TO REF' BY S. L. W.  
 DATE REFER G.I. CLOSED  
 ADD Mrs. Haskell & Peabody  
 SUPANT Katherine, Martha &  
 AT Katherine Maguire  
 REIN. N.O. VTS

CPLNT ADD 1st floor - some  
 Place is overrun with rats and  
 mice. Last night a rat bit the  
 little girl on the hand while  
 she was in bed as she screamed  
 & they saw the rat. Snow  
 FINDINGS comes right in the house  
 by going under window frame.  
 you can put your hand right  
 through it. Walls full of  
 holes could see insects  
 come up as soon as possible.

As Reported - Plaster C-2 & M. from the  
 walls in all rooms - window frames &  
 all base - Broken & need patch of plaster  
 in front rm - down to kitchen all repaired.  
 ACTION Oil Burner in kitchen working but cold -  
 Bath rm - Behind & below & front sections -  
 Evidence of rodents in Cellar & some in hall  
 in apt. to be inspected - 500 ft. just as Bad  
 Apartment - Vacant @ this time - Fishes died by  
 November - Since then rent has jumped from \$2 to \$35  
 per month - Above family has Court Order to Evict  
 by 1st of this month from 10 1/2 D. Hill which they claim  
 they do not owe - referred them to Legal Aid Society.  
 These apt. are not fit for habitation - Instructed  
 Mr. Maguire to seek quarters elsewhere. As this  
 as well as the 500 ft apt would probably  
 be closed up - 6 Mr. Peabody & Mrs. L. W. L.  
 the so called estate - 5-20-61 - Reg.

CITY OF PORTLAND  HEALTH DEPARTMENT	Still here, seeking quarters up country, would like some help in doing so - 5-18-61 Reg.	COMPLAINT INSPECTION REPORT  CS 330
	Received notice to vacate 5-12-61 Reg. Unable to find quarters as yet will move as soon as they can.	











March 13, 1957

Mr. Howard Fisher,  
26A Brackett St.,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Re: 247 York St.,  
1st floor apartment

This is to inform you as owner or agent of  
the property located at 247 York St., Portland, Maine that  
we have released the 1st floor apartment from posting.

Therefore, you may rent the apartment to  
others or occupy it yourself.

If any additional information is desired  
visit or call this office.

Very truly yours,

Edward W. Colby, M. D.  
Health Director

By: Gordon E. Martin  
Housing Supervisor

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Electrical Work - Cont.

- ✓ x f) through a wall or attach it to any flat surface.
- ✓ x g) Disconnect and do not connect again the extension cord from the first floor apartment through the floor into the cellar.

Structural Repairs

Repair and put in good order all dilapidated and hazardous parts of the structure as follows:

- ✓ x x x a) Repair or replace the loose or missing plaster on the walls and ceiling of the kitchen and (ceiling of the bathroom in the first floor apartment.) & Sand
- ✓ x b) Repair or replace the loose or missing plaster on the walls of the kitchen and bedroom in the second floor apartment.
- x x x c) Repair or replace the loose or missing plaster on the ceiling of the bedroom in the third floor apartment.
- ✓ d) Repair or replace the loose or missing plaster on the walls of the front hallway, and walls of the rear hallway.
- x x x x x e) Tighten the loose window sashes and putty the loose window panes in all the windows throughout the entire structure.
- x x x x f) Determine the reason and remedy the condition which now causes the roof to leak into the bedroom of the third floor apartment.
- ✓ x g) Repair or replace the broken panel in the bathroom door of the second floor apartment.
- ✓ x h) Repair or replace the worn and dilapidated treads on the front hall stairway.
- ✓ i) Repair or replace the loose, worn, dilapidated and hazardous parts of the outside front and rear steps and porches.
- ✓ x j) Repair or replace the loose or missing bricks on the foundation on the front and both sides of the structure.
- x x x x x k) Repair or replace the loose, broken or missing parts of the gutter and drain-pipe on the left side of the structure.

Nuisances and Insanitary Conditions

- ✓ x a) Discontinue the use of the second floor landing (hallway) as a storage place. This obstructs the second means of egress from the second and third floor apartments.
- ✓ b) Accomplish a general clean up of the cellar by removing and properly disposing of the rubbish.
- x x x x c) Provide suitable, sufficient, water-tight, tightly covered, metal garbage and rubbish containers.
- x x x x d) Rid the premises of all infestation and vermin. We suggest that you procure the services of some qualified person to do the work.

The above mentioned conditions are in violation of the City Ordinances "Minimum Standards for Continued Occupancy", "Authority to Vacate Buildings" and "Garbage and Rubbish Containers" and must be corrected on or before October 21, 1954.

November 2, 1956

Mr. Howard Fisher  
26 A Brackett Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Fisher:

Re: 247 York Street  
First Floor

An owner or agent of the property located at 247 York Street, Portland, Maine, you are hereby notified that as the result of a recent inspection the vacant first floor apartment is hereby declared unfit for human occupancy.

The above mentioned apartment is to be kept vacant so long as the following conditions continue to exist thereon:

- a) Insanitary conditions which are or may become detrimental to health.
- b) Vermin infestation within the apartment which may result in contamination of food or other health hazards.

Therefore, you will not occupy, permit anyone to occupy, or rent the above mentioned apartment without the written consent of the Health Officer certifying that the conditions have been corrected.

Yours very truly,

Edward W. Golby, M.D.  
Health Director

By: Gordon E. Martin  
Housing Supervisor

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2/17/56

February 17, 1956

Mr. Howard Fisher  
26A Brackett Street  
Portland, Maine

Mr. Fisher

Re: 247 York Street

247 York Street,  
September 21, 1954

March 16, 1956

#19

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
COORDINATED INSPECTION REPORT  
SANITATION & HOUSING

Date MAY 15 1949 Inspector BOURRE - BLANCHARD  
Location 1137  
Owner H. F. ... Occupant HEEJEN  
Dwelling WOOD - 3 STORY Apts — Lodging —  
Basement used as living quarters NO

X = deficient  
O = satisfactory

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Steps (o)	Walls (o)	Floors (o)	Roof (o)	
Room Ventilation (o)	Garbage Cans (o)	Rats (X)	Vermin (X)	
Odors (o)	Toilet (X)	Pipes leaking (X)	Traps and waste (X)	T
Drainage (o)	Water pressure (X)			
B	1	2	3	4 M

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Foundation (X)	Outside attached structures (o)	Stairways (o)	
Railing (o)	Flooring (o)	Broken Plaster (o)	Defective Chimney (o)
B	1	2	3 4 M

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

Defective Wiring (o)	Meter Boxes (o)	Lighting and Fuses (o)	
B	1	2	3 4 M

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Escapes (o)	Chimney Cleanouts (X)	Smoke Pipes (o)	
Open Flues (o)	Proper Sleeves (o)	Rubbish (X)	Ashes (o)
Broken Windows (o)	Incinerator (o)		
Conditions surrounding building		<u>OK</u>	
B	1	2	3 4 M (Over)



Location \_\_\_\_\_

Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Tenant \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in Dates

Inspections:

Health, Sanitation 3/23/49, Plumbing 3/23/49

Fire \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical \_\_\_\_\_

Building \_\_\_\_\_

Notices:

Health \_\_\_\_\_

Fire \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical \_\_\_\_\_

Building \_\_\_\_\_

Reinspection:

Health 2/14/50 \_\_\_\_\_

Fire \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical 7/15/50 \_\_\_\_\_

Building \_\_\_\_\_

Correction:

OK \_\_\_\_\_

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OK \_\_\_\_\_

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Court Action:

Health \_\_\_\_\_

Fire \_\_\_\_\_

Electrical \_\_\_\_\_

Building \_\_\_\_\_

(Over)