

Orig. copy

Dear Mrs. ?????????? :

In my desire to meet the needs of persons who have found themselves confronted with the hard problem of finding a place where friends or loved ones may be cared for, who, because of age, infirmity or ill health are unable to care for themselves, I find that I have taken for care at my _____ Nursing Home a larger number of patients than the ten persons which the regulations allow from considerations of safety to the patients.

Apprised of this situation, I am confronted with the uncomfortable problem of deciding which of my present patients I shall continue to care for on the basis that the balance over ten shall be moved as soon as possible to some other Home.

With considerable anguish and a great deal of reluctance, I find myself compelled to tell you that some other place must be found for Mr. (Mrs.) for whom you are the sponsor.

While I will use every means at my disposal to help you in every way that I can to resolve this difficulty, I must request that you make arrangements so that Mr. (Mrs.) be moved from here surely before June 16, 1958

Sincerely yours,

JACOB H. BERMAN 1888-1958
EDWARD J. BERMAN
SIDNEY W. WERNICK
JOHN J. FLAHERTY

BERMAN, BERMAN & WERNICK
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
85 EXCHANGE STREET
PORTLAND, MAINE

May 16th, 1958

Warren McDonald,
Building Inspector,
City Hall,
Portland, Maine

Miss White
90585
44092 Nursing Home

Dear Mr. McDonald: IN RE: WORTHING NURSING HOME
23 Bremhall Street, Portland

In accordance with our discussion of Thursday morning, in which we went into the situation as it pertains to the Worthing Nursing Home, and your recent communication to Miss White, please be advised that Miss White has immediately taken steps to bring herself into compliance with the terms of your letter. As you know, the problem of caring for aged, infirm and otherwise incapacitated people other than in the hospitals is, and has been, a most troublesome and trying one. Miss White, over the years that she has conducted a nursing home in Portland, has rendered a great service to many of these people, to a great many of whom the cost of care and treatment has been a real problem.

Notwithstanding the hardship which will undoubtedly be inflicted upon a number of these people, Miss White has notified the relatives, parents and children of her patients of the urgent necessity that they make other arrangements for their care, in order that she may bring herself into compliance with the provisions of the laws of this City, and reduce the number of her patients to ten.

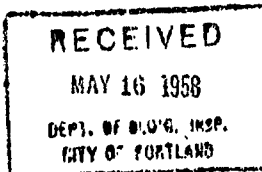
It is most difficult and understandably next to impossible for these arrangements to be made immediately. However, she has informed them that they will be obliged to find other accommodations not later than June 16th, 1958. She wishes me to assure you of her efforts to be in compliance by this date.

As evidence of her good faith, she has already made tentative arrangements for the care of three of her patients, elsewhere.

Very truly yours,



EJB/R



FU - 5/21/58 WHed

Cnpld. 21-23 Bramhall Street
Subject: Nursing Home contrary to Building Code

May 19, 1958

Miss Elizabeth S. White
23 Bramhall Street

cc to: Edward J. Berman, Esq.
65 Exchange Street
cc to: Fire Chief

Dear Miss White:

Having received no answer from you as requested before May 1st, to our letter of April 23 relating to the above subject, Inspector Thurlow phoned you on May 5 and found that, while you are taking no new patients, you have done nothing further to place your establishment in compliance with the Building Code; but that you had engaged Mr. Berman as your attorney and were relying on him to tell you what to do to clear the matter up.

You no doubt realize from the second paragraph on the second page of our letter the difficult position that this department is placed in, and for which we certainly would be held responsible if disaster should take place while the building is obviously in violation of the Building Code.

It seems to be true that this department has done all that it can at the moment to reach the safety conditions stipulated by the Building Code and to attain compliance with the law. At such a point it is normal practice for us to seek the cooperation of the Corporation Counsel of the City to compel compliance. Before that step is taken I prefer for you and Mr. Berman to come to this office to see if some practical arrangement can now be arrived at which will give assurance of compliance with the law at an early date. I shall delay taking this step until May 21, 1958.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WHed/jg

(R3) RESIDENCE ZONE - B

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT



Class of Building or Type of Structure Installation
Portland, Maine, January 21, 1950

PERMIT ISSUED

00104

CITY OF PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~construct~~ ~~erect~~ ~~install~~ the following building ~~work~~ ~~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 23 Bramhall Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3
 Owner's name and address Miss Elizabeth White, 23 Bramhall Street Telephone _____
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Curran Supply Co., 399 Fore Street Telephone 2-3464
 Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans no No. of sheets _____
 Proposed use of building Nursing Home No. families _____
 Last use _____ " " _____ No. families _____
 Material brick No. stories 3 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____ Fee \$1.00
 Estimated cost \$ _____

General Description of New Work

To install automatic fire alarm using Spot Fire Lowecator thermostats (Models 102 made by Star Sprinkler Corp.) not more than 30' apart nor more than 15' at right angl from any wall or partition extend to ceiling, to cover entire basement or cellar and sub-cellar, if any, all public and stair halls, all closets off halls or under stairs, all hazardous rooms and attached garage, if any, and kitchen, gongs of such tone, strength of signal, number and location as to arouse all persons for whose protection intended—current by dry batteries of capacity to ring all gongs simultaneously at full signal strength, to operate system for at least one year, installed in substantial cabinet of no less than 14 gauge steel or well-seasoned wood at least 3/4" thick with hinged door and catch and located not less than 6" nor more than 6' above floor in dry, clean place where temperature will not go below 40 degrees F. nor above 100 degrees--test button rigidly fastened in place, conveniently located to permit and capable of testing entire system frequently Alarm silencing switch, if provided, will be so arranged that alarm will sound if switch is thrown to "silent" position when alarm is not sounding. Installer will fasten to control box full instructions as to operation and testing of system and how to secure servicing if system gets out of order. 3-6" Edward gongs, one on each floor in the hall

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating.
 the name of the heating contractor. **PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO**

Curran Supply Co.
 Permit Issued with Memo
 Permit Issued with Lease

Memorandum to Fire Chief

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 _____ floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot _____, to be accommodated _____ number commercial cars to be accommodated _____
 Will automobile repairing be done other than minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? _____

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
 Will there be in char of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

APPROVED:
OK 1-23-50 [Signature]

by Elizabeth White
Curran Supply Co.

NOTES

2-21:50 Thermostat to be
located in Storage closet
under stairs. Miss. White
bed room. Miss. White
notified install. while
I was on my way back
to the office. She will call
me when thermostat
is installed. PRR

2-22:50 Miss. White called
and said thermostat had been installed.
PRR

Permit No.	501104
Location	213 Broadhall St.
Owner	Elizabeth White
Date of Permit	11/26/50
Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. clos. in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	5-3-51 PRR
Cert. of Occupancy issued	

2-21:50

AP 23 Bramhall Street-I
(Automatic fire alarm)

January 26, 1950

Curran Supply Company
399 Fore Street
Miss Elizabeth White
23 Bramhall Street

Subject: Permit for installation of automatic fire
alarm at 23 Bramhall Street

Dear Madam & Gentlemen:

Because of the urgent need of getting this system for the safety of the occupants of the building installed under the orders of the Fire Department, this permit is being issued without as complete information as to compliance with the Building Code as would ordinarily be required before such a permit is issued. Permit, therefore, is issued subject to the following:

1. The installer is to indicate to this office by sketch or by more explicit description, the location proposed for the alarm bells. The statement on the application: "3-6" Edwards gongs, one on each floor in the hall" is not explicit enough for us to do any checking before issuing the permit as we would ordinarily do.

2. I am sure the installer is aware of the questions which have arisen about number, location and size of alarm bells to undoubtedly arouse from sleep the persons for whose protection the system is intended; also that we are trying to avoid placing upon the owner of such a building the expense of having any formal plan made showing all arrangements of the fire alarm system; also that when a building permit is issued with a definite understanding as to number, size and location of alarm gongs expressed by sketch or in the application, there still may be need of changing location of gongs or adding others, depending upon the true result after the system is fully installed and our inspector is testing it for approval.

3. Before the system can be finally approved, the alarm gongs must be of a type bearing the explicit approval of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. or some equivalent authority. I understand that there is some question about the "Edwards" gongs on hand for this job as to being approved by the Underwriters Laboratories.

After we have been informed more explicitly as to the proposed location of the gongs and have approved tentatively that location, there is no objection to installing the gongs that you have temporarily, but we cannot approve the system finally until fully approved gongs are in place.

I have been told that there is a very wide difference in cost between the type of gong approved by the Underwriters and the same size of gong made by the same manufacturer which will do the work equally as well as the approved gong. We certainly have no desire to increase the cost of these systems to the property owner, and there is no apparent reason for any large differential between the cost of a gong which is approved and not approved. We know of no other organization than the Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. that undertake to pass upon the qualities of such gongs, but would be willing to accept approval from any comparable testing agency. We could not, however, accept a gong merely on the manufacturer's statement that it was as good as the one of their own manufacture which was approved by the Underwriters.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

WMD/S

CC: Oliver T. Sanborn
Chief of the Fire Department

MEMORANDUM FROM DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION, PORTLAND, MAINE
23 Branchhall Street--Installation of automatic fire alarm system for Miss
Elizabeth White by Curran Supply Co., installers

When such a system has been installed, the owner and lessee of the building are responsible for keeping the system in working order at all times so that the system may always be on guard to warn the occupants of the building in case a fire starts. To discharge this responsibility and to have good assurance that he will not be held either financially or criminally liable in case of injury or loss of life in his building due to fire, it is my belief that the owner and lessee must see to it that the alarm system is tested every twenty-four hours. This may be done by merely pressing very briefly the test button to see if the bells ring loud and clear.

Most of these systems have dry batteries for their power, and the batteries will deteriorate in time so that they will not ring the alarm bells satisfactorily, if at all. If the batteries are used briefly by this test every day, they will last longer than when tested less frequently. ~~It is recommended that the name of such a party and the address and telephone number be posted permanently on or in the control box of the system.~~

Because this is a safety device whenever it is found that the bells do not ring loud and clear or any other defect appears in the system, the owner or his agent should notify immediately some predetermined party who has agreed in advance to come at once and service the system, whether day or night, Sundays or holidays.

It is recommended that the name of such a party and the address and telephone number be posted permanently on or in the control box of the system.

WMcD/G

CC: Miss Elizabeth White
23 Branchhall Street

(Signed) WARREN McDONALD

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

P. 59/1316-I

November 17 1939

Harris Oil Co.,
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 Worthing Nursing Home at 25 Bramhall Street, permanently posted in place near the oil burner and thus comply with the regulations of the Building Code.

Very truly yours,

WMcD/H

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Worthing Nursing Home
25 Bramhall Street



FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

Permit No. 1-10613
OCT 25 1939

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, October 12, 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 23 Bramhall Street Use of Building Hospital No. Stories 3 NEW Burner
Name and address of owner of appliance Worthing Nursing Home, 23 Bramhall St. Existing
Installer's name and address Harris Oil Co., 17 Main St., Portland Telephone 2-8304

General Description of Work

To install Oil Burning Equipment in connection with existing steam heat 2 oil burners

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 Fluor 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 change) No. and capacity of tanks 1 - 275 gal. each
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. H. Will

S.M.C.



Original Permit No. _____

Amendment No. 1

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT ISSUED

Portland, Maine, April 10, 1940

APR 10 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 40/303 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application in accordance with the Laws of the State of Maine, the Building Code of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith, and the following specifications:

Location 27 Franklin St. Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 2
 Owner's or Lessee's name and address Gladys Worthing 27 Franklin St.
 Contractor's name and address Ivan Bigar 13 Don St. No. of Sheets _____
 Plans filed as part of this Amendment no Is any electrical work involved in this work? no
 Is any plumbing work involved in this work? no Additional fee .25
 Increased cost of work 200 Framing Lumber: Kind? Knock and fir Dressed or Full Size? Dressed

Description of Proposed Work
To provide roof over new piazza 6' x 24', 4x8 plate, max. spans 8', 2x6 rafters 16" O.C.
6' piazza T. & A. roof

Approved: _____
Inspector of Buildings
City of Portland, Maine
Commissioner of Public Works

Gladys Worthing
Signature of Owner [Signature]
Approved: [Signature]
Inspector of Buildings

STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION FOR BUILDING PERMIT

for piazza
at 23 Bramhall Street

Date 1/5/10

Gladys Worthing

1. In whose name is the title of the property now recorded? *yes*
2. Are the boundaries of the property in the vicinity of the proposed work shown clearly on the ground, and how? *yes*
3. Is the outline of the proposed work now staked out upon the ground? If not, will you notify the Inspection Office when the work is staked out and before any of the work is commenced? *yes*
4. What is to be maximum projection or overhang of eaves or drip? *yes*
5. Do you assume full responsibility for the correctness of the location plan or statement of location filed with this application, and does it show the complete outline of the proposed work on the ground, including bay windows, porches, and other projections? *yes*
6. Do you assume full responsibility for the correctness of all statements in the application concerning the sizes, design and use of the proposed building? *yes*
7. Do you understand that in case changes are proposed in the location of the work or in any of the details specified in the application that a revised plan and application must be submitted to this office before the changes are made? *yes*

John P. Edgar



APARTMENT HOUSE PERMIT
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
0323

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

APR 3 1940

Portland, Maine, April 3, 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter or repair the following building structure or 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 23 Bramhall Street Within Fire Limits yes Dist. No. 3
Owner's or lessor's name and address Gladys Worthing, 23 Bramhall St. Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Ivan Edger, 12 Dow St. Telephone 2-6181
Architect _____ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Convalescent Home No. families _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 100. Fee \$.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 2 1/2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Last use Convalescent Home No. families _____

General Description of New Work

To rebuild existing two story piazza 4' x 12' making it 6' 1/2" x 24'

The corner posts and intermediate posts are to be no less than 4x6 nominal dimensions, or equivalent, and these posts are each to be made one continuous length or to be spliced at the floor levels. All splices are to be lapped splices at least sixteen inches long and in no case will a post be set on top of the floor below it. Where the piazza is fastened to the building it will be supported by proper nailing strips which in turn will be fastened to brick work of the building with adequate expansion bolts

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.

JOINT WORK BEFORE 1915
OR CHANGING IS WANTED
REQUIREMENT OF CULINARY
ENVIRONMENT IS WANTED

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? solid earth or rock? earth
Material of foundation iron pipe Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of Roof none 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 spruce Dressed or Full Size? dressed
Corner posts 6x6 Sills 4x6 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 2x6 2nd 2x6 3rd _____ roof no
On centers. 1st floor 16" 2nd 16" 3rd _____ roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor 12' 8" 2nd 12' 8" 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

Gladys Worthing

By

Ivan P. Edger

Permit No. 40/323
Location 23 Bramhall St.
Owner Gladys Worthing
Date of permit 4/1/40
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn. 4/26/40
Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

4/6/40 - Adman in
to the mine these works
only 4'-6" in side line
to 5' in depth if it is
to be made in depth in the
5' square of work
Location should be
N. of Edgou square and
W. of Hill St. - make
a 6' wide instead
of 4'-6", which will give
just a 5' side yard.
A.G.S.
4/15/40 - Posts for 2nd
floor framed out
4/16/40 - Work about complete
O.G.S.

FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK



PERMIT ISSUED

Permit No. 0361

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, April 12, 1934

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 23 Bramhall St. Use of Building tenants

Name and address of owner Union Mutual Co. Ward

Contractor's name and address Scribner & Iverson 64 Union Street Telephone 3-7682

General Description of Work

To install One steam boiler replacing old one

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

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

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

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of boiler or casing top of furnace, 4 ft.

from top of smoke pipe, from front of heater 20 ft from sides or back of heater 8 ft

new chas. in 12 inches hammering metal shield 1' below

IF OIL BURNER

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

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

Location oil storage No. and capacity of tanks

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

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

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of contractor Scribner & Iverson

By E. Lord

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED OR CLOSING-IN IS WAIVED

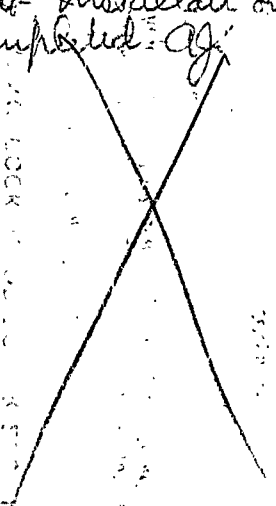
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1312

Ward 7 Permit No. 34/361
Location 23 Bramhall St.
Owner Union Mutual Life Ins. Co.
Date of permit 4/13/34
Notif. closing-in _____
Inspn. closing-in _____
Final Notif. _____
Final Inspn. 6/8/34
Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

5/15/34 - Unable to
get in. House vacant
a.g.s.
6/8/34 - installate and
supplied. a.g.s.



at W 10 1/2 ...

at W 10 1/2 ...

Date 11-7-74
The wiring in this house
has been inspected and may be covered
in Annex Inspector

20 Bran Hall St.

Specifications Accompanying Application For Building Permit to Cover Minor Physical Alterations in Converting the Use of the Former Two Family Dwelling House at 23 Bramhall Street for Use as a Convalescent Home, the Proposed Use Being Classified Under the Building Code Under the Head of Asylums, Hospitals and Homes

October 13, 1939

1. These specifications are 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 requirements of the Building Code or any other law relating to the same subject matter, herein, shall not relieve owner, tenant, contractor or any other person from compliance therewith.

2. This building will not be used to accommodate more than ten patients, inmates or lodgers at one time, will not be used for patients, inmates or lodgers above the second story at any time, and will not contain an operating room for surgery, and anesthesia will not be administered habitually in the building. On account of the narrow width and the unusual number of so-called "winding treads" in the rear stairs, patients, inmates or lodgers who shall be unable to walk in case of necessity will not be housed in the building, unless in the first story. All patients, inmates or lodgers housed in the building above the first story who may become unable to walk in case of emergency will, as soon as practicable, be removed to a first story room or removed to suitable quarters outside of this building.

3. Electric lights on the owner's meter adequate in location and intensity to illuminate the way from the building will be kept burning in all public and stair-halls from the third floor to the ground level from sunset to sunrise each night.

4. All outside doors of the building, if not already so provided, will be equipped with locksets so that any person may leave the building through any given door merely by turning the knob on the inside, and all other lock devices of every kind will be eliminated.

5. All stairs between the first floor and the cellar will be tightly enclosed with fire resistive construction and with a self-closing fire door at the bottom of the stairs, set in a fire door frame. It is understood that by the term "self-closing" is meant a door which is normally closed and kept closed by a suitable door check or other closing device. This fire door will be a metal covered door manufactured for the purpose by persons accustomed to such fire door work and will either bear the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or be equivalent in all details to doors bearing such a label. The frame of the door will be covered tightly with metal, either galvanized iron or tin flashed beneath the fire resistive covering of the enclosing partitions so as to exclude air from the woodwork of the partitions and door frame. The enclosing partitions will be 2x3 studs set vertically not more than 16 inches from center to center covered on both sides with metal lath and plaster and if the partitions are supported upon the stair stringers, the underside of the stairs will be covered with metal lath and plaster, so as to make the stairway enclosed a tight fire resistive box, except for the fire door opening. No closets for storage will ever be provided under any stairs in the building.

6. Before the building is occupied in any way a two and one-half gallon fire extinguisher approved for extinguishing oil fires and also a pail of sand will be provided in the cellar; and one two and one-half gallon extinguisher will be provided on each of the three floors above the cellar, all in a conspicuous place, overhauled and reconditioned annually, and always ready for use. Also, a suitable fire alarm with gongs in each of the public halls of the building, so arranged

ring simultaneously by pressing a button or closing a switch in the cellar or any of the floors above the cellar, this system to be approved by the Chief of the Fire Department.

7. All chimneys will be thoroughly repaired if found necessary, clean-out doors provided in all flues and flues cleaned out. Precautions will be taken to fully protect all smokepipes that might become dangerous and any needed fire stops will be provided. The basement ceiling in the plastered section will be made tight, and in other part all existing openings between walls and flooring will be tightly closed.

8. The entire building will be rewired so as to comply with present day requirements for safety and the Electrical Code of the city.

9. Before the building is occupied for the new purpose, notice will be given the Inspector of Buildings of readiness for final inspection; and no part of the building will be occupied until the legal certificate of occupancy has been issued.

*Please sign &
return this
copy*

Gladys E. Worthing

Elizabeth S. White

October 16, 1951

Gladys Worthing, and
Elizabeth S. White
108 State Street,
Portland, Maine

Dear Madames:

Both Chief Sanborn and myself have examined the building at 23 Bramhall Street in the light of your inquiry as to what the Board of Fire Engineers would require in order to approve use of the building for a nursing or convalescent home.

In order to crystallize the entire matter properly, I have prepared a set of specifications for both of you to sign which would accompany your application for a permit which should be filed here and should include the physical changes intended by way of cutting an opening in the hallway and those indicated in the specifications, also the conversion from a two family dwelling house to that of a convalescent home.

As soon as this application is filed and the specifications sign and with it, the approval of the Board of Fire Engineers will be secured upon it and the permit may be issued.

We are holding here an application for installation of an oil burner in the building in your names until we have the assurance from you that you intend to go ahead with the work.

The keys have been returned to the Maine

A copy of this letter is being sent

cc.

V.

WSD/H
CC: Maine Realty Bureau
465 Congress Street

Inspector of . 23

October 13, 1939

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief
Fire Department

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

WMOB/H

Inspector of Buildings

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Department of Building Inspection

October 13, 1939

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief
Fire Department

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Waverly
Inspector of Buildings

W.M.C./H

Accompanying Application For Building Permit To Cover Minor Physical
and Converting the Use of the Former Two Family Dwelling House at 23
Street for Use as a Convalescent Home, the Proposed Use Being Classified
Building Code Under the Head of Asylums, Hospitals and Homes

October 13, 1939

1. These specifications are 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 requirements of the Building Code or any other code relating to the same subject matter, herein, shall not relieve owner, tenant, contractor or any other person from compliance therewith.
2. This building will not be used to accommodate more than ten patients, inmates or lodgers at one time, will not be used for patients, inmates or lodgers above the second story at any time, and will not contain an operating room for surgery, and anesthesia will not be administered habitually in the building. On account of the narrow width and the unusual number of so-called "winding treads" in the rear stairs, patients, inmates or lodgers, who shall be unable to walk in case of necessity, will not be housed in the building, unless in the first story. All patients, inmates or lodgers housed in the building above the first story, who may become unable to walk in case of emergency will, as soon as practicable, be removed to a first story room or removed to suitable quarters outside of this building.
3. Electric lights on the owner's meter adequate in location and intensity to illuminate the way from the building will be kept burning in all public and stair-halls from the third floor to the ground level from sunset to sunrise each night.
4. All outside doors of the building, if not already so provided, will be equipped with locksets so that any person may leave the building through any given door merely by turning the knob on the inside, and all other lock devices of every kind will be eliminated.
5. All stairs between the first floor and the cellar will be tightly enclosed with fire resistive construction and with a self-closing fire door at the bottom of the stairs, set in a fire door frame. It is understood that by the term "self-closing" is meant a door which is normally closed and kept closed by a suitable door check or other closing device. This fire door will be a metal covered door manufactured for the purpose by persons accustomed to such fire door work and will either bear the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories, Inc. or be equivalent in all details to doors bearing such a label. The frame of the door will be covered tightly with metal, either galvanized iron or tin flashed beneath the fire resistive covering of the enclosing partitions so as to exclude air from the woodwork of the partitions and door frame. The enclosing partitions will be 2x3 studs set vertically not more than 16 inches from center to center covered on both sides with metal lath and plaster, and if the partitions are supported upon the stair stringers, the underside of the stairs will be covered with metal lath and plaster, so as to make the stairway enclosure a tight fire resistive box, except for the fire door opening. No closets for storage will ever be provided under any stairs in the building.
6. Before the building is occupied in any way a two and one-half gallon fire extinguisher approved for extinguishing oil fires and also a pail of sand will be provided in the cellar; and one two and one-half gallon extinguisher will be provided on each of the three floors above the cellar, all in a conspicuous place, all overhauled and reconditioned annually, and always ready for use. Also, a suitable fire alarm with gongs in each of the public halls of the building, so arranged as to

simultaneously by pressing a button or closing a switch in the cellar or
of the floors above the cellar, this system to be approved by the Chief of
the Fire Department.

7. All chimneys will be thoroughly repaired if found necessary, cleanout
doors provided in all flues and flues cleaned out. Precautions will be taken to
fully protect all smokepipes that might become dangerous and any needed fire stops
will be provided.

8. Before the building is occupied for the new purpose, notice will be
given the Inspector of Buildings of readiness for final inspection, and no part of
the building will be occupied until the legal certificate of occupancy has been
issued.

Make basement ceiling tight in
plastered section.
In other part make tight walls and
flooring.

Ignore building:

W. Paulson



(A) APARTMENT HOUSE ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED
1887

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second

OCT 21 1939

Portland, Maine, Oct. 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 33 Branchall Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3

Owner's or Lessee's name and address Gladys Worthing & Elizabeth White Telephone 4409

Contractor's name and address G.H.R.G.A. Asakov 39 Read St. Telephone 41335

Architect _____ Plans filed _____ No. of sheets _____

Proposed use of building Convalescent Home No. families _____

Other buildings on same lot _____

Estimated cost \$ 250 Fee \$.75

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 2 1/2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____

Last use Dwelling house No. families 2

General Description of New Work

To erect partition first floor frontmaking two rooms of one. Cut opening second floor to connect halls. Enclose cellar stairs as per specifications attached.

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? no

Is any electrical work involved in this work? no 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 hemlock Dressed or Full dressed

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 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 Gladys Worthing & Elizabeth White

Signature of contractor G.H.R.G.A. Asakov

INSTRUCTION COPY CITY OF PORTLAND DEPT.

Permit No. 39/1887
 Location 23 Bramhall St.
 Owner Gladys Worthing, et al
 Date of permit 10/21/39
 Notif. closing-in 10/26/39
 Inspn. closing-in 10/26/39 - G.T.
 Final Notif. 11/27/39
 Final Inspn. 11/27/39 - O.A.
 Cert. of Occupancy issued 11/27/39

NOTES

11/8/39 - Check chimney
 11/26/39 - Make inspection
 Board order in cellar
 Sinter plastered at 11/26
 Make repairs on wall
 Galvanized pipe covering
 where close to smoke
 pipes. Connected vent
 from garage to the
 Make opening in rear
 chimney in front
 tight with cap pipe
 thin - G.T.
 11/27/39 - Make inspection
 care of O.A.

No.	Date	Description	Inspector	Remarks
1	10/21/39	Permit issued	G.T.	
2	10/26/39	Inspection	G.T.	
3	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
4	11/27/39	Cert. of Occupancy issued	O.A.	
5	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
6	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
7	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
8	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
9	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
10	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
11	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
12	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
13	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
14	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
15	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
16	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
17	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
18	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
19	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	
20	11/27/39	Final inspection	O.A.	



FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

Permit No. 2043

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

Portland, Maine, Sept. 18, 1930

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 23 Bramhall St. Use of Building Residence

Name and address of owner Frank M. Brown, 23 Bramhall St. Ward 9

Contractor's name and address Home Appliance Co., 277 West Ave. Telephone P-3520

General Description of Work

To install Oil Burner

IF HEATER, POWER BOILER OR COOKING DEVICE

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

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

Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of boiler or casing top of furnace, —
from top of smoke pipe —, from front of heater — from sides or back of heater —

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Tridheat Approved by Underwriters' Laboratories? Yes

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

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

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

Signature of contractor Home Appliance Co.

Ray. Schmitt 3678

INSPECTION COPY

Location 23 Bramhall St
 Owner Frank W. Brown
 Date of permit 9/18/30
 Notif. closing-in _____
 Inspn. closing-in _____
 Final Notif. _____
 Final Inspn. 12/18/30
 Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

9/30/30 Not yet installed
 A.G.
 11/7/30 - Pieces of wood
 used in installation
 of burner not ash pit
 of hot water heater



No screen over top of
 11/7/30 - Mr. Bartlett
 says that he will
 remove woodwork
 from installation -
 A.G.

Permit # **024349** City of Portland BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATION Fee **40.00** Zone _____ Map # _____ Lot# _____
 Please fill out any part which applies to job. Proper plans must accompany form.

Owner: MMC Realty Phone # 774-7910
 Address: c/o Foc Enterprises P.O. Box 2252 So. Ptld, ME 04106
 LOCATION OF CONSTRUCTION 23 Bramhall St
 Contractor: self Sub: _____
 Address: _____ Phone # _____
 Est. Construction Cost: **4,000** Proposed Use: **8-unit dwelling**
 Past Use: **8-unit**
 # of Existing Res. Units _____ # of New Res. Units _____
 Building Dimensions L _____ W _____ Total Sq. Ft. _____
 # Stories: _____ # Bedrooms _____ Lot Size: _____
 Is Proposed Use: Seasonal _____ Condominium _____ Conversion _____
 Explain Conversion **Repair existing porch/deck - not to exceed existing footprint**

For Official Use Only
 Date: **Nov 6, 1992**
 Inside Fire Limits _____
 Bldg Code _____
 Time Limit _____
 Estimated Cost _____
 Subdivision _____
 Name: **NOV 19 1992**
 Lot _____
 Ownership: Public _____ Private _____
CITY OF PORTLAND

Foundation:
 1. Type of Soil: _____
 2. Set Backs - Front _____ Rear _____ Side(s) _____
 3. Footings Size: _____
 4. Foundation Size: _____
 5. Other _____

Floor:
 1. Sills Size: _____ Sills must be anchored.
 2. Girder Size: _____
 3. Lally Column Spacing: _____ Size: _____
 4. Joists Size: _____ Spacing 16" O.C.
 5. Bridging Type: _____ Size: _____
 6. Floor Sheathing Type: _____ Size: _____
 7. Other Material: _____

Exterior Walls:
 1. Studding Size _____ Spacing _____
 2. No. windows _____
 3. No. Doors _____
 4. Header Sizes _____ Span(s) _____
 5. Bracing: Yes _____ No _____
 6. Corner Posts Size _____
 7. Insulation Type _____ Size _____
 8. Sheathing Type _____ Size _____
 9. Siding Type _____ Weather Exposure _____
 10. Masonry Materials _____
 11. Metal Materials _____

Interior Walls:
 1. Studding Size _____ Spacing _____
 2. Header Sizes _____ Span(s) _____
 3. Wall Covering Type _____
 4. Fire Wall if required _____
 5. Other Materials _____

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
 Not in District nor Landmark.
 Does not require review.
 Requires Review.

Ceiling:
 1. Ceiling Joists Size: _____ Spacing _____
 2. Ceiling Strapping Size _____ Spacing _____
 3. Type Ceilings: _____ Size _____
 4. Insulation Type _____ Size _____
 5. Ceiling Height: _____

Roof:
 1. Truss or Rafter Size _____ Span _____
 2. Sheathing Type _____ Size _____
 3. Roof Covering Type _____
 Action: Approve _____
 Approved with conditions _____
 Date: _____
 Signature: _____

Chimneys:
 Type: _____ Number of Fire Places _____

Heating:
 Type of Heat: _____

Electrical:
 Service Entrance Size: _____ Smoke Detector Required Yes _____ No _____

Plumbing:
 1. Approval of soil test if required Yes _____ No _____
 2. No. of Tubs or Showers _____
 3. No. of Flushes _____
 4. No. of Lavatories _____
 5. No. of Other Fixtures _____

Swimming Pools:
 1. Type: _____
 2. Pool Size: _____ Square Footage _____
 3. Must conform to National Electrical Code and State Law.

Permit Received By **Mary Gresik**
 Signature of Applicant **Jack Fox** Date **Nov 6, 1992**
 CEO's District **3**

PERMIT ISSUED WITH REQUIREMENTS

White - Tax Assessor

CONTINUED TO REVERSE SIDE **[B] Mrs. Looie**
 Ivory Tag - CEO



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTIONS SERVICES
ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS

Date May 13, 1993, 19
 Receipt and Permit number 2885

To the CHIEF ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, Portland, Maine:
 The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to make electrical installations in accordance with the laws of
 Maine, the Portland Electrical Ordinance, the National Electrical Code and the following specifications:

LOCATION OF WORK: 23 Bramhall St
 OWNER'S NAME: MMC ADDRESS: _____

OUTLETS:	23 Smoke Detectors - Wired	_____	FEEES	_____
	Receptacles _____	Switches _____	Plugmold _____	ft. TOTAL _____
FIXTURES: (number of)	Incandescent _____	Flourescent _____	(not strip) TOTAL _____	_____
	Strip Flourescent _____	ft. _____	_____	_____
SERVICES:	Overhead _____	Underground _____	Temporary _____	TOTAL amperes _____
METERS: (number of)	_____	_____	_____	_____
MOTORS: (number of)	Fractional _____	1 HP or over _____	_____	_____
RESIDENTIAL HEATING:	Oil or Gas (number of units) _____	_____	_____	_____
	Electric (number of rooms) _____	_____	_____	_____
COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL HEATING:	Oil or Gas (by a main boiler) _____	_____	_____	_____
	Oil or Gas (by separate units) _____	_____	_____	_____
	Electric Under 20 kws _____	Over 20 kws _____	_____	_____
APPLIANCES: (number of)	Ranges _____	Water Heaters _____	_____	_____
	Cook Tops _____	Disposals _____	_____	_____
	Wall Ovens _____	Dishwashers _____	_____	_____
	Dryers _____	Compactors _____	_____	_____
	Fans _____	Others (denote) _____	_____	_____
	TOTAL _____	_____	_____	_____
MISCELLANEOUS: (number of)	Branch Panels _____	_____	_____	_____
	Transformers _____	_____	_____	_____
	Air Conditioners Central Unit _____	_____	_____	_____
	Separate Units (windows) _____	_____	_____	_____
	Signs 20 sq. ft. and under _____	_____	_____	_____
	Over 20 sq. ft. _____	_____	_____	_____
	Swimming Pools Above Ground _____	_____	_____	_____
	In Ground _____	_____	_____	_____
	Fire/Burglar Alarms Residential _____	_____	_____	_____
	Commercial _____	_____	_____	_____
	Heavy Duty Outlets, 220 Volt (such as welders) 30 amps and under _____	_____	_____	_____
	over 30 amps _____	_____	_____	_____
	Circus, Fairs, etc. _____	_____	_____	_____
	Alterations to wires _____	_____	_____	_____
	Repairs after fire _____	_____	_____	_____
	Emergency Lights, battery _____	_____	_____	_____
	Emergency Generators _____	_____	_____	_____
FOR ADDITIONAL WORK NOT ON ORIGINAL PERMIT	INSTALLATION FEE DUE:	_____	_____	_____
FOR REMOVAL OF A "STOP ORDER" (304-16.b)	DOUBLE FEE DUE:	_____	_____	_____
	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	_____	_____	<u>15.00</u>

INSPECTION: Will be ready on _____, 19__; or Will Call XXX
 CONTRACTOR'S NAME: Hannan's Electric Larry Hannan
 ADDRESS: 897 Broadway So. Ptld
 TEL.: 767-2471
 MASTER LICENSE NO.: 2885 SI. ATURE OF CONTRACTOR:
 LIMITED LICENSE NO.: _____ Larry Hannan

INSPECTOR'S COPY — WHITE
 OFFICE COPY — CANARY
 CONTRACTOR'S COPY — GREEN



RE RESIDENCE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure

Installation

Portland, Maine

February 24, 1959

PERMIT TO BE ISSUED
FEB 25 1959
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 Ordinances of the City of Portland, plans and specifications, if any, submitted herewith and the following specifications:

Location 23 Bramhall Street Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____
 Owner's name and address Worthing Nursing Home, 23 Bramhall St. Telephone 4-4092
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Automatic Sprinkler Corp., Hampden Highland, Maine Telephone _____
 Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 1
 Proposed use of building Nursing Home No. families _____
 Last use _____ No. families _____
 Material frame No. stories 2 1/2 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 2.00

General Description of New Work

To install sprinkler system as per plan to cover entire building

sent to Fire Dept. 2/25/59
and from Fire Dept. 2/25/59

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 Automatic Sprinkler Corp**

Details of New Work

40 Worthing Nursing Home

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? _____ Corner posts _____ Sills _____
 Size Girder _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
 Kind and thickness of outside sheathing of exterior walls? _____
 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:

Carl B. Johnson

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? no
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes

Automatic Sprinkler Corp.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

By:

Newton K. French
DISTRICT MANAGER

(COPY)

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Department of Building Inspection



Certificate of Occupancy

LOCATION 23 Bramhall St.

Issued to **Worthing Nursing Home**
23 Bramhall St.

Date of Issue **April 22, 1959**

This is to certify that the building, premises, or part thereof, at the above location, built—altered
~~changed as to use~~ under Building Permit No. **59/175**, 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 or use, limited or otherwise, as indicated below:

PORTION OF BUILDING OR PREMISES

First and second floors

APPROVED OCCUPANCY

Convalescent Home

Limiting Conditions:

Eight patients on first floor

Twelve patients on second floor

This certificate supersedes
certificate issued

Approved:
4.22.59
(Date)

[Signature]
Inspector

[Signature]
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.

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE

FIRE DEPARTMENT

To: Mr. Albert J. Sears, Inspector of
Buildings

DATE: February 25, 1959

From: Carl P. Johnson, Chief of Fire Department

SUBJECT: Installation of Automatic Sprinkler System at
23 Bramhall Street

The final approval of this permit to install an Automatic Sprinkler System at 23 Bramhall Street will be given when this work has been completed and found to be satisfactory and has been tested.

Carl P. Johnson

*Please
file in 13
file at 43 Bram-
hall Street*

NEW ENGLAND
FIRE INSURANCE RATING ASSOCIATION
MAINE DIVISION

434 CONGRESS ST., PORTLAND 6, MAINE
ADDRESS MAIL PEARL ST. STATION, P. O. BOX 351

WALTER E. HOOK
DIVISIONAL MANAGER

December 11, 1958

*Chas Johnson
Promote and
return
12/11/58*

Mr. Warren McDonald
City Building Inspector
City Hall
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. McDonald:

RECEIVED
DEC 12 1958
DEPT. OF P.W.S. M&P
CITY OF PORTLAND

Re: Worthing Nursing Home
Miss Elizabeth White, Prop.
23 Bramhall Street
And
Maxfield's Nursing Home
Mrs. James W. Jewett, Prop.
43 West Street
Portland, Maine

In accordance with our telephone conversation the criteria governing the determination of the size of the fire service connection from the street waterworks main as a supply for an automatic sprinkler system in each of the above captioned nursing homes have been investigated by this office and it has been determined a four (4) inch connection to the street main in each instance will be in accordance with the standards of the N.B.F.U. for the installation of sprinkler systems for "Light Hazard" occupancies. These standards are contained in N.B.F.U. Pamphlet No. 13 Section 3.

We find we have well in excess of the minimum water supply (500 G.P.M. flowing with 15 lbs. residual pressure at the top line of sprinklers) at each location; also the maximum number of sprinklers which could open in any single area (attic or basement) will be less than thirty (30).

Very truly yours,

W. E. Hook
Divisional Manager

By:

G. A. Hunt

G. A. Hunt

GAH:chr

December 18, 1958

43 West Street

Mrs. James W. Jewett, Prop.
Maxfield's Nursing Home
43 West Street

Dear Mrs. Jewett:

We understand that you are taking steps to have an automatic sprinkler system installed in your building so that under the recent revision of the Safety Ordinance you may be able to lawfully accommodate more than 10 patients. A permit, issuable only to the actual installer before work of installation is started, is required from this department for the installation of the sprinkler system. It is also necessary that a certificate of occupancy authorizing the increase in number of patients be secured from this department. This, of course, cannot be issued until all requirements specified by the revised Safety Ordinance have been met.

This matter is being called to your attention at this time so that you may be aware of these requirements and may proceed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

AJS/jg

December 18, 1958

23 Bramhall Street

Miss Elizabeth White, Prop.
Worthing Nursing Home
23 Bramhall Street

Dear Miss White:

We understand that you are taking steps to have an automatic sprinkler system installed in your building so that under the recent revision of the Safety Ordinance you may be able to lawfully accommodate more than 10 patients. A permit, issuable only to the actual installer before work of installation is started, is required from this department for the installation of the sprinkler system. It is also necessary that a certificate of occupancy authorizing the increase in number of patients be secured from this department. This, of course, cannot be issued until all requirements specified by the revised Safety Ordinance have been met.

This matter is being called to your attention at this time so that you may be aware of these requirements and may proceed accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Albert J. Sears
Deputy Inspector of Buildings

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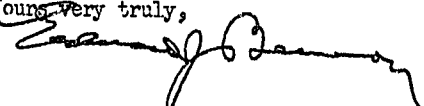
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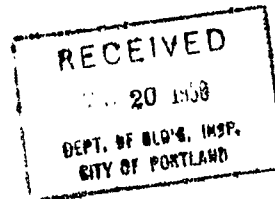
Dear Mr. McDonald:

Re: Worthing Nursing Home

I am enclosing a letter which Miss White has sent us along the lines we discussed. I thought you would like to have this for your file.

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Enc.

Yours very truly,




WORTHING NURSING HOME
23 BRAMHALL STREET
PORTLAND 4, MAINE

May 16, 1958

Dear -----,

In my desire to help meet the needs of persons who have found themselves confronted with the hard problem of finding a place where friends or loved ones may be cared for, who, because of age infirmity or ill health are unable to care for themselves, I find that I have now in my Nursing Home a larger number of patients than the ten which the regulations allow me to have.

With considerable regret and a great deal of reluctance, I find myself compelled to tell you that some other place must be found for Mr. (Mrs.) ----- for whom you are the sponsor.

While I will use every means at my disposal to help you in every way that I can to resolve this difficulty, I must request that you make arrangements so that Mr. (Mrs.) ----- be moved from here before June 16, 1958.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth S. Light

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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING INSPECTION

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Location:
23 Bramhall St.



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COMPLAINT

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COMPLAINT NO. 58/34

Date Received April 23, 1958

Location 23 Bramhall Street Use of Building Nursing Home

Owner's name and address Miss Elizabeth White, 23 Bramhall St. Telephone _____

Tenant's name and address _____ Telephone _____

Complainant's name and address Fire Dept Telephone _____

Description: There are 16 patients here instead of the 10 allowed under the Building Code.

NOTES: 4/23/58 - See letter - WWD

5-5-58. I called Miss White on the phone at her SP Home. She has called her attorney, Ed. Berman, and had expected to have heard from him in a few days. Miss White is not taking any new patients and does not want any more until she is able to get all night care. Miss White is unable to keep twelve patients in the twelve rooms which she has. She will be able to make out all night care. Miss White

5/13/58 - Second letter - WWD

5/15/58 - Conference of local council and Mr. Berman. - It was agreed that Miss White would notify in writing the sponsor of each of the patients over ten that she decides will have to move, letting us pass on the letter before sending. ~~xxxxxxx~~ and the letter to make it plain that the patient is to be removed by June 15 - than Miss White is to write a letter to Building Inspector giving the assurance that she has sent these letters, that she will use every effort to help these sponsors to find places and get the patients moved by June 15, and that as the adjustment is made she will eliminate from her Home all non-ambulatory patients except two and those two will be housed on the first floor. --wmc.

6-16-58. Talked to Miss White. She has two over her limit. Trying to find a place for three. Told her I would call in two weeks to see what progress she has made.

WWD

FU- 5/1/58 to Mr. W. McD

April 23, 1958

Compt. 21-23 Bramhall Street
Number of patients in Nursing Home contrary to Building Code

M. S. Elizabeth S. White
23 Bramhall Street

cc to: Fire Chief

Dear Miss White:

Referring to our telephone conversation in which you were told, that, if your nursing home is accommodating sixteen patients, as reported by the Fire Department, you are caring for six more than the maximum number of ten allowed by the Building Code. You explained that your building has brick exterior walls, and asked me to let you know what would be necessary under the Building Code to increase the maximum number of patients allowed up to the 17 which you said the State had authorized you to have there.

An establishment such as yours, which accommodates not more than ten patients, may be classified as a Type B hospital; but more than that number of patients automatically classes the building as a Type A hospital. Even though your building has brick exterior walls, to make it comply with the requirements for a Type A hospital would be prohibitive—including a complete automatic sprinkler system, reconstruction of all ceilings and the surface of all partitions in the building and other provisions for safety, fire protection and prevention which are not stipulated for Type B hospitals.

It appears that we must face the uncomfortable fact that you and your building are now in violation of the Building Code (despite your unawareness of the situation) and will continue to be so until the number of patients has been reduced to ten, and until the number of non-ambulatory patients (those who cannot walk) have been reduced to two and these two living in the first story.

You have explained to me that the state licensing authority has told you that under the state license you could accommodate as many as 17 patients. It is unfortunate that coordination is lacking between the state control and that of the city. However, though you may have forgotten the circumstances, you and the late Mrs. Worthing addressed a letter to me on Sept. 28, 1939 saying that you were considering purchasing the property at 23 Bramhall Street, and inquiring as to the requirements on the basis: "We would occupy only the first and second floors for patients, accommodating no more than ten guests." As a result of the investigation of the Chief of the Fire Department and myself, you were advised of the requirements, and on Oct. 13, 1939 you both signed a statement of specification, as a part of your application for building permit which was signed by Clifton A. Askov, your agent and contractor. Item 2 of this statement reads:

"2. This building will not be used to accommodate more than ten patients, inmates or lodgers at one time, will not be used for patients, inmates or lodgers above the second story at any time, and will not contain an operating room for surgery, and anesthesia will not be administered habitually in the building. On account of the narrow width and the unusual number of so-called 'winding treads' in the rear stairs, patients, inmates or lodgers who shall be unable to walk in case of necessity will not be housed in the building, unless in the first story. All patients, inmates or lodgers

Miss Elizabeth S. White

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housed in the building above the first story who may become unable to walk in case of emergency will, as soon as practicable, be removed to a first story room or removed to suitable quarters outside of this building."

Now, Miss White, no one could be unsympathetic as to the difficult situation in which you and your excess number of patients find yourselves. However, it is hoped you will bear in mind the difficult assignment of this department brought on because you have ignored (no doubt inadvertently) the agreement which you made to secure a building permit and the certificate of occupancy. We have no alternative but to require that you place yourself and the building in compliance with Building Code requirements at the earliest possible date.

Of course no one has authority to authorize violation of law for any time at all. When violation of the building code is found, it is my duty to report the matter to the Corporation Counsel of the city, and seek his advice as to operation to secure or compel compliance. No good purpose could be served by doing this step now. However, we shall expect you to notify us in writing before May 1, 1954 on what date you will be able to place the situation in compliance with the law to the extent that there will be no more than ten patients in the building, no more than two non-ambulatory patients there (included in the ten) and these non-ambulatory patients housed in the first story.

In the one similar case of violation which I can remember, the operator of the nursing home took advantage of the sympathy and considerateness of this department, and really did not try to get in compliance as quickly as possible, no doubt using as an excuse the need of the patients she already had and those who were trying to enter her establishment. That is a most natural reaction when an operator finds such difficulties, and I hope that you will not be tempted in the same way. Of course the first step on your part is to stop taking new patients, the next step I presume, would be to adjust the situation by moving any non-ambulatory patients on the second floor to the first floor, then to try and find some good way of reducing the total number of patients as quickly as possible without working hardship on the excess patients which have to move to some other dwelling place. That our files may have the situation well in hand, when you write as to the date which you think you can place your establishment in compliance with the law, please give us on that date the names of all of the patients which you then have, which of them is non-ambulatory, and which of the latter are housed on the second floor.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

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Dear Mrs.

In my desire to meet the needs of persons who have found themselves confronted with the hard problem of finding a place where friends or loved ones may be cared for, who, because of age, infirmity or ill health are unable to care for themselves, I find that I have taken for care at my _____ Nursing Home a larger number of patients than the ten persons which the regulations allow from considerations of safety to the patients.

Apprised of this situation, I am confronted with the uncomfortable problem of deciding which of my present patients I shall continue to care for on the basis that the balance over ten shall be moved as soon as possible to some other Home.

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Sincerely yours,

original and
sent copy sent
to Mr. J. P. Cannon
5/15/58
MJD