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W.H. Miller
9/26/50*

SAUL H. SHERIFF
Attorney at Law
716 717 CHAPMAN BLDG.
PORTLAND 3, MAINE

September 25, 1950

*34 file
see above
attention to
letter with
and reply W.H.D.
9/26/50*

Building Inspector
City of Portland
City Building
Portland, Maine

Re: Victoria Hotel Property
939 Congress Street
Portland, Maine

RECEIVED
SEP 25 1950

DEPT. OF BUILDING
CITY OF PORTLAND

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I certify that copies enclosed herewith are true copies of notice sent to adjoining land owners by me in behalf of John Nappi in compliance with Section 507-a-4 of the Building Code.

It is my understanding that you have a letter from Harry Miller, adjoining property owner, whose premises are to be remodelled in connection with this work.

If there is any other requirement, I shall be pleased to assure compliance.

Very truly yours,

Saul H. Sheriff

SHS:f

September 22, 1950

Mr. Harry Miller
c/o Jacob Agger, Attorney
98 Exchange Street
Portland, Maine

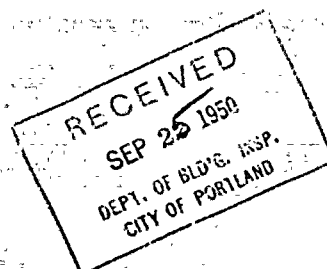
Dear Sir:

In the process of building an extension to the Victoria Hotel, it will be necessary to excavate at the property line, which adjoins your property, to a four foot minimum depth depending upon the grade of the terrain.

This notice is given to you in compliance with the provisions of the Building Code in the City of Portland.

Very truly yours,

SHS:f
cc: City of Portland



September 22, 1950

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Mrs. Emma C. Henderson
300 Valley Street
Portland, Maine

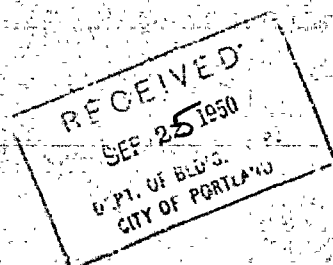
Dear Madam:

In the process of building an extension to the
Victoria Hotel, it will be necessary to excavate at
the property line, which adjoins your property, to
a four-foot minimum depth depending upon the grade
of the terrain.

This notice is given to you in accordance with
the provisions of the Building Code of the City of
Portland.

Very truly yours,

SHS:r
cc: City of Portland





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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENTPortland, Maine 7/20/50PERMIT 12
JUL 25 1950
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 939 Congress St. Use of Building Hotel No. Stories 4 New Building
Name and address of owner of appliance John Nappi - 231 Forest Ave. Existing " "
Installer's name and address EASTERN OIL & EQUIP. Co. Telephone 3-6495

General Description of Work

To install Remove old boiler & install new Smith
34 Steam Boiler.

IF HEATER, OR POWER BOILER

Location of appliance or source of heat cellar Type of floor beneath appliance concrete
If wood, how protected? Kind of fuel oil
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material, from top of appliance or casing top of furnace 3'
From top of smoke pipe 2' From front of appliance over 4' From sides or back of appliance over 3'
Size of chimney flue 18" x 18" Other connections to same flue none
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

IF OIL BURNER

Name and type of burner Labelled 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
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

Reinstalled burner.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:

7-24-50. J. D.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 Installer

Eastern Oil & Equip. Co.
Edward C. Miller

Permit No. 001-1209-8950

Location 939 Congress St.

Owner John Nappi

Date of permit 7/25/54

Approved 8-10-50 Wm. J. [unclear]

NOTES

1. Vol. Page
2. Vent Pipe
3. Tank
4. Return Piping & Supports
5. Name & Label
6. Stack Control
7. High Level Control
8. Remote Control
9. Piping Supply & Protection
10. Valves in Supply Line
11. Capacity of Tank
12. Tank Rigidity & Supports
13. Tank Insulation
14. Oil Gauge
15. Instruction Card
- 16.



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APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine

MAY 3, 1950

00833

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 939 CONGRESS ST. Use of Building HOTEL No. Stories 6 Building Existing "YES"
Name and address of owner of appliance JOHN NADDE 231 FINEST AVE.
Installer's name and address EASTERN OIL INC. 27 PORT ST. Telephone 3-6495

General Description of Work

To install OIL BURNER EQUIP. IN CONNECTION WITH
GRAVITY HOT WATER.

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 EASTERN OIL "A" Labeled 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 CEMENT existing _____
Location of oil storage BURNED (OUTSIDE) Number and capacity of tanks 1 - 550 GAL.
If two 275-gallon tanks, will three-way valve be provided? _____
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? YES many tanks fire proofed? _____
Total capacity of any existing storage tanks for furnace burners X

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 smoke pipe _____
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

Mrs. Thurlow says this is an existing burned tank and that man who installed it (Oletha) says for live cover of top of tank - Thurlow

Amount of fee enclosed? 2.00 (\$1.00 for one heater, etc., 50 cents additional for each additional heater, etc., in same building at same time.)

APPROVED:

Ch. J. S. 50. PM

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

John F. Cipriani

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Permit No. 50163.4 5-22-50

Location 939 Congress St.

Owner John W. B. L.

Date of permit 5/18/50

Approved J. W. B. L.

NOTES

- 1 Fill Pipe
- 2 Vent Pipe
- 3 Ring or Head
- 4 Burner or other equipment
- 5 Name & Address
- 6 Stack or Chimney
- 7 High Line or other
- 8 Remote Control
- 9 Plating Shop or other
- 10 Valves or other
- 11 Cap or other
- 12 Tank or other
- 13 Tank or other
- 14 Oil Gauge
- 15 Instruction Card
- 16

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT



Class of Building or Type of Structure

Installation

Portland, Maine, April 13, 1950

00669

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ ~~construct~~ ~~install~~ the following ~~building~~ ~~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 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? _____ Dist. No. _____
 Owner's name and address Victoria Hotel, 939 Congress Street Telephone _____
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Grinnell Co., 275 N. Exchange St., Providence, RI Telephone _____
 Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 2
 Proposed use of building Hotel No. families _____
 Last use _____ No. families _____
 Material brick No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
 Other buildings on same lot _____
 Estimated cost \$ _____ Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To install automatic wet sprinkler system as per plans.

PLANS FILED WITH ORIGINAL PERMIT DESTROYED. SEE PLANS FILED WITH AMENDMENT # 2

4/17/50
5/8/50
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 E. N. Sweetser, 38 Green St., Gorham**

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:

[Signature]
 City of Portland

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

Victoria Hotel

Signature of owner by: *[Signature]*

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Permit No.	01163
Address	139 Congress St.
Owner	Victor Hotel
Exp. of Permit	5/13/50
Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. closing-in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	2-7-51. OK.
Cert. of Occupancy issued	2-7-51

11-22-59. Received stamp in
certification for certificate
with (see Bureau 11-19-59) but
did not file B.T. because of serious
sprinkler system, but with
amendment, revised over his
plans. Left word for Mr. Green
to get in touch with this office.

10-14-50. Amendment covering sprinkler system in stores
not yet filed. Took the up with Mr. L. Skellins and Messrs. & K
12-19-50. Additional sprinkler stores not yet applied for. c/c.
2-7-51. Sprinkler system checked as to having been
installed. c/c.

1. Name of the person or organization: <u>Mr. J. K. Smith</u>	
2. Address: <u>123 Main Street, New York, N.Y. 10001</u>	
3. Date: <u>January 15, 1964</u>	
4. Subject: <u>Re: [illegible]</u>	
5. Reference: <u>[illegible]</u>	
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INVESTIGATION UNIT



APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 2

Portland, Maine, January 4, 1951

PERMIT ISSUED

JAN 5 1951

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 501640 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No.

Owner's name and address Victoria Hotel, 939 Congress Street Telephone

Lessee's name and address Telephone

Contractor's name and address Grinnell Co., 275 E. Exchange Street, Providence Telephone

Architect Plans filed yes No. of sheets 6

Proposed use of building Hotel No. families

Last use No. families

Increased cost of work Additional fee .25

Description of Proposed Work

To install sprinkler system as shown on revised plans, these plans superseding all others.

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 fill and? 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

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

Approved: O.R.-1/5/51-ags Signature of Owner by E. N. Grinnell

Victoria Hotel
Grinnell Co.

Approved: 1/5/51 W. W. D. Inspector of Buildings

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APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT



Amendment No. 1

Portland, Maine, November 22, 1940

PERMIT 135-130

NOV 20 1940

PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 82750/669 pertaining to the building or structure comprised in the original application 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 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. _____
 Owner's name and address Victoria Hotel, 939 Congress Street Telephone _____
 Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
 Contractor's name and address Grinnell Co., 275 W. Exchange St., Providence, R. I. Telephone _____
 Architect _____ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 2
 Proposed use of building Hotel No. families _____
 Increased cost of work _____ Additional fee 25

Description of Proposed Work

To install wet sprinkler system in new cocktail lounge, kitchen and dining room as per plan.
 To change arrangement of sprinkler system by eliminating wall type sprinklers and installing regular sprinklers.

**PLANS FILED WITH THIS AMENDMENT DESTROYED SINCE THEY ARE
 SUPERSEDED BY PLANS FILED WITH AMENDMENT #2**

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
 Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
 Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
 Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
 Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
 Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____ of lining _____
 No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____
 Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____ 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 _____

Approved: _____

Signature of Owner: E. H. Grinnell

Approved: 11/30/50 WMD

Inspector of Buildings

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At 939 Congress Street-1

This letter with issued building
permit and applicant's copy of
application sent to:
Mr. Everett N. Sweetser
38 Green Street
Gorham, Maine
Cord 4494

May 12, 1956

Grinnell Company
275 W. Exchange Street
Providence, Rhode Island

Copies to:
Victoria Hotel, 939 Congress Street
Oliver F. Sanborn, Chief of the Fire Department

Gentlemen:

Building permit for installing automatic sprinkler system in the
Victoria Hotel at 939 Congress Street in this City is issued herewith,
subject to the following:

At least in part the sprinkler system is being installed to satisfy
the requirements of the Safety Ordinance of the City of Portland which is
administered by the Chief of the Fire Department.

Chief Sanborn of the Fire Department has returned the permit with
his approval but adds that his approval is given conditionally as follows:

"This sprinkler application is approved but it is not sufficient to
comply with the safety orders. If the system is extended to protect the
two stores, everything will be satisfactory. Otherwise, it will be necessary
to provide an automatic fire detection and alarm system."

Presumably the owner will desire to extend the sprinkler system to
cover the two stores. To accomplish this the installing company should
file application for amendment to the permit now issued and with it the
revised plan showing the extension of the system and bearing upon them the
stamp of approval of the New England Fire Insurance Rating Association, as
usual.

Very truly yours,

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

McE/G

Enclosure to Grinnell Company: Building permit and applicant's copy of
application

CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Department of Building Inspection

True copy

(date) April 17, 1950

To: Oliver T. Sanborn
Chief of the Fire Department

Location: 929 Congress Street

From: Warren McDonald
Insptr. of Bldgs.

Subject: Application for permit for
improvements at above location,
required by order of Chief of Fire
Department dated January 5, 1950

While our two departments have done a good job of coordination under the Safety Ordinance--yours issuing the orders after inspection and ours issuing permits for improvements to be made,--

The confusion on the part of many people, who come in here, as to who has ordered them to do what,

The fact that on some jobs a permit has been issued, and the work done, only to have your inspector find that the situation did not then satisfy your order under the law,

And, the fact that you are permitted under the Building Code to exercise discretion as to details of means of egress in an existing building where there is no substantial increase in number of persons accommodated, while we must proceed under the precise terms of the Code unless deviation in this connection is approved by yourself--

leads me to the belief that each situation ought to be checked before any permits are issued, presumably by the inspector in your department who made the inspection on which the original order was based, to see:

1. If the work contemplated will completely satisfy the order.
2. To see, if possible, whether or not there may be some more economical way of satisfying the order, and, if so, to recommend that way to the owner.

To that end there is attached for your consideration applications for permits at the above location.

Remarks relating to this particular job:

It is not known whether or not this matter of installing an automatic sprinkler system is the result of a conference following your order, but it is noted that the order calls for the installation of an automatic fire detection and alarm system.

This matter is particularly called to your attention on the basis that if the automatic fire alarm system is still to be provided, it could well be incorporated with the automatic sprinkler system, the sprinkler heads to act as thermostats not only to ring the large water-motor gong on the outside of the building, but to ring alarm gongs in the corridors. If that is the intention the alarm gongs are required to be operated by dry batteries and a test button or switch is required so that the alarm system may be tested frequently and easily. In such installations I believe it is the practice to actuate the current in the bell system by means of a switch at the water-motor operating the usual sprinkler gong.

Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

OLIVER T. SANBORN
CHIEF

HEADQUARTERS FIRE DEPARTMENT
380 CONGRESS STREET, PORTLAND 3, MAINE

May 6, 1950

Re: 939 Congress St.

This sprinkler application is approved
but it is not sufficient to comply with
the safety orders.

If the system is extended to protect
the two stores everything will be
satisfactory.

Otherwise, it will be necessary to
provide an automatic detection system.

Oliver T. Sanborn
CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

WRITTEN CONSENT AND AGREEMENT RELATING TO A CERTAIN SIGN PROPOSED TO BE

ERECTED PROJECTING OVER A PUBLIC SIDEWALK FROM THE PREMISES

AT 939 Congress Street IN PORTLAND, MAINE

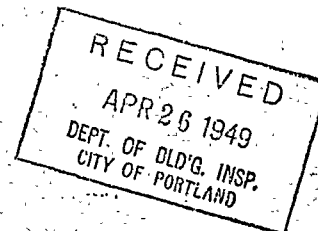
John Nappi, being the owner of the premises at 939 Congress Street in Portland, Maine hereby gives consent to the erection of a certain sign owned by Victoria Hotel projecting over the public sidewalk from said premises as described in application to the Inspector of Buildings of Portland, Maine for a permit to cover erection of said sign;

And in consideration of the issuance of said permit John Nappi, owner of said premises, in event said sign shall cease to serve the purpose for which it was erected or shall become dangerous and in event the owner of said sign shall fail to remove said sign or make it permanently safe in case the sign still serves the purpose for which it was erected, hereby agrees for himself or itself, for his heirs, its successors, and his or its assigns, to completely remove said sign within ten days of notice from said Inspector of Buildings that said sign is in such condition and of order from him to remove it.

In Witness whereof the owner of said premises has signed this consent and agreement this 21 day of April, 1949.

Robert M. Young
Witness

John Nappi
Owner





(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET CITY OF PORTLAND

PERMIT ISSUED
00801

MAY 3 1949
Permit No.

Portland, Maine, April 26, 1949 19

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached John Nappi

Name and address of owner of sign Victoria Hotel, 939 Congress Street

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 74 Elm Street Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1950

*formerly at Elder's
90 Oak St.*

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 5 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick *4/28/49, O.K. C.B.*
CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS FULFILLED

Details of Sign and Connections Permit Issued with Memo.

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 7'11" Horizontal 6'9"

Weight 250 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material gal. metal

No. rigid connections 3 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes no aluminum

No. through bolts 1 Size 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 5 material cable Size 5/16"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 11'6"

Maximum projection into street 6'9"

United Neon Display

Fee \$1.00

Signature of contractor By J. S. Coyne

Imp
ORIGINAL

Permit No. 49/601

Location 939 Congress St.

Owner Victoria Hotel

Date of permit 5/3/49

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 6/3/49, csl

NOTES

6/3/49, through 6/17/49
checked, csl

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

**939 Congress Street—Erection of projecting sign for Victoria Hotel
by United Neon Display—5/2/49**

In view of the veneered front on this building special care must be used in fastening sign and guys to wall.

Any expansion bolts used must go to a tight fit in the brick work of the original wall. All places where the veneer is pierced must be permanently and adequately flashed so that rain and other moisture will not penetrate behind veneer and deteriorate it.

WMD/G

CC: Victoria Hotel
939 Congress Street

Mr. John Nappi
326 Stevens Avenue

**(Signed) Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings**

939 Congress Street

February 10, 1949

Wallace Neon Sign Corporation
Route 1
Scarborough, Maine

Subject: Applications for permits
for erection of marquees and signs
thereon on front of building at
939 Congress Street.

Gentlemen:

Due to the fact that we are required to secure the approval of the Municipal Officers on the permit for the marquees, there will be some delay in issuance of either of these permits. We will place the marquee permit before them for consideration at the earliest opportunity, but it hardly seems possible that action can be secured before Feb. 21, 1949. In the meantime we will endeavor to make a check of the plans filed with applications and to inform you of any deficiencies or lack of information that we may discover thereon.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

AJS/B

CO John Nappi
939 Congress St.,

Phillip P. Snow
477 Congress St.,



(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure MarqueePortland, Maine, February 9, 1949

PERMIT ISSUED

00222

FEB 28 1949

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 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3
Owner's name and address John Nappi, 939 Congress Street Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Wallace Neon Sign Corp., Route 1, Scarborough Telephone _____
Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 2
Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families _____
Last use _____ No. families _____
Material brick No. stories 5 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 700. Fee \$ 4.00

General Description of New Work

To erect marquee front of building as per plans

~~Permit Issued with Memo~~

Permit Issued with Letter

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. **PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO** Wallace Neon Sign Corp. Approved by Municipal Officers 2/21/49

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
Framing-lumber-Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____ Size _____
Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ Max. on centers _____
Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.
Joists and rafters: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
On centers: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
Maximum span: 1st floor _____, 2nd _____, 3rd _____, roof _____
If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? _____ height? _____

If a Garage

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

APPROVED:

with letter by AJS

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

John Nappi
Wallace Neon Sign Corp.

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

BY:

George W. Allen

No. 49/222
939 Congress St
Owner John Nappi
Date of permit 2/28/49
Notif. closing-in
Inspn. closing-in
Final Notif.
Final Inspn.
Cert. of Occupancy issued
See Sign 49/221

5/8/49
Attended actual
before Dept is not
done. Mr. Nappi said
this was not
to be put up. Sign
erected instead
see permit 49/

NOTES

City of New York
Department of Public Works
Bureau of Engineering
Division of Inspection
Permit No. 49/222
Date of Issue 2/28/49
Date of Expiration 2/28/50
Location of Work 939 Congress St
Nature of Work
Inspector's Name
Inspector's Signature
Inspector's Title
Inspector's Office
Inspector's Phone
Inspector's Address
Inspector's City
Inspector's State
Inspector's Zip
Inspector's Country
Inspector's Continent
Inspector's Hemisphere
Inspector's Longitude
Inspector's Latitude
Inspector's Elevation
Inspector's Population
Inspector's Area
Inspector's Density
Inspector's Climate
Inspector's Vegetation
Inspector's Soil
Inspector's Rock
Inspector's Water
Inspector's Air
Inspector's Light
Inspector's Sound
Inspector's Temperature
Inspector's Humidity
Inspector's Wind
Inspector's Rain
Inspector's Snow
Inspector's Ice
Inspector's Fog
Inspector's Clouds
Inspector's Moon
Inspector's Stars
Inspector's Planets
Inspector's Sun
Inspector's Universe

AP 939 Congress Street-I

February 26, 1949

Wallace Neen Sign Company
Route 1
Scarborough, Maine

Subject: Permits for erection of Marquee and
signs thereon at 939 Congress Street.

Gentlemen:

The two permits for the above work are issued herewith based on plans filed with applications and subject to the following:

1. Diagonal braces are required at the corners of the frames of the outside faces of the signs.

2. In consultation with the engineer who drew the plans it has been decided that the gusset plates to which the eye bolts carrying outer edge of marquee are to be fastened are to be adequately bolted to the top flanges of channels and angles if they are placed on top of the flanges as shown on plans, so that the load will be carried by bolts rather than by any welding that may be done.

3. It is noted that sheet aluminum is to be used on some parts of the signs. The permit for the signs is issued subject to the condition that at all places where steel or iron and aluminum would otherwise be in direct contact, both surfaces—steel or iron and aluminum—will be coated with bituminous paint, including bolts and washers, or treated in equivalent fashion to prevent corrosion from taking place between the two metals.

4. Care must be exercised in fastening the hangers for the frame of the marquee to the building in order to get a flat bearing surface for them. This may entail some chipping off of portions of the Permatone front recently installed on the building. It is also necessary to make sure that openings through the Permatone for the passage of bolts and lag screws are made tight to prevent entrance of moisture and deterioration of supports of the stucco.

Very truly yours,

AJS/G

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Mr. Philip P. Snow
477 Congress Street

Mr. John Nappi
939 Congress Street

City of Portland, Maine

IN BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

February 21, 1949

ORDERED:

That a building permit to authorize erection of a marquee extending over the public sidewalk from the hotel at 939 Congress Street be and hereby is approved, subject to full compliance with all requirements of the Building Code, as per Section 103c of the Building Code.

CC: Edward T. Cignoux
Assistant Corporation Counsel



(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

PERMIT ISSUED

00221

Permit FEB 28 1949

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET CITY of PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, February 9, 1949

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached John Nappi, 939 Congress St.

Name and address of owner of sign same

Contractor's name and address Wallace Neon Sign Corp., Rt. 1, Scarborough Telephone

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1950

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 5 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

erected on marquee as per plans

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 2'6" Horizontal 16'5" 5' end

Weight lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? Any rigid frame?

Material of frame No. advertising faces , material

No. rigid connections Are they fastened directly to frame of sign?

No. through bolts , Size , Location, top or bottom

No. guys , material , Size

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street

Maximum projection into street

with letter by AGS

Wallace Neon Sign Corp. Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor By: George W. Allen

ORIGINAL



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET CITY OF PORTLAND

Portland, Maine, February 9 19 49

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached John Nappi, 939 Congress St.

Name and address of owner of sign same Telephone

Contractor's name and address Wallace Neon Sign Corp., Rt. 1, Scarborough

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1950

Information Concerning Building

No. stories 5 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

Details of Sign and Connections

erected on marquee as per plans Vertical dimension after erection 2'6" Horizontal 16'5" 5'
Electric? yes Any rigid frame? front end

Weight lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? Any rigid frame?

Material of frame No. advertising faces material

No. rigid connections Are they fastened directly to frame of sign?

No. through bolts Size Location, top or bottom

No. guys material Size

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street

Maximum projection into street

with letter by AGS
Signature of contractor By: George W. Allen Fee \$ 1.00

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Permit No. 49/221

Location 939 Congress St

Owner John Pappas

Date of permit 4/28/49

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn.

See Morquee 49/222 NOTES

4/3/49 J.P. Pappas

4/11/49 J.P. Pappas

Supervised by owner

49/601

AP 939 Congress Street-3

February 26, 1929

Wallace Dean Sign Company
Route 1
Petersborough, Maine

Subject: Permits for erection of marquee and
signs thereon at 939 Congress Street

Gentlemen:

The two permits for the above work are issued herewith based on plans filed with applications and subject to the following:

1. Diagonal braces are required at the corners of the frames of the outside faces of the signs.

2. In consultation with the engineer who drew the plans it has been decided that the gusset plates to which the eye bolts carrying outer edge of marquee are to be fastened are to be accurately bolted to the top flanges of channels and angles if they are placed on top of the flanges as shown on plans, so that the load will be carried by bolts rather than by any welding that may be done.

3. It is noted that sheet aluminum is to be used on some parts of the sign. The permit for the signs is issued subject to the condition that at all places where steel or iron and aluminum would otherwise be in direct contact, both surfaces—steel or iron and aluminum—will be coated with bituminous paint, including bolts and washers, or treated in equivalent fashion to prevent corrosion from taking place between the two metals.

4. Care must be exercised in fastening the hangers for the frame of the marquee to the building in order to get a flat bearing surface for them. This may entail some chipping off of portions of the Perma-stone front recently installed on the building. It is also necessary to make sure that openings through the Perma-stone for the passage of bolts and lag screws are made tight to prevent entrance of moisture and deterioration of supports of the stucco.

Very truly yours,

AJS/G

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Mr. Philip E. Snow
477 Congress Street

Mr. John Bappi
939 Congress Street

(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE



APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Permit No. _____

Portland, Maine, December 2, 1948

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 2nd Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached _____

Name and address of owner of sign Burke's Paint Supply, 941 Congress St.

Contractor's name and address United Neon, 74 Elm Street Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? Dec. 31, 1949

Information Concerning Building 12/2/48 O.K. 20 **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

No. stories 1 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached terra-stone over brick

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 2' 3" Horizontal 5'

Weight 150 lbs. Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material porcelain

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 1 Size 3/4 Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 5 material cable Size 1"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 10' Permit Issued with Memo

Maximum projection into street 6' 2"

United Neon

Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor by: J. L. Conner

Original

Permit No. 481

Location 944 Congress St.

Owner Durked Print Supply

Date of permit 12/14/80

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn.

NOTES

4/27/89 - 1st yr. from irregular
fill for the following
containing gravel and
applicable mail.

020

City of Portland, Maine
IN BOARD OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

August 23, 1943

*Accepted
8/23/43*

ORDERED :

That a building permit for covering the front wall of the Victoria Hotel at 939 Congress Street with a specially prepared stucco veneer called "Perma-Stone", which will project over the public sidewalk, be and hereby is approved as per Section 103c of the Building Code.

CC: Barnett I. Shur
Corporation Counsel



(D) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, February 17, 1948

PERMIT J
0013

FEB 19 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 937 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3
Owner's name and address John Nappi Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address Consolidated Construction Co., 265 St. John Telephone 2-5524
Contractor's name and address Lessee Telephone _____
Architect _____ Specifications _____ Plans yes No of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families _____
Last use _____ No. families _____
Material brick No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 200. Fee \$ 1.00

General Description of New Work

To erect non-bearing partitions to provide office, 1st floor, as per plan.
Studs 2x4, 16" O.C., plywood both sides

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? _____ Is any electrical work involved in this work? _____
Height average grade to top of plate _____ Height average grade to highest point of roof _____
Size, front _____ depth _____ No. stories _____ solid or filled land? _____ earth or rock? _____
Material of foundation _____ Thickness, top _____ bottom _____ cellar _____
Material of underpinning _____ Height _____ Thickness _____
Kind of roof _____ Rise per foot _____ Roof covering _____
No. of chimneys _____ Material of chimneys _____ of lining _____ Kind of heat _____ fuel _____
Framing lumber—Kind _____ Dressed or full size? _____
Corner posts _____ Sills _____ Girt or ledger board? _____
Girders _____ Size _____ Columns under girders _____ Size _____ 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? _____

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

Consolidated Construction Co.

APPROVED:

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner

By:

John a Kibler

Permit No. 115/181

Location 937 Congress St

Owner Private Construction

Date of permit 2/18/48

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 2/30/48

Cert. of Occupancy issued none

NOTES

3/1/48

E. S. S.

South Portland, Maine

WILLIAM O. ARMITAGE - Architect

August 28, 1948

Done 3-0938

Mr. Warren McDonald
Building Inspector
Portland, Maine

RECEIVED

AUG 30 1948

DEPT. OF BLD'G. INSP.
CITY OF PORTLAND

Re: PermaStone for Victoria Hotel
959 Congress St., Portland, Me.

Dear Sir;

In answer to your letter of August 19th, 1948, relative to the above captioned project.

I understand that at a Special Meeting of the City Council the 2" encroachment of the PermaStone upon the Public sidewalk was approved.

The PermaStone is to be applied to the face of the existing building as follows:

The present stucco surfaces from the sidewalk to the first story height are to be removed; ~~the brick piers are to be recessed back 2" so that the finished PermaStone face will come flush with the granite base.~~

Wood surfaces of bays are to be covered with waterproof paper then the entire building face except windows and doors is to be covered with 3.4 pound self furring diamond mesh steel nailed 8" o. c., both ways with 1 1/2" galvanized broad head nails in wood and broad head masonry nails 8" o. c., both ways in masonry joints. Metal mesh to be lapped 4" at joints and metal mesh nailed with additional Parker Kalon nails 12" o. c., these nails are 1/4" diameter, 1" long large head, driven into holes drilled into masonry surfaces not in the joints, these nails are in addition to the masonry nails in the joints.

Over the metal mesh a 3/4" base coat consisting of 1:3 mix Portland Cement and sand plus 7% hydrated lime shall be applied, properly cross scratched and allowed to cure. Over the base coat apply 3/4" finish coat of PermaStone imitating natural stone surfaces. The total additional new load to the wall surfaces is approximately 15 pounds per square foot.

Plans of the existing building are not in existence therefore the size of the lintels except for the 12" steel beam at the first floor level are not known. However, from the exposed framing in the basement which is 3" x 10", 12" o. c., with and 8" x 10" girt in the center of each bay of continuous brick walls from front to rear of the building forming three basements and a stairway the floor timbers run parallel to the front wall so that I assume there is no floor load on the front wall of the building.

I trust this gives you the required information requested.

Very truly yours,

William O. Armitage

AP 939 Congress Street-1
Section 303a

September 10, 1943

Portland Perma-Stone Company
63 Winter Street
Portland, Maine

Subject: Application of the surfacing of exterior
walls using the material known as "Perma-Stone"
in the City of Portland and particularly to
the front of the Victoria Hotel at 939 Con-
gress Street

Gentlemen:

In view of the fact that the Building Code of Portland and, as far as I can determine, most other Building Codes do not contain standards for the application of such materials as "Perma-Stone" which is a variation from the usual stucco, we shall have to consider the application of this material to the front of the Victoria Hotel at 939 Congress Street as more or less experimental. You should be governed by this idea in figuring and contracting for other jobs in the City of Portland where the material is to be applied to masonry walls or to wooden frame walls so close to public sidewalks as to have any effect at all upon the safety on the public streets.

In further consideration of this entire subject since the permit for the Victoria Hotel job was issued, I am having some misgivings as to the permanency and good practice of certain features of such work. That we may get at the full truth of the matter and handle future applications for permits to the best advantage of the "Perma-Stone" proposition and to the owners who may want to have the material applied to their buildings, I would like to have you furnish information as to the following features, both as to what the proprietors of the Perma-Stone rights recommend specifically and as to what practice with regard to each feature you are required to follow in the City of Boston.

I shall try to follow the Victoria Hotel job with unusual interest to see how the methods proposed actually work out and what prospect they give of providing a thoroughly satisfactory and permanent surface. You are well aware of the very many details handled by this office and of the difficulty of finding time to sit down to talk over all matters in detail. Under these circumstances it will be much appreciated and make it far easier to handle your applications promptly in the future, if you will furnish the following information in writing, both as to what the originators of Perma-Stone recommend in each case and what practice is followed in the City of Boston in each case. Here are the features:

1. In application of the material to masonry walls, is entire reliance placed upon the metal fastenings of the lath, or is adhesion of the plaster to the masonry counted, also?
2. When existing walls have previously received some treatment to close the pores in the masonry, is it recommended or required that the masonry be bared by sand-blasting or otherwise?
3. Is metal lath recommended or required to be galvanized?
4. Which is recommended or required, the normal expanded metal lath with small openings to merely give a "clinch" between lath and wall, or large size galvanized mesh with openings through to the masonry 2 inches square or larger, on the basis that with the latter arrangement, the stucco will be forced through to give adhesion to the masonry?
5. Are Parker Kalon nails corrosion resistant, what size is recommended or used and what is the rated "pulling-out" resistance for that size? Probably this information will have to be secured from the manufacturer of the nails.

September 10, 1943

6. What detail is recommended or required for fastening the metal lath to exterior walls of wooden frame buildings? Is wooden strapping required or allowed, and on what centers?

7. Are there limitations of height for the application of Penna-Stone in stories or in feet, on wooden frame construction and on masonry construction. If so, what are these limitations?

8. What do the proprietors of "Penna-Stone" claim as the per square ^{foot}/weight of the entire application, including lath and all fastenings?

While I have the impression I have seen some literature on "Penna-Stone", I am not sure whether it was just sales promotion literature or real technical data. Whether in printed form or otherwise, I would like the best technical data that can be procured concerning the application and support and the make-up as to ingredients of mortar of this material.

If any of the above questions bring up points which, in the light of Penna-Stone practice or recommendations elsewhere, seem to indicate that details of the Victoria Hotel job will be substandard, from the standpoint of permanency or safety in future years, I recommend strongly that you change the proposed arrangements to comply with the best practice both for the benefit of the owner and from the standpoint of your relationships with this department in the future.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WCB/S

CC: Judge J. O. LeBlanc
825 Main Street
Westbrook, Maine

Mr. William G. Amittage
23 Mitchell Road
So. Portland, Maine

AT 939 Congress Street-1

September 3, 1943

Portland Porcelain Company
63 Winter Street
Mr. John Happt
939 Congress Street

Subject: Construction of ornamental front on
Victoria Hotel building at 939 Congress
Street

Gentlemen:

Now that the Board of Municipal Officers has approved the additional projection of this new front over the public sidewalk of Congress Street, the building permit therefor is issued, herewith, to the contractor, subject to the following:

1. The steel mesh to receive the stucco is to be securely fastened to the present surfaces strictly as indicated in letter of August 28, 1943 of William C. Armitage, architect.

2. However, the brick piers indicated by that letter to be recessed back two inches are not to be cut or recessed at all, leaving their strength the same as it has always been. Full protection to be provided at the bottom of the new surface so that distortion of the sidewalk will not affect the surface.

3. We have had some discussion about the strength of the existing steel beams over the store fronts and over the hotel front of lobby. It is the architect's opinion, as expressed in his letter of August 28, 1943, that none of the floor loads and none of the roof loads of the building come down through the wall to reach these steel beams over first story windows, and several indications at the job bear out that idea. The ornamental front is reported to add an addition of weight of about 15 pounds to each square foot of surface. Computing the existing dead load over a given steel lintel and adding to it the new loads produced by the new surface without making any allowances for "arching" of the brickwork seems to produce somewhat of an overload on these steel beams over the windows, the size depending upon how old the steel beams are. Apparently it is not possible to find out just when this work was done or just what the design of the steel lintels are. In fact it is even likely that there are two steel beams over each opening rather than one. The best information available has been procured with regard to these conditions, and it is the belief that no serious difficulties will ensue. The owner should bear in mind, however, that he will have to bear the responsibility of correcting any defects which may arise, if assumptions are incorrect and deflection or sag should take place due to this extra weight.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WACB/S

Encl: Building permit and applicant's copy of application therefor

CC: Judge A. C. LaBlanc
825 Main Street
Westbrook, Maine.

Mr. William C. Armitage
23 Mitchell Road, So. Portland

Mr. Armitage - Re: McDonald

1. 12 inch beam first floor level is exposed on the exterior of the building so can be seen.
2. Total weight to be added to face of building is approximately 22,000 pounds at 15 lbs. per square foot.
3. Weight of existing front wall is not known and cannot be checked accurately but with brick at 120 lbs. per cu. ft., the wall weight approximately 180,000 lbs.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

AP 939 Congress Street-1

August 19, 1949

Mr. William O. Armitage
23 Mitchell Road
So. Portland, Maine
Portland Perma-Stone Company
68 Winter Street
Mr. John Nappi
939 Congress Street

Subject: Application for building permit to cover the front wall of Victoria Hotel at 939 Congress Street with a specially prepared stucco veneer called "Perma-Stone"

Gentlemen:

Section 211c of the Building Code provides that no part of any building or any structure or appurtenance attached thereto (with certain exceptions as regards signs and marquee etc.) shall project over any public sidewalk or street unless such a projection is specifically approved by the Municipal Officers. At my request the Department of Public Works has located the front wall of the Victoria Hotel with relation to the street line of Congress Street, and reports that the piers at the corners and between show windows and doors (I believe the brick walls above the first story are at the same plane as these piers) already project an inch or more into the public sidewalk space. Apparently including the furring arrangement the face of the proposed veneer would project about 2" beyond the face of the present masonry. Thus the veneer would represent an additional encroachment upon the public sidewalk space, and for that reason the permit is not issuable unless the proposal is first approved by the Municipal Officers.

Unless I hear to the contrary from you, I will present the matter to the Municipal Officers at the earliest opportunity which at present appears to be September 3.

In the meantime some details as to the proposition should be cleared up. The contractor has told me over the telephone that the use of special "furring" nails is proposed, eliminating the use of the usual "strapping" and that the joints of the brickwork (where the finish is to be applied to masonry) are to be drilled in each case and the special nails driven in. There should appear in the application and on the plan a description of this proposed method of fastening with the trade name and any experience that is available as to the permanence and adequacy of such fastenings. This, especially because Section 314g of the Building Code provides that such veneering used on masonry walls above the first story shall be adequately fastened and supported by incombustible material of such thickness and quality as to preclude early deterioration. The fact that this veneer would be exposing the public sidewalk of Congress Street makes the need of care in observance of this requirement obvious.

This surfacing would normally be estimated to have a weight of from 15 to 19 pounds per square foot, but the contractor says that all of the added materials, including nails, lath and two thicknesses of stucco will not exceed 14 pounds per square foot. While this is not much for each square foot, there will be many square feet above each of the lintels over the first story windows. Obviously there must be an investigation of the strength of these lintels to see what present loads are likely to be coming upon them from the building wall and perhaps from the frame of the floors and the roof and thus to see whether the added weight will overload them or would likely to cause undue deflection in the lintels. We shall need the data on the analysis of this situation.

William O. Amaltago
Portland Perma-Store Company
John Nappi ————— 2

August 19, 1948

The front brick wall of this building is not normal and we cannot rely upon the "arching" of the masonry as is customary with a brick wall over such lintels, because above each window there is a wide opening in the brick wall from second floor to roof with bay windows in these openings at each story projecting over the public sidewalk.

The plan indicates that the new surface is to be applied to all of the brickwork of the front wall down to the top of the granite base at the piers. Since these granite bases of the piers are flush with the brickwork of the piers above, it is necessary to show whether those bases will be recessed, perhaps 2", from the face of the new finish or whether something will be added to those bases.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WACD/3

Congress St. # 939-94

VICTORIA HOTEL

St. Line

3.0'

2.8'

2.9'

2.92'

2.92'

2.89'

3.0'

3' offset

Congress

St.

Rev. 2

8/1/42

LMM

Warren McDonald



(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, August 16, 1948

PERMIT ISSUED

01530
3 1948

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to ~~erect~~ alter ~~and~~ ~~rebuild~~ the following building ~~and~~ ~~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 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3
Owner's name and address John Nappi, Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address Victoria Hotel, 939 Congress Street Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Portland Perma-Stone Company, 68 Winter Street Telephone _____
Architect W. O. Armitage, 23 Mitchell Rd. So. Portland Specifications _____ Plans yes No. of sheets 1
Proposed use of building Hotel No. families _____
Last use _____ No. families _____
Material brick No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 2500 Fee \$ 5.00

General Description of New Work

To cover front of hotel with Perma-Stone as per plan.

Permit Issued with Letter: CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that this permit does not include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken out separately by and in the name of the heating contractor. PERMIT TO BE ISSUED TO Portland Perma-Stone Co.

Details of New Work

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

If a Garage

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

APPROVED:

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

John Nappi

INSPECTION COPY

Signature of owner by:

William O. Armitage

6+9

NOTES

9/16/48. In Accordance with this
job and supervisor instructions
stopped work this P.M. as of 4:30.
covering method of fastening this
wall has not been followed. etc

10/5/48 - 9 months to this date
have had 2 general conferences
with Messrs. Valenzuela
& Strickland of P.S. Commission
with Mr. Burrows of the P.S. Commission
organization. Judge F. B. Jones
and one with Mr. Naffin - same

Generally it was agreed that work could
go ahead on basis of what was
shown. Spacing of rods are to be
driven into "chumples" no more than
8 inches on centers both ways - the
mats to enter masonry of walls.

The work already done is to be
repeated as nearly as possible
to this basis and this specification
followed precisely on the remainder.

10/5/48 - Examined the job and found
the following - some work had not been
done. Checked and found that some work was
not being done correctly - explained
what must be done to both men
working on both application and
Mr. Strickland.

Mr. Strickland as to notify for
inspection when already done &
work is fixed up. The latter to
be done before proceeding further
with steel work.

10/6/48. Went over parts of work they have tried to
correct with Mr. Strickland. Not much more can be
done on the first five courses (wall) intersection,
as now both sides become thin and masonry is
too thick. The other part now on will be corrected
by Mr. Strickland by other methods. etc

12/1/48. Checked off parts work completed. See notes on
previous inspections covering difficulties that arose
on this job. etc.

signed [Signature]

Permit No.	48/1590
Location	939 Campbell St.
Owner	National Hotel
Date of permit	9/3/48
Notif. closing-in	
Inspn. closing-in	
Final Notif.	
Final Inspn.	12/1/48. 200
Cert. of Occupancy issued	12/1/48



FILL IN AND SIGN WITH INK

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR
HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, October 17, 1946

PERMIT ISSUED

02044
OCT 18 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 939 Congress Street Use of Building Hotel No. Stories 3 ~~New~~ Building
Existing "
Name and address of owner of appliance John Nappi, 326 Stevens Avenue
Installer's name and address Pallotta Oil Co., 112 Exchange Street Telephone 4-2671

General Description of Work

To install oil burning equipment in connection with existing steam heat. *Oil 10-17-46. V.P.M.*

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 Fluid Heat Labeled by underwriters' laboratories? yes
Will operator be always in attendance? no Does oil supply line feed from top or bottom of tank? Bottom
Type of floor beneath burner Cement
Location of oil storage outside underground Number and capacity of tanks 1-275 gallons
If two 275-gallon tanks, will three-way valve be provided?
Will all tanks be more than five feet from any flame? yes How many tanks fire proofed?

IF COOKING APPLIANCE

Location of appliance Kind of fuel Type of floor beneath appliance
If wood, how protected?
Minimum distance to wood or combustible material from top of appliance
From front of appliance From sides and back From top of smokepipe
Size of chimney flue Other connections to same flue
Is hood to be provided? If so, how vented?
If gas fired, how vented? Rated maximum demand per hour

MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT OR SPECIAL INFORMATION

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

APPROVED:

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

Pallotta Oil Company

By: John B. Downs

Signature of Installer

INSPECTION COPY

Permit No. 46/2044

Location 939 Congress St

Owner John Haggan

Date of permit 10/18/46

Approved 12-30-46 P.M.

NOTES

Man to call and
Told that in Hotel
if heat pipe and
switch wasn't
taken care of in
two days, to call
me. P.M.

Installer to provide
12-30-46 Heat provided
inside of wall P.M.

- 1. Fill Pipe
- 2. Vent Pipe
- 3. Kind of Heat
- 4. Burner Rating & Supports
- 5. Name & Label
- 6. Name & Label
- 7. Name & Label
- 8. Remote Control
- 9. Piping Support & Protection
- 10. Valves in Supply Line
- 11. Capacity of Tanks
- 12. Trap Rating & Supports
- 13. Trap Distance
- 14. Vent Distance
- 15. Vent Diameter
- 16. Vent Termination

10-29-46 Talked
with Mr. Down and
he said this tank
was very temporary.
That a 500 gal tank
was being shipped
to be installed out
side underground.
I explained to him
that I could not
make a permanent
installation
the way it was
now. That it was
up to him to comply
with the law. P.M.

10-28-46 Tank was
vented inside
basement. No
respects to central
switch. Called Allette,
and left word for

12-18-46 No valve
inside wall where
pipe line comes
from tank. Told

Public Assemblage

2-2-46.
OK

Victoria Hotel

939 Congress St.

John Naffis, owner

Wickworth, Oster & Tuttle Archts.

Alterations - Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge

Due to the fact these rooms have a common entrance they will come under Public Assemblage (see text and last page, i.e. 7 Pub. Assem. B. Ord.) and not figured separately as to capacity.

sect. 206

sect. 212

206 a 3 - Major assembly hall.
Lounge capacity shown is 83
rather than 72 as noted.
Dining room has 55 instead
of 51. This makes total of 138,
with 13 employees (assumed)
150

212 a 1 - O.K.

b - O.K.

b1 - O.K.

c - O.K.

c1 - O.K.

d - O.K.

d - O.K.

e 15 - Rear exit stairs should
have handrails both sides,
also stairs to b.k. not less than 3 ft wide.
e 8 - Where rear exit is used
it should be defined as emergency
exit light with location
of switch shown.

e-2,2 The front exit of the
lounge is not recessed
as deep as the width of the
door, rear exits
illuminate steps down to both

e 9 - Signs of door to ladies
toilet (dining room side) to be
used.

e 4.5 No illumination has
been shown in passage to
dining room rear exit
or outside either rear
exit.

e 5.3 Sign and sound alert
given

should be another exit
the dining room and of
passage leading to the rear.

Victoria Hotel 939 Congress St. Contd.

2-2-75

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Sect. 806

Sect. 212

f5- Metal covered door at head of cellar stairs but enclosure not mentioned or called for.

f1- What with use and construction of the duct space in wall of lounge, also sect. 604b

g1- O.K.

g1- Although not explicitly and O.K. but I think this setup of the lounge from the point of view of the fire escape is a little bit of a problem. This is because the fire escape is on the side of the building and unless the fire escape is open and lighted, the same lounge will appear to travel quite a distance, possibly in semi-darkness. It seems to me that if the fire escape might be concerned about this from the moral angle.

h1- same as sect 212

h1- Undoubtedly O.K. but mention made as to type of heat. should be given.

i2- Two sets of plans for public assemblage should be filed before occupancy certificate issued.

i1- O.K.

J- O.K.

J- O.K.

Victoria Hotel 959 Congress St. Cont'd.

2-2-46.
P.C.

Sect 302 (Finiscope) Very little structural information has been given regards to the alteration of present and the new finiscope. This includes width of stairs and platforms, detail of braces, depth of foundations etc.

Sect 303 a1 - Should have detail of slab and supports.

Sect. 305 a2 Plan view shows living but none is mentioned. See memo on floor plan.

303 b1 - No mention of cleanout down.

Sect 305 a - Floor load new lounge, $8' \times 10'$ or $10'$ span
12" O.C. grid for $\frac{2295}{10} = 229.5$ #4 O.K.

Although size of girder under this floor has been given, spacing of floor joists not shown so unable to check it.

Framing of dining room floor not given, if same as lounge floor of new concrete floor in kitchen will be ok. If framing different it should be noted as concrete floor can be checked.

Sect. 311 c3.6 - Partition framing not mentioned.

Sect. 601. Will present heating system remain.
Restaurant range to require permit. No ventilation gravity or forced.

9I 21.8' on 8' span grid for 25000# Lobby & Lounge
2-2-11/15 " " 27,000# dining room.
Does Architect at any time take place of statement of design. That information enough to check steel.



(C) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, January 21, 1946

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

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

Location 939 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 2
Owner's name and address Victoria Hotel, 939 Congress Street Telephone _____
Lessee's name and address _____ Telephone _____
Contractor's name and address Not let Telephone _____
Architect Wadsworth, Boston & Tuttle Specifications _____ Plans Yes No. of sheets 5
Proposed use of building Hotel and stores No. families _____
Last use _____ " " _____ No. families _____
Material brick No. stories 4 Heat _____ Style of roof _____ Roofing _____
Other buildings on same lot _____
Estimated cost \$ 15,000. Fee \$ 0.75

General Description of New Work

To provide new cocktail lounge and dining room as per plan.
To relocate rear fire escape from second floor to ground - changing windows to doors at rear of building and cutting in new window as per plan.
To raise floor of cocktail lounge about 10" to level of lobby floor.
To cut in opening 9' wide in brick wall between lobby and new cocktail lounge and
To " " " 7'6" " " " " " and new dining room as per plan.
To provide new front to first floor with exit doors as per plan.
To provide impervious floors in kitchen and toilet rooms as per Health Dept. regulations.
New women's toilet room to be vented to existing unused chimney flue.

Sent to Fire Dept. 1/25/46

Rec'd from Fire Dept. 1/28/46

Sent to Health Dept. 1/26/46

Rec'd. from Health Dept. 1/25/46

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

Details of New Work

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

If a Garage

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

APPROVED:

Robert D. L. M.D.
Wm. B. Bunker
R. J. Smith
Charles A. B. Bunker

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

Victoria Hotel
Wadsworth, Boston & Tuttle

Signature of owner

William J. Tuttle

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Permit No. 461

Location 939 Congress St.

Owner John Nappi

Date of permit 11/1/46

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn.

Cert. of Occupancy issued

NOTES

for record
2/5/47- Application was
withdrawn by applic-
ant's lawyer soon
after application
was made. Called Mr.
Tuttle about return
of receipt for refund.
He said that
it had been paid for
+ turned over to Mr.
Nappi - JGB

James



(B) LIMITED BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT
SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

PAID 103 1944

Portland, Maine, August 17, 1944 19

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect the following described sign extending over a public sidewalk or street in accordance with the Building Code of the City of Portland, and the following specifications:

Location 999 Congress Street Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 3

Owner of building to which sign is to be attached John Nappi

Name and address of owner of sign Victoria Hotel (John Nappi)

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display 74 Elm Street Telephone 2-0695

When does contractor's bond expire? January 1945 OK'd A.T.N.

Information Concerning Building INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

No. stories 4 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick **CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED**

Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 8'6" Horizontal 6'6"

Weight 150 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material galv iron

No. rigid connections 2 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes

No. through bolts 1 Size 1/2" 3/4" Location, top or bottom top

No. guys 5 material cable Size 3/16"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 11'

Maximum projection into street 6'6"

United Neon Display Fee \$ 1.00

Signature of contractor John Nappi

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CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Permit No. 44/124
Location 939 Congress St
Owner Victoria Hotel
Date of permit 8/23/44
Sign Contractor
Final Inspn.

NOTES

8/25/44. Work done. O.K. 8/26



FILL IN COMPLETELY AND SIGN WITH INK

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT FOR HEATING, COOKING OR POWER EQUIPMENT

Portland, Maine, February 2, 1943

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 939 Congress Street Use of Building Hotel No. Stories 4 New Building ☒ Existing ☐
Name and address of owner of appliance John Naoni, 123 Middle St.
Installer's name and address P. Reuben & Co., 359 Deering Ave. Telephone 2-8491

General Description of Work

To install hot water heater (coal) INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

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 coal
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, 16" 4'
from top of smoke pipe 12" from front of appliance 5' from sides or back of appliance 5'
Size of chimney flue 24x24 Other connections to same flue steam

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.)
P. Reuben & Co.

Signature of Installer Philip Reuben

INSPECTION COPY

See 42/1196
Permit No. 43/138
Location 939 Congress St.
Owner John Magapi
Date of Permit 2/2/43
Post Card sent
Notif. for insp.
Approval Tag issued
Oil Burner Check List (date)
1. Kind of heat
2. Label
3. Anti-siphon
4. Oil storage
5. Tank Distance
6. Vent Pipe
7. Fill Pipe
8. Gauge
9. Rigidity
10. Feed safety
11. Pipe size and material
12. Control valve
13. Ash pit vent
14. Temp. or pressure safety
15. Instruction card
16.

NOTES

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Warren McDonald
Inspector of Buildings

Dear Sir:

Having a full understanding of the application of
FEDERAL WAR PRODUCTION BOARD CONSERVATION ORDER L -41 to the
construction work which I propose at 939 Congress Street
in the City of Portland, I DESIRE THAT YOU ISSUE THE
BUILDING PERMIT to cover that work.

John E. Kipp

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

1/26/42.

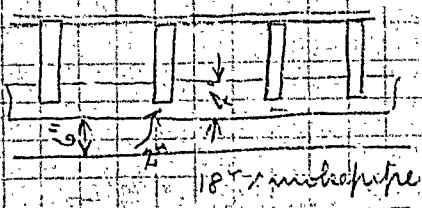
Notes on Inspection at 939 Congress Street - Victoria
Hotel on above date.

- 1.- Fire escapes on third and fourth floors can only be reached by passing thru rooms #25, #35, & #41, doors to which can be locked. I told carpenter that partitions in these rooms, which are of matched sheathing and have evidently been in same condition for years, would have to be re-located to provide hallway direct to windows leading to fire escape, same as on 2nd floor, floor plan of which was only floor provided. Manager of hotel agreed not to rent rooms until this matter had been taken care of.
- 2.- At landing of existing metal fire escape and floor level where stairs take off to lead to balcony below to which drop ladder is connected there is a ^{gap} of about 10" between edge of landing platform and inside edge of first step, leaving an opening thru which anyone, especially in the dark, might step instead of on the tread of stairway, thus causing a bad accident. This condition has evidently existed since fire escape was built, but I told carpenter that some method would have to be devised to close up this opening enough to prevent anyone stepping thru this space. This condition exists at only this one landing. The hook holding the drop ladder in place is tied with rope and I told him that rope should be removed. Lower balcony to which this ladder has been placed has been hit, probably by a truck bracket, twisted, and hand rail broken. I told him this should be straightened up and made safe.
- 3.- Several places on first floor framing where timbers are cut off are to be properly supported.
- 4.- Openings around soil & steam pipes are to be firestopped in basement.
- 5.- Unused chimney should have all openings closed in basement (over)

6.- Opening cut thru brick wall near front of boiler to give access to coal bin should have structural iron header instead of plank provided.

7.- New boiler for heating hot water installed by Phil Reuben should be covered by permit.

8.- Space over smokepipe of heating boiler has been covered by 2" of concrete supported on wire mesh which has been fastened to bottoms of existing floor timbers.



9.- I understand from carpenter that stores in first story at each side of lobby are not to be fixed up at this time. When this is done there are several details to be taken care of here.

P. 42/1266-1

November 10, 1941

Subject: Dangerous smoke pipe location
in the hotel at 939 Congress Street

Mr. John Nappi,
123 Middle Street,
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

While inspecting the alterations at this location an inspector from this office finds that the condition in regard to the smoke pipe of the heating boiler is extremely hazardous, so dangerous that immediate change must be made to safeguard the situation against fire.

The smoke pipe serving this large tubular boiler is about 18 inches in diameter or larger and the top of it is only six inches to eight inches below the wooden framing of the first floor.

In such a case it is common to argue that the condition has existed for many years and no trouble has ensued. Everyone who has had practical experience with such situations, however, knows that under certain conditions a roaring fire may take place in the smoke pipe itself in which case the pipe would become white hot and even the usual shroud would not protect the woodwork above.

I can think of no way of making this situation reasonably safe short of removing the entire section of wooden floor above the smoke pipe and replacing it with incombustible material. If this were done the strip of floor replaced should be at least three times the diameter of the smoke pipe in width and should run the entire length of the smoke pipe. Perhaps your contractor, Mr. Verrier, who is receiving a copy of this letter can think of some better way.

Because this dangerous condition is beneath a hotel four stories high and containing 25 or more rooms, beside the store occupancies, I feel compelled to require that this dangerous condition be corrected as I am authorized to do by Sections 28, 29, 30 and 31 of Chapter 35, Revised Statutes of Maine, copy attached hereto, not later than December 1, 1941.

Very truly yours,

WED/H

Inspector of Buildings

CC: Robert Terrier, 415 Congress St.
P.S. If there is no cleanout door existing at the bottom of the chimney flue, a cleanout door and frame of cast iron is required and the chimney should be thoroughly cleaned out.

Original Permit No. 12711
Amendment No. 00126-1942

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Portland, Maine, October 29, 1942

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for an amendment to Permit No. 42/1196-1 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: 128 Middle St. Within Fire Limits? Yes Dist. No. 4

Owner's or Lessee's name and address: John Nappi, 128 Middle St.

Contractor's name and address: Robert A. Verrier, 215 Congress St. 2-3161

Plans filed as part of this Amendment: 7A-1 No. of Sheets: 2

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? No Is any electrical work involved in this work? No

Increased cost of work: \$250.00

INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED

Additional fee: \$2.00

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine
 929 Congress St. ---Alterations for John Nappi by Rob't. A. Verrier, Builder---10/26/42
 BP 42/1196-AMdt. No. 1

To Owner and Builder:

All 2x10's running out from the building and supporting floor joists are to be "let-in" the 6x6 posts full thickness, and the floor joists in each case are to be supported upon the top of them. The inside ends of these 2x10's are to be supported by bearing on adequate wooden strips no less than 2 inches thick fastened to the brick wall of the building by expansion bolts of adequate size and adequately spaced, or by some equivalent method. None of the timbers of the structure will be supported merely by spiking through the supporting timber into the end of the grain of the timber supported. Irrespective of the arrangement shown on the plan adequately spaced uprights will be provided in the railings, and also a center longitudinal rail in each case beside the cap. Each stairs will be at least 30 inches wide and each walkway likewise. Each landing at top or bottom of stairs will be at least 30 inches in least dimension. All runs of stairs will have similar pitch. The floor of landings will be no more than 12 inches below the sill of window leading to them and such windows will comply with Section 212-e-3 of Building Code.

CC Mr. John Nappi, 128 Middle St.

(Signed) Warren McDonald

Inspector of Buildings

Original Permit No. 12345
 Amendment No. 001
AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

1. Description of Work
 2. Location of Work

This amendment to cover work shown on original plans issued 10/15/12 (marked out on original application) as not included in permit. Also to provide an outside wooden ramp square from fourth floor to ground as shown in plan attached.

Approved: *Olin W. [Signature]*
 Chief of the Department

INSPECTION COPY Commissioner of Public Works

Signature of Owner: *[Signature]*
 Approved: *[Signature]*
 Inspector of Buildings

Rept 2252 D-I

October 15, 1945

Mr. Robert Verrier,
415 Congress Street,
Portland, Maine

Subject: Permit for alterations for John Nappi
at 939 Congress Street.

Dear Sir:

As I agreed over the phone, I am enclosing the permit for a limited amount of the above alterations contemplated in the original application.

The work now included embraces work on the store fronts only and even so does not include the closing the front door at the foot of the easterly stairs from the second floor of the hotel.

With relation to the inadequate means of egress called to your attention and that of the owner in my memo of October 12th, I understand that you are to confer with Chief Sanborn to find out what he thinks is necessary for all floors, then have Mr. Hodsdon make a new plan showing necessary alterations to meet the requirements of the Board of Fire Engineers, and file a blueprint of the plan with all of the information on it printed from the original, together with application for amendment of this permit to cover the work.

I suggest that you have Mr. Hodsdon make a typical plan of the second, third and fourth floors as they now exist, making that plan the basis for working out the best and most economical arrangement of exits. You will find this the best way for the owner in the long run.

It is understood that this permit now issued does not include any work at all on the stairs or the entrance and exit arrangements.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Higgins
Inspector of Buildings.

CC Mr. John Nappi,
128 Middle St.