

PA 536 Forest Avenue--  
Cameo Theatre

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February 11, 1947

Mr. William A. Field, Jr., Mgr.  
Cameo Theatre  
565 Congress Street  
Portland 3, Maine

Subject: Conditional approval of license for Cameo  
Theatre at 536 Forest Avenue, and improvements  
necessary for safety

Dear Sir:

Rather than prevent possibly the opening of the Cameo Theatre on February 10, since you had made considerable headway on the more important of the required improvements, I approved the application for license subject to supplying without delay:

1. Liquid door closer on heater room fire door.
2. New exit light over rear exit doorway in wall towards Woodfords together with a directional arrow on existing exit light intended to indicate this doorway.
3. Suitable fresh air supply to boiler room without relying on fire door being open.
4. Handrails on both sides of exit stairs toward Woodfords.
5. Duplicate blueprints of the theater showing all safety features for inspection purposes as required by Public Assembly Ordinance.

It is necessary that you have all of these features taken care of as soon as you can possibly do so without regard as to whether or not the theater continues to operate continuously--thus the Cameo Theatre management will not find themselves in a difficult situation similar to that of last week, if the theater should close and then should be opened again after the current license has expired. All of these features are necessary for safety anyway, and until they are provided, the management of the theater of course will be liable for any trouble attributable to the lack of these safety features.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WAC/S

CC: A. Edwin Smith, City Clerk

Oliver T. Sanborn, Chief of Fire Department

John F. Nowell, Chief of Police

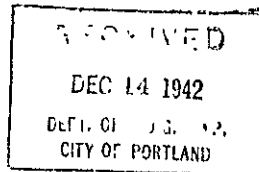
**CAMEO THEATRE**

Forest Avenue At Ashmont Street

*Portland, Maine*

December 12, 1942

Messrs. Dodwell, Sanborn, McDonald  
 Inspection Board  
 City Hall  
 Portland, Maine



Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of your letter dated December 11 explaining recent rulings effective immediately.

As instructed, I will file at your office on or before December 31, 1942, two copies of complete floor plan, exit doors, etc.

Since I wish to cooperate in every way possible with your new controls, I wonder if you would like to have us remove a few curtains that we now have covering large windows to conform with dim-out regulations. At the beginning of our season, we painted most of our windows black, and could very easily, at your suggestion, do same with other windows. Also, we have a few mirror decorations on the stage that are not fireproofed and could, as well as not, be done away with.

I would like to inform your office that we most recently finished a reflooring job on our ballroom to prevent the possibility of stray matches or cigarettes from becoming lodged between separated boards.

You have our assurance, that as direct representative of my father's business, I will only be too glad to assist you - and a difficult task - in every way possible.

Sincerely yours,  
  
 Leon P. Gorman, Jr.

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Cameo Theatre 3-7111

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MABEL K. GORMAN, Manager

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# CAMEO THEATRE

Forest Avenue At Ashmont Street

Portland, Maine

December 12, 1942

A. Edwin Smith, City Clerk  
City Hall  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Smith:-

The Inspection Board's recent laws regarding public establishments were received by me today at Ricker Gardens. I would like to notify you, your office, and those of the Board that I am ready and willing to cooperate with any regulations that may seem necessary for the safety of the public.

The incident that has brought about a more stringent control of safety measures, was, indeed, a most misfortunate affair; however, it will not be in vain.

Since my father has gone to the South for the Winter, I am responsible for all of his interests; and I would like to give you my assurance that I will go to any means to protect and perfect said interests.

Please feel free to call upon me at any time regarding any department of which I may be of service.

Sincerely yours,  
*Leon P. Gorman, Jr.*  
Leon P. Gorman, Jr.

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Cameo Theatre 3-7111

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CITY OF PORTLAND

July 11, 1940

Leon P. Gorran, Mgr.  
Cameo Theatre  
556 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Upon inspection sometime ago of the Cameo Theatre at 556 Forest Avenue preparatory to passing upon the theatre license for 1940-41, the Inspection Board found the following matters to be corrected:

1. There is a place in the air duct from the outside air to the boiler room which is exposed to the framing of the building above thus creating fire hazard. This matter has been called to your attention before but not corrected. This duct should be continuous and unbroken from the outside wall of the building to the place where it enters the boiler room and of incombustible material.

2. Better emergency lighting should be provided and these lights should be established in some definite convenient place, always in view, and always on for use.

Inspection Board

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief of the Fire Department

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Chief of the Police Department

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Inspector of Buildings

May 19, 1939

Mr. Leon P. Gorman,  
Cameo Theatre  
536 Forest Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Upon recent inspection of the Cameo Theatre at 536 Forest Avenue, we found that the fresh air duct leading from the boiler room out of doors is merely a trench in the dirt and that it is exposed to the wooden framing of the first floor, so that any fire taking place in the boiler room would likely spread up into the first story quickly.

Please have this duct enclosed with some incombustible material, or at least so that there will be incombustible fire stops located in such a way that a fire in the boiler room could not reach the wooden floor. May we have this attended to at least by June 1, 1939, and as soon as it is done will you notify the Inspector of Buildings:

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of the Fire Department

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Inspector of Buildings

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Chief of the Police Department

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4-4652  
Cameo Theatre,  
536 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine

May 24, 1938

Gentlemen:

Recent inspection of the Cameo Theatre indicates the following improvements necessary:

Provide new hose on the fire extinguisher near the south front exit. In the future when these extinguishers are refilled or repaired please have a tag attached to each extinguisher stating the statement that the extinguisher has been refilled, the date of refilling and the signature of the person actually doing the work. OK

Fix the BX cable leading to the unit heater in a more permanent and stable manner. OK

The higher part of the auditorium is apparently being used to a limited extent for the storage of theatre equipment, perhaps never to be used in the building. There were one or more fans standing there at the time of the inspection. Also a section of the space on this higher floor was being used for cartons containing chinaware given away as a part of the general enterprise of the theatre. It will be necessary to have all of this material removed and to have this space used entirely as a part of the auditorium for the benefit of the patrons. OK

Stationary theatre seats have been accumulating on this upper part of the auditorium floor. Originally there were a few settees there, now there are quite a number of stationary seats fastened down to the floor. These seats have been fastened upon wooden strips which are not legal according to the Building Code. Section 118 of the Code further provides that the seating capacity of such a theatre shall not be increased without first obtaining a permit from the Inspector of Buildings to cover such changes. Have made a sketch or plan to scale showing the arrangement of these seats and apply for a permit to cover the installation of them, making arrangements at the same time to eliminate the wooden strips beneath them. OK

It is necessary that all of these improvements made at least by June 1st, 1938.

INSPECTION BOARD

Chief of the Fire Department

Inspector of Buildings

Chief of the Police Department

June 28, 1917

Leon P. Gorman, -gr.  
Coxe Theatre  
536 Forest Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Recent inspection by the Inspection Board found the following conditions to be corrected.

The neon outline wiring over the front door of the theatre requires attention.

Fix the fire shutters in the projection booth so that they operate satisfactorily and without fail.

The fire extinguisher in the lobby requires a new hose.

Repair the fire door and its hardware at the boiler room so that it will be normally closed and kept closed by a suitable device.

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of the Fire Department

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Inspector of Buildings

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Chief of the Police Department

June 3, 1935

James E. Barlow, City Manager  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

With reference to the Cameo Theatre at 538 Forest Avenue, the Inspection Board finds that a ceiling has been erected over the greater part of the auditorium using combustible material which is not in compliance with Building Code requirements and without securing an electrical permit for adjustment of the electric fixtures and without reporting means or opportunity of inspection of the wiring in connection with these fixtures. Furthermore the ceiling has been erected in such a way that there are many openings leading to the space between the ceiling and the roof, and the entire job has been done in a very unworkmanlike manner, there being no definite means of knowing whether or not the ceiling is fastened securely in place.

Because of these conditions this Board recommends that the annual license of this theatre, which expired on April 30, 1935, shall not be renewed until the ceiling has been removed altogether or replaced by ceiling of legal material and until the wiring and connections of the electric fixtures have been inspected and passed. It is further recommended that the proper officers be instructed to have these conditions, which are in violation of both Building Code and Electrical Code, corrected immediately.

Respectfully submitted,

INSPECTION BOARD

Chief of the Fire Department

Inspector of Buildings

Chief of the Police Department



Leon P. Gorran, Mgr.  
Cameo Theatre,  
556 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine.

May 8, 1955

Dear Sir:-

Upon examination of the Cameo Theatre preparatory to passing upon the renewal of the theatre license, the Inspection Board found the following conditions to be corrected:

Replace all fuse plugs in fuse boxes and in power line so that the fuses will not be struck by more than 15 amperes. An improper drop cord was found in the moving picture machine booth. It is necessary to provide a white light on the exit light circuit to show emergency exit outside of the building.

All fire extinguishers in the building require refilling and this work should be done by an experienced man who will give attention to the hoses and the hose connections. The fire extinguisher in the moving picture machine booth was found partly empty and should be filled.

All exit doors in the theatre were found to open very hard. It is necessary to have changes or repairs made in these doors so that they will all open freely and without fail.

The shutters in the moving picture machine booth were found to be out of order.

The two gas-fired heaters which were used during the winter for auxiliary heat will only be permitted in the theatre provided they are adequately supported at least eight feet above the floor of the auditorium and provided they are adequately vented to the outside air.

Since the last inspection of this Board a ceiling has been put up over the auditorium consisting of some kind of composition board plaster with light wooden strapping. This ceiling was not only put up without a building permit but it destroys the type of construction of the roof required when the building was converted for a theatre. We realize the need for a ceiling in the auditorium, but we are unable to countenance a type of construction such as you have which would undoubtedly increase the rapidity with which fire would spread if it occurred between the ceil-

Wm. P. Coran Mgr.  
1300 Theatre

and the roof board. It is necessary that you remove this ceiling, therefore, if it is to be replaced, perform the work with metal lath and plaster on metal furring or with incombustible composition board supported entirely on incombustible furring, a building permit to be secured before any part of the work of putting back a ceiling is undertaken.

Please have all of these matters fully taken care of on or before May 15, 1935 and notify the Inspector of Buildings of the completion of the work so that another inspection may be made, and a favorable report filed upon the license renewal, if everything is found in order.

Respectfully submitted,

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of the Fire Department

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Inspector of Buildings

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Chief of the Police Department

May 23, 1934

Leon P. Gorman, Manager of Cameo Theatre  
536 Forest Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Upon examination of the Cameo Theatre at 536 Forest Avenue, the Inspection Board finds the following conditions to be corrected before the Board may approve the theatre license for the year ending April 30, 1935.

Numerous holes were found in the walls of the moving picture machine booth which are to be closed tightly with incombustible material. A hole was found in the shutter openings of the booth. An opening was found in the rear of the booth not necessary for the operation of the moving picture machine. This hole is to be permanently closed with incombustible material. A hole has been made in one side of the booth for a fan. This hole is to be completely closed with incombustible material, or if desired a sheet metal or incombustible duct may be extended from the inside of the booth to the outside of the building to provide air or an outlet for the fan. A combustible rope or cord was found attached to the vent pipe over one of the motion picture machines. This is to be removed. More substantial cord should be provided for operation of the safety shutters in the moving picture machine booth, and the operation of these shutters is to be made so that they will close without fail at time of emergency. Fix the springs on one of the film cabinet doors so that it will remain tightly closed at all times. Improper wiring was found on the fan on the side of the booth. Material of every description stored under the moving picture machine booth should be removed.

X All of the fire extinguishers require refilling.

X Remove obstruction from the rear exit doorway on the left side of the theatre to make the doors so they will open readily; also make arrangements so that automobiles will not be parked directly in front of this door as was the case on the day of the inspection.

✓ The outside lights over the right exit door in front and the left exit door in front were found to be out. This condition may be avoided by making some employees of the theatre responsible for checking all exit lights each day and replacing those that are found defective. The large exit door in the rear of the auditorium and on the right as one faces the stage does not operate properly.

✓ Improper wiring was found connecting the electric fan in the auditorium.

May 25, 1934

Leon P. Borman, Manager of Cameo Theatre--2

✓ The boiler room should be cleared out, especially the material under the fuel oil tank, and the fire door at the foot of the boiler room stairs, which was found open at the time of inspection, should be kept closed at all times.

○ X If draperies or curtains are to be used for ornamental purposes at the exit doors, each curtain should be kept pushed back against the door frame so that the exit doors and anti-panic hardware will be always exposed to view to persons on the inside of the theatre. Section 402 of the Building Code provides: "No curtain or drapery shall be placed within five feet of the floor above or over any exit door of any theatre....."

*See above to  
show to  
Mr. C. J. P.*  
Please notify all moving picture machine operators that the shutters in the walls of the moving picture machine booth are to be closed each night at the end of the performance using the regular operating device.

As soon as these conditions have all been corrected, please notify the Inspector of Buildings so that another inspection may be made.

INSPECTION REPORT

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Chief of Fire Department.

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Inspector of Buildings.

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Chief of Police Department.

May 3, 1933

James E. Berion, City Manager  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

The Inspection Board respectfully approves theatre license  
for the Grand Theatre at 412-5th Street Avenue for the year ending  
April 30, 1934.

Respectfully submitted,

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of Police Department

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Chief of Fire Department

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Inspector of Buildings

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INSPECTION BOARD

April 22, 1932

Messrs. Schwartz & Rosenberg  
102 Exchange Street  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

Upon examination of the Cameo Theatre prior to passing upon the theatre license for the year commencing May 1, 1932, we find that there is a sizeable hole in the brick wall surrounding the heater room directly back of the smokepipe from the boiler to the chimney.

Please have this hole tightly with masonry without delay.

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of Police Department.

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Chief of Fire Department.

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Inspector of Buildings.

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INSPECTION BOARD

April 13th, 1931

Messrs. Schwartz & Rosenberg  
102 Exchange Street  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

The Inspection Board, upon recent inspection of the Cameo Theatre preparatory to passing upon the theatre license for the period commencing May 1st, 1931, found the following conditions to be corrected.

Holes were found in the boiler room ceiling over the smokepipe, and there is also a hole in the ceiling of the basement near the switchboard.

All of these holes should be closed tightly with incombustible material.

Please have these conditions corrected on or before April 20th, 1931 so that a favorable report may be made at the next meeting of the Municipal Officers.

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of Police.

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Chief of Fire Department.

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Inspector of Buildings.

May 6, 1929

Grand Theater  
L. P. German, Manager  
276 Stevens Avenue, City

Dear Sir:

The Inspection Board of the City of Portland upon inspection of the Grand Theater prior to passing upon the theater license for the year ending April 30, 1930 have found the following conditions to be corrected. If any of these are the responsibility of the owners of the building, will you be kind enough to communicate with them so that the matters may be taken care of promptly?

The drop ladder on the rear fire escape is in bad shape and must be repaired promptly. The bracket supporting this drop ladder has become twisted and the railings of the drop ladder are loose and out of repair. When this drop ladder is repaired, there should be a heavy plank or timber of some kind placed on both sides of the wall and the bolts holding the bracket should be bolted through both timbers and through the wall to make it substantial.

Refill all fire extinguishers.

It will be necessary to see to it that all fire doors in the basement are kept closed at all times. The fire door leading to the boiler room was found open and in such condition that it would not close in case of fire.

An opening has been taken in the brick wall of the boiler room back of the boiler and must be tightly closed up with masonry.

Please attend to these matters and notify the Inspector of Buildings when they have been taken care of so that another inspection may be made.

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of Police.

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Chief of Fire Department.

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Inspector of Buildings.

CC- Schwartz & Rosenberg



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE.

INSPECTION BOARD

May 4, 1928

Capoco Theatre,  
L. P. Gorman, Manager,  
476 Stevens Ave., City

Dear Sir:

The Inspection Board of the City of Portland upon annual inspection of the Capoco Theatre find the following conditions to be corrected before a favorable report can be made upon the theatre's license for this theatre. Whether the owner of the building or the management of the theatre are responsible for these conditions please take immediate steps to have them corrected and notify me of the undersigned that the work is completed so that another inspection can be made and a favorable recommendation made prior to the Council meeting of May 21, 1928.

The fire extinguishers of the building should be refilled.

The drop stairway of the rear fire escape is in need of repairs, the railing being loose. This counter-balance stairway should have provided below it a level surface of brick, cement, or even of wood, so that it will have an even place to land. The present unsatisfactory conditions are tending to do damage to the stairway and also to the building by the fire escape is fastened to the same as well as making it perilous for one to descend.

There are several holes in the boiler room walls and ceilings which should be completely closed with masonry so as to make the building safe from travel of fire from the boiler room. There is still an opening around the switch board in the rear of the basement which must be fully closed with incombustible material.

INSPECTION BOARD

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Chief of Police Department

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Chief of Fire Department

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Inspector of Buildings.

CITY OF ST. LOUIS

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July 1, 1927

Mr. W. Brinkerhoff  
City Manager

Dear Sir:

The Inspection Board now proposes the licenses for the Casino Theatre at 470 Stevens Avenue, the Colonial Theatre at 121 Congress Street, the usual annual improvements which the Board directed to be made several weeks ago having all been completed.

Respectfully submitted,

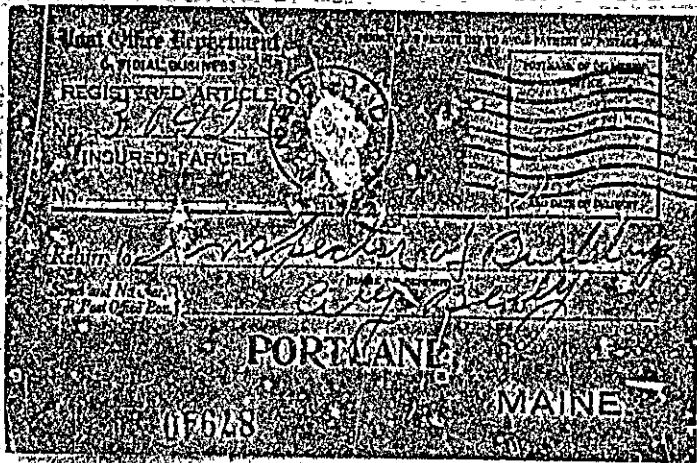
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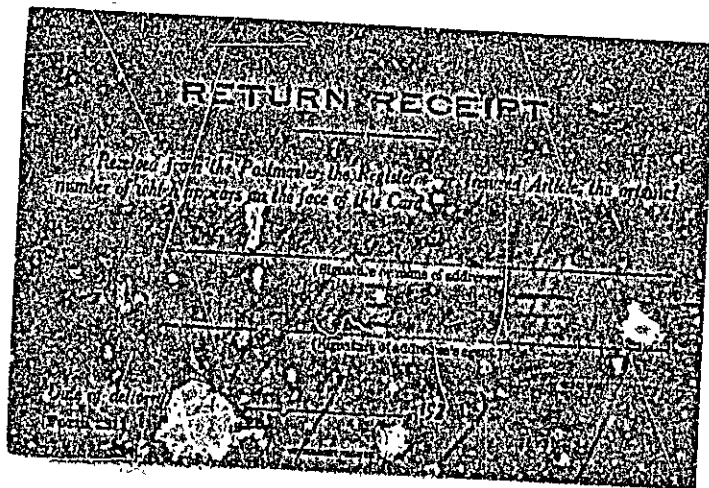
Chief of Fire Department

Chief of Police

Inspector of Buildings

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June 8, 1927

Shwartz & Rosenberg  
102 Exchange Street  
Portland, Maine

Gentlemen:

With reference to the Cameo Theatre, at a recent meeting of the Inspection Board, the undersigned was instructed to notify you as owners of the theatre building that there are still unsatisfactory conditions in or about the theatre building especially the fire escapes which have not been corrected as per the Inspection Board letter of April 21st, 1927, and that unless all of these conditions are corrected to the satisfaction of the Inspection Board on or before June 16th, 1927, the Board will take whatever steps are necessary to close the theatre.

In addition to the fire escapes, the holes making a connection between the cellar under the drug store and the partitions above and back of the drug store toilet room have not been fully closed, and the metal covered door at the foot of the stairs leading from the cellar to the bakery which it was understood verbally was to be closed up entirely is still open with no self-closing device.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Warren McDonald


Clerk of Inspection Board

Copy to:  
Huesoy Manufacturing Co.  
No. Berwick, Maine

I have your letter of recent date asking that the repairs for the fire escapes at the Cameo Theatre be deferred until such time as you had other work in this City. I am sorry that this cannot be arranged, but the members of the Inspection Board feel that the condition of the fire escape is a hazard to the public, and that the period of the theatre license cannot be further extended after June 16th.

Warren McDonald

AUGUSTINE J. HUSSEY



PHILIP W. HUSSEY

THE  
HUSSEY MANUFACTURING CO.  
STRUCTURAL STEEL AND IRON WORK  
NORTH BERWICK, MAINE

June 9, 1927

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

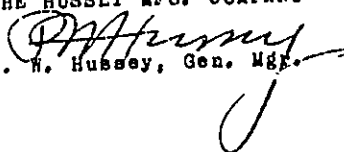
Dear Sir:

We have the copy of letter you addressed to Shwartz & Rosenberg  
under date of June 8 relating to fire escapes on their Cameo  
Theatre.

We had fully intended to take care of this work long before this  
but owing to a rush of business which came to us ahead of this  
work we have not been able to attend to it. However, we plan to  
have our men in Portland the first of next week and will see that  
the work is fixed up. However, we want you to understand part of  
the work is not of our construction, and we should not be held  
responsible for the poor work that was done there, though of  
course we have been instructed by the owners to attempt to repair  
it and it will be included with our other work next week.

Very truly yours,

THE HUSSEY MFG. COMPANY

  
P. W. Hussey, Gen. Mgr.

WJH/M

CITY OF PORTLAND

INSPECTION BOARD

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April 21, 1927.

Mr. Leon Gorham, Manager  
Shawts & Rosenburg, Owners  
Portland, Maine.

Gentlemen:-

The Inspection Board of the City of Portland have recently made an inspection of the Casco Theatre preparatory to passing upon the theatre license for the year commencing May 1, 1927.

Several unsatisfactory conditions were found as listed below, but since this Board is not advised as to the division and responsibility as between the owners of the building and the management of the theatre, this letter is made a joint one.

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1. The wide fire escape from the roof of the one story building is not satisfactory. There is too much sway in the treads. It will probably be necessary for you to introduce a center stringer of structural metal, fastened securely to the bars in the treads.

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2. Provide an exit light over the exit door in the rear.

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3. The metal straps that have been placed over all the new chimney are not satisfactory. They must be of larger size and bolted through the walls of the building to the studding, at both ends of each strap.

4. The vent pipe from the booth is not satisfactory. It was the understanding that this was to be extended out beyond the outside edge of wooden eaves above it. It should extend at least ten inches or a foot beyond the eaves.

5. Remove the rubbish from the rear back of the motion picture booth and keep it clean. The fire extinguisher in the booth is not satisfactory. An extinguisher equal to the Pyrene must be provided. It was found that the rolls of the motion picture machine were dirty and that there was a surplus of oil in the machine. Repetition of this condition will effect very largely the status of your operators' license.

6. Clear all of the rubbish and unnecessary combustible material from the cellar. The fire door leading from the cellar under the main building to the cellar of the one story store as well as the fire door leading to the heater room were found open. The fire door in the heater room can not be closed because it is warped. The hardware and the self-closing devices on both of these doors are unsatisfactory. Both doors can't be made to shut tightly.

must be wide self-closing and also automatic. To do this it will be necessary to introduce electric devices approved by the Underwriters Laboratory Inc. Close up the holes in the ceiling and the wall of the collar near the main switch board. Correct the condition which is made by the exhaust pipe from the press in the tailor shop by connecting it to a proper trap to the sewer, it now discharges below the floor without any partition. Fire's combustible containers for all ashes etc. keep the ashes therein until removed from the basement. There are one or more holes making a connection between the collar under the drug store and the partitions above head of the drug store. Repair and make tight all the holes in the plaster in the toilet in the rear of the A. F. store and also a closet back of the same. Repair the rail of the drop steps of the rear fire escape and repair the top track of these steps. Repair the chain connection which acts as a check upon the weighted end of the drop steps.

7. The gas ~~water~~ fired steam boiler in the tailor shop was installed without a permit and there was no connection to a lawful chimney. On the day of the inspection the boiler was being operated without a safety valve of any description. The steam gauge is designed to take over 150 pounds. An immediate application for a permit to cover this boiler should be made to the Inspector of Buildings, and if the boiler is not properly equipped with an adequate safety valve, or if at any time in the future the safety valve is removed for any purpose, this board will take immediate steps to prevent the use of the theatre hall by the public.

All of these matters should be taken care of on or before April 29th, so that a favorable report upon the license may be made to the next meeting of the City Council.

Inspection Board,

Chief of Fire Department

Acting Chief of Police

Inspector of Buildings





GENE' AL BUSINESS ZONE

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class (wood roof)
Portland, Maine, November 12, 1948

PERMIT ISSUED
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To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

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

Location 52 Forest Avenue Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1B
Owner's name and address Avon Corp. 178 Middle Street Telephone
Lessee's name and address
Contractor's name and address Ernest C. Soule, 75 Edwards Street Telephone 2-7301
Architect Specifications Plans yes No. of sheets 2
Proposed use of building Store No. families
Last use Theatre No. families
Material brick No. stories 1 Heat Style of roof Roofing
Other buildings on same lot
Estimated cost \$ 1,000 Fee \$ 5.00

General Description of New Work

To re-arrange partitions as per plans.
2x4 studs, 16" on centers, plasterboard on both sides.

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing involved in this work? Is any electrical work involved in this work?
Height average grade to top of plate Height average grade to highest point of roof
Size, front depth No. stories solid or tiled 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?

Miscellaneous

Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street?
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? Yes

RECEIVED:
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Avon Corp.

Signature of owner by E.C. Soule

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NOTES

~~1/15/49 work nearly completed. Check  
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 2/11/49  
 Read the ...  
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Permit No. 48/2160  
 Location 531 Grand Avenue  
 Owner Queen Camp  
 Date of permit 11/18/48  
 Notif closing-in  
 Inspn. closing-in  
 Final Notif. 1/4/49 2:50 PM  
 Final Inspn. 2/11/49  
 Cert. of Occupancy issued 3/16/49

COPY



CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE  
Department of Building Inspection

## Certificate of Occupancy

Issued to Avon Corp.

Date of Issue February 16, 1949

This is to certify that the building, premises, or part thereof, indicated below, and ~~part~~ altered—changed as to use at 540 Forest Avenue under Building Permit No. 48/2160, has had final inspection, has been found to conform substantially to requirements of Zoning Ordinance and Building Code of the City, and is hereby approved for occupancy, limited or otherwise, as indicated below.

PORTION OF BUILDING OR PREMISES

Entire Building

APPROVED OCCUPANCY

One retail store  
One wholesale store

Limiting Conditions:

This certificate supersedes  
certificate issued

*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.



# APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO PERMIT

Amendment No. 1  
Portland, Maine, February 4, 1949

PERMIT ISSUED

FEB 4 1949

CITY of PORTLAND

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, MAINE

The undersigned hereby applies for amendment to Permit No. 18/2160 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 540 Forest Avenue Within Fire Limits? yes Dist. No. 1B  
Owner's name and address Avon Corp., 178 Middle Street Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Lessee's name and address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address Ernest C. Soule, 75 Edwards St. Telephone 2-7301  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed \_\_\_\_\_ No. of sheets \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Store No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use Theatre Additional fee 25  
Increased cost of work 200

Description of Proposed Work  
To partition off office 9' x 12' x 8' high., 2x4 studs, 16" on centers, plasterboard on both sides 3' high and glass above.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ cell \_\_\_\_\_  
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? \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
Avon Corp.

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

Signature of Owner by: E. C. Soule  
Approved: 2/4/49 WMP Inspector of Buildings

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AP 536 Forest Avenue-I

November 13, 1948

Mr. Ernest C. Seale  
75 Edwards Street  
Portland, Maine

Subject: Building permit for alterations in the theatre at  
536 Forest Avenue and change of use of the entire building  
from a class known as theatres and assembly halls to the  
class known as business and industrial

Dear Sir:

Building permit for the above work is issued subject to the following:

1. Included in the permit is the proposition of leveling-up the sloping floor of the former motion picture theatre, this to be accomplished by filling in with suitable non-burnable material and laying a concrete floor on the fill, well flooded down. The extension of central partition shown on the plan is to be clear to the rear wall of the building and the part on the right as one faces the building, is to be used for wholesale business and the part on the left for retail business.
2. The size or arrangement of customer space on the retail side is not made clear, but two means of egress at opposite ends of the customer space are required. Presumably the entrance doors to the former theatre are to remain and are equipped with anti-panic hardware. There are two doorways in the southerly side wall of the building, one ordinary door about 8' from the front wall leading from the former projection booth room; the other about 22' from the front wall—double doors, emergency exit doors from the former theatre. There are also double emergency exit doors from the former theatre in the rear wall of the building. The exit doors from the retail store provided they are suitably located with reference to the customer space and the space where the employees may be. If the door from the projection booth room is to be counted or used as a means of emergency exit, it may require changing out the lockset to a vestibule latchset.  
In any event the required means of egress, except the entrance doors, require standard exit signs, directional if necessary to indicate clearly to all employees and all occupants of the customer space the direction to take to reach a place of safety. These exit signs to have letters in the word "exit" no less than 6" high and showing red on an appropriate background.  
A vestibule latchset is one so devised that it can be locked against the outside but never locked against the inside—any person on the inside may quickly open the door at any time merely by turning the usual knob or pressing on the usual thumb lever, without requiring a key or any special knowledge.
3. The wholesale part has no particular requirements for means of egress unless more than twenty persons would habitually be in that part. If that were the case, two well separated means of egress would be required (the entrance counted as one means), the exit doors to be equipped with vestibule latchsets and the emergency exit door to be marked by an exit sign.  
A ramp is indicated from Forest Avenue to the wholesale space, but the pitch of it is not given. If the difference in level or slope by the ramp is more than 10", the ramp is required to be no steeper than one inch of rise to 12" of run and if the pitch is steeper than one to fifteen, the ramp requires non-slip surface.
4. Where one front partition is indicated to be removed, there is a note: "new steel beam over". It is understood that the construction here is not shown and that it is not certain whether or not a new beam is needed. Under these circumstances the permit is issued including this steel beam. If preliminary tearing out indicates that the beam is needed, contractor should secure designed plan bearing the statement of design of the designer and filed here with application for amendment to the permit now issued.

Mr. Ernest C. Soule \_\_\_\_\_ 2

November 12, 1948

5. There is a note: "doors and windows remain 'as is' except remove brickwork from one window—same on opposite side". If these window openings where brickwork is to be removed are closer than 5' to the property line, or if either of them is closer than 30' to a door or window opening in some other building, windows are required to be fire windows (metal sash and wire glass).

6. Since this change represents one of change of class of use, the Building Code provides that the building shall not be occupied for the new use until a certificate of occupancy has been issued from this department. As soon as the proposed arrangement of retail space is known, it would be well to file here a plan of the layout, showing especially what is intended by way of means of egress, exit signs, hardware etc. Then when all features controlled by the Building Code have been completed, notice should be given to this office of readiness for final inspection, whereupon, if everything is found in order, the certificate of occupancy will be issued. To expedite the matter, a carbon copy of this letter is enclosed for the contractor for those of the prospective tenant.

Very truly yours,

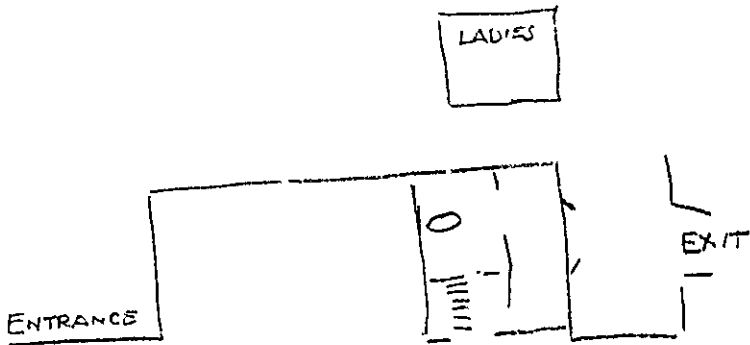
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Inspector of Buildings

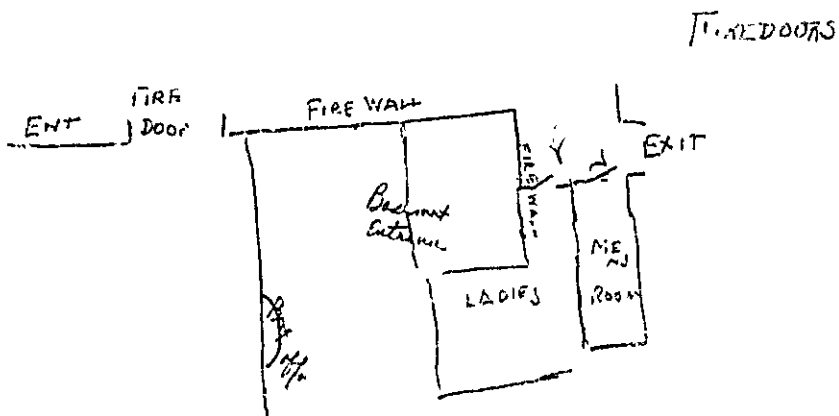
Enclosure: Copy of this letter and the building permit

CC: Avon Corporation  
178 Middle Street

Present



Proposed



P. 40/992-I

August 25, 1940

Mr. Leon P. Gorman,  
538 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Mr. Gorman:

Referring to your inquiry over the phone the other afternoon as to providing a ceiling over that part of the Cameo Theatre auditorium which at present is covered with wire netting with incombustible insulation above it, as you know the theatre requirements of the Building Code have been recently changed to a large extent.

The particular part of these changes which applies in your case reads as follows: "In theatres permitted to be of second class or mill construction, ceiling over auditorium shall be metal lath and plaster with incombustible hangers and furring; or, if sufficient space is provided between ceiling and combustible.....roof above to install and maintain automatic sprinklers and such space is sprinklered, ceilings, hangers and furring may be of combustible material."

Under the classification of the Code the Cameo Theatre building is of mill construction. Apparently it is not feasible for you to install a sprinkler system between the ceiling and the roof. It seems, therefore, that the portion of the ceiling which you now have in mind fixing may only be of metal lath and plaster on incombustible strapping. The last coat of this plaster may be of acquatical incombustible material now on the market.

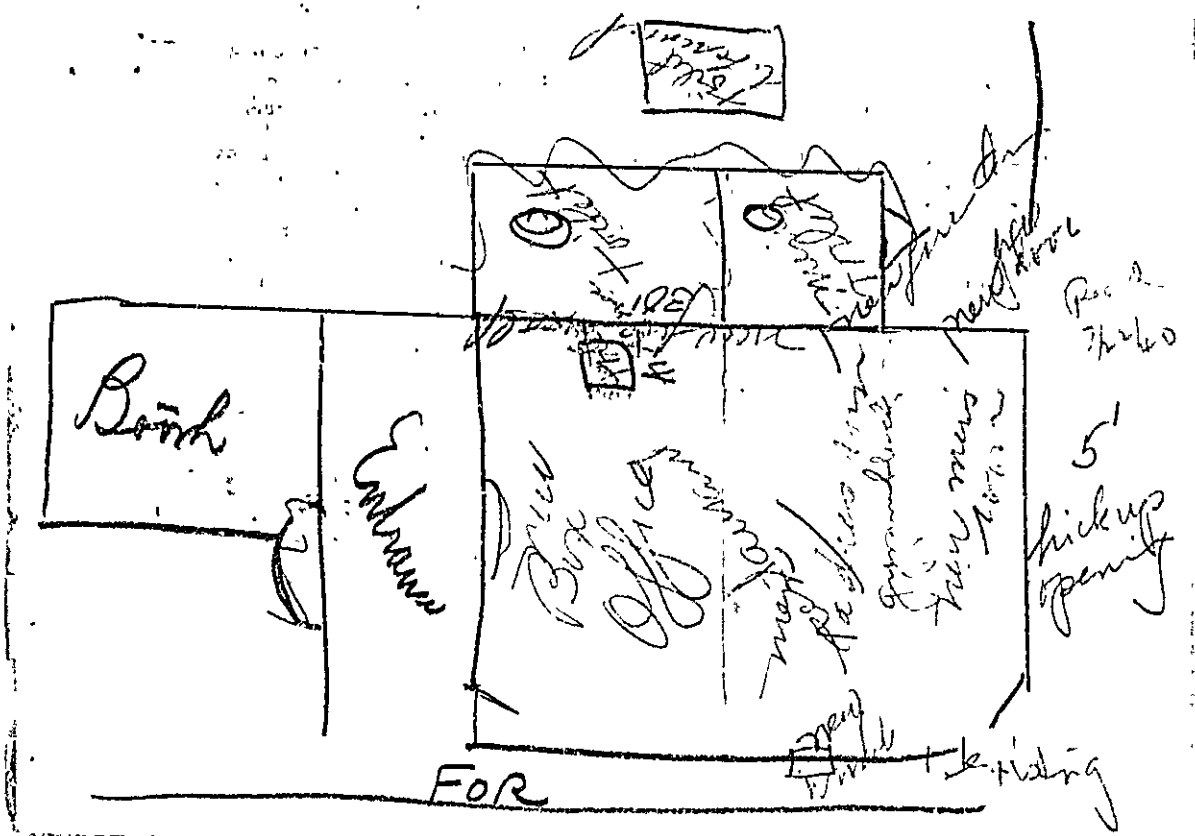
On this basis the combustible board which you talked of, even though flameproofed, could not be used.

Very truly yours,

McD/H

Inspector of Buildings





July 18, 1940

Mr. Leon P. Gorman  
536 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Examination of the plans which you have left here of proposed changes in the Casco Theatre at 536 Forest Avenue, shows the following:

1. It is assumed that you are to make no changes in the arrangement of exits, exit lighting, etc.

2. Over the telephone I understood from you that where you are to close up all or certain portions of present openings in the front wall of the building on Forest Avenue, you will do so with brick masonry no less than eight inches in thickness. The lintels supporting the brickwork overhead must be of steel, of course.

3. You also told me that contrary to the plans you did not plan to use wooden studs in the new interior partitions to form the various rooms. Wooden studs are not allowable under the Building Code in these partitions. You said that you would probably use gypsum blocks or hollow tile in these partitions. Either is allowable. You could also use so-called solid plaster partitions with or without metal studs. Any new ceiling work exposed in the auditorium should be metal lath or perforated gypsum lath and plaster.

4. The plans show an inside toilet room adjoining the private office. This toilet room would have to be ventilated. Probably the easiest way is a metal vent duct through the roof not less than 56 square inches in cross section.

5. I do not remember the present arrangement as regards the stairs in the boiler room but it seems to me there is a self-closing fire door at the top of the stairs and another at the bottom. That is the way it should be at any rate, especially since the door from the boiler room stairs will now open directly into the auditorium.

6. It is understood that you intend to remove the present ladies' toilet room which is now out in the auditorium. Presumably this will mean some additional seats, and we should have a plan of the seating arrangement showing this change and any changes contemplated in the aisles.

7. The plans are somewhat incomplete in that they do not show clearly what is existing work and what is new work. They indicate changes in the front wall, which you have told me will not take place. The application for the permit, which should be filed and the permit secured before any of the work is started, should have additional plans and specifications or in some way make clear exactly what is to be done and show the type of material and the construction to be followed.

8. Please advise how much land you own on the northerly side of the theatre as there is a question about the window leading to this space from the men's toilet room. If the wall is closer than five feet to the property line, this would be a problem.

Mr. Leon P. Gorman-----2

July 18, 1940

be a fire window or else closed up altogether and the toilet room wanted entirely to Forest Avenue. It should be borne in mind that this particular window, if an existing one, was formerly completely separated from the theatre auditorium by a fire wall, and that the fire wall is now to be broken into in several places to make the entire building a part of the theatre.

When you get ready to file the application for the permit, please have this information all in order so that we may be able to issue the permit without delay. Chief Sanborn is out of town for the rest of this week, and we shall want his approval on the permit before it is issued.

Very truly yours,

RMCD/H

Inspector of Buildings



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE **PERMIT ISSUED**  
**APPLICATION FOR PERMIT** Permit No. 1592

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class JUL 22 1940  
 Portland, Maine, July 22, 1940

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter install the following building structures—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 536 Forest Avenue Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. 4-1652  
 Owner's or Lessee's name and address Mabel K. Gorman, 536 Forest Avenue Telephone 2-1833  
 Contractor's name and address Bilodeau Bros. Auburn, Maine Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 2  
 Proposed use of building Theatre No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
 Estimated cost \$ 1,000. Fee \$ 1.00

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Memorandum from Department of Building Inspection, Portland, Maine

536 Forest Ave.—Owner, Mabel K. Gorman—Contr., Bilodeau Bros. 7/22/40

To Owner and Builder:

This permit issued on basis of Building Inspector's letter to Mr. Gorman of July 18, 1940 and on the basis that there will be a tile wall at least 8" thick between the auditorium and the service rooms with a self-closing fire door at all the doorways through this wall, including metal covered entrance doors to the auditorium. If this job is built this way, some saving could be made in the construction of the toilet rooms as combustible material would be allowed. If such combustible material, is to be used, however, an amendment should be filed at once covering it. Or, the tile wall could be omitted and the fire doors except for a tile wall and fire door at entrance to boiler room, in which case the incombustible material must be used in service room partitions and ceilings. In any event there should be a self-closing fire door at the foot of boiler room stairs, (over)

(Signed) Warren McDonald  
 Inspector of Buildings

Home-heating contractor:

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes  
 Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of Roof \_\_\_\_\_ Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Framing Lumber—Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or Full, Size? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-10" O. C. Girders 6x8 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 4 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
 Joists and rafters: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 On centers: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_, 2nd \_\_\_\_\_, 3rd \_\_\_\_\_, roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 If one story building with masonry walls, thickness of walls? \_\_\_\_\_ height? \_\_\_\_\_

If a Garage

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

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no  
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes  
 Signature of owner Mabel K. Gorman  
 Instruction comes from Fire Dept.



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT ISSUED  
 APPLICATION FOR PERMIT Permit No. 7592

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class JUL 22 1940  
 Portland, Maine, July 22, 1940

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 536 Forest Avenue Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. 1653  
 Owner's or lessee's name and address Mabel E. Gorman, 536 Forest Avenue Telephone 2-1693  
 Contractor's name and address Byrdson Bros. Auburn, Maine Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plan filed yes No. of sheets 2  
 Proposed use of building theatre No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ 1.00  
 Estimated cost \$ 2,000.

Description of Present Building to be Altered.

Material brick No. stories 1 Heat steam Style of roof flat Roofing T&G  
 Last use Theatre and restaurant No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

To close up front of building with masonry, leaving windows as shown on plan, also to close up window in northerly side of building with masonry  
 To relocate theatre office to northerly side of entrance  
 To relocate existing men's and women's toilets (into space of former restaurant) and also remove existing toilet in main theatre - wall between theatre to be 8" hollow tile, with self-closing fire doors to toilet rooms, toilet rooms to have terrazzo floors, and ventilated by window at least three square feet in area and mechanical ventilation thru roof - partition between toilet rooms to be gypsum blocks  
 New ceiling to be metal wire with incombustible insulation

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

Details of New Work

Is any plumbing work involved in this work? yes  
 Is any electrical work involved in this work? yes Height average grade to top of plate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Size, front \_\_\_\_\_ depth \_\_\_\_\_ No. stories \_\_\_\_\_ Height average grade to highest point of roof \_\_\_\_\_  
 To be erected on solid or filled land? \_\_\_\_\_ earth or rock? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of foundation \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness, top \_\_\_\_\_ bottom \_\_\_\_\_ cellar \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material of underpinning \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Thickness \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of Roof \_\_\_\_\_ Rise per foot \_\_\_\_\_ Roof covering \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ Material of chimneys \_\_\_\_\_ of lining \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kind of heat \_\_\_\_\_ Type of fuel \_\_\_\_\_ Is gas fitting involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Framing Lumber - Kind \_\_\_\_\_ Dressed or Full Size? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sill \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_  
 Material columns under girders \_\_\_\_\_ Size \_\_\_\_\_ Max. on centers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-10" O.C. Girders 6x6 or larger. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet. Sills and corner posts all one piece in cross section.  
 Joist 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 Garag

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_, to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will automobile requiring to be done occur, then minor repairs to cars habitually stored in the proposed building? \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade \_\_\_\_\_ on a public street? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes  
 Signature of owner Mabel E. Gorman

Permit No. 40/992 I

Location 536 First Ave

Owner Mabel K. Gorman

Date of permit 7/22/40

Notif. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. **INSPECTION NOT COMPLETED**

Cert. of Occupancy issued

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PUBLIC ASSEMBLAGE REPORT OF

Form 83A

AT \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector W. J. [unclear] Date and Time of Inspection 2/7/47

Defects reported to \_\_\_\_\_ Verbally \_\_\_\_\_ By letter \_\_\_\_\_

INSPECTION NOTES

Check List

- 1. Doors and Hardware
- 2. Exit Lights, also white lights
- 3. Fixed Seating  
Substantial change in number  
Aisles
- 4. Automatic Fire Alarm
- 5. Stairs, handrails, etc.
- 6. Permanent Decorations
- 7. Fire Curtain
- 8. Stage Ventilators
- 9. Motion Picture Booth  
Shutters  
Fire Extinguisher  
Self-closing Door  
Fan
- 10. Heating Appliances
- 11. Chimney
- 12. Fire Escapes
- 13. Miscellaneous

*Handwritten notes:*  
 2/7/47  
 [unclear]



GENERAL BUSINESS

Permit No. 1120

### APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, August 9, 19 40

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 525 Forest Avenue Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Corner of building to which sign is to be attached no yes

Name and address of owner of sign Cinema Theatre, 53 Forest Avenue

Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 33 Monument Square Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

When does contractor's bond expire? October 1940

#### Information Concerning Building

No. stories 1 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

#### Details of Sign and Connections

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

Weight 700 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes

Material of frame angle iron No advertising faces 2, material metal

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

No. through bolts none Size \_\_\_\_\_ Location, top or bottom \_\_\_\_\_

No. guys 2, material cable Size 1-3/8" and 1-1/2"

Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'

Maximum projection into street 6'

Signature of contractor By: United Neon Display Fee \$ 1.00  
Ralph E. May

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CERTIFICATE OF ULTIMATE REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

7:55 P.M.



Permit No. *40/1120*

Location *536 Ford Ave.*

Owner: *Camille L. ...*

Date of permit *8/13/40*

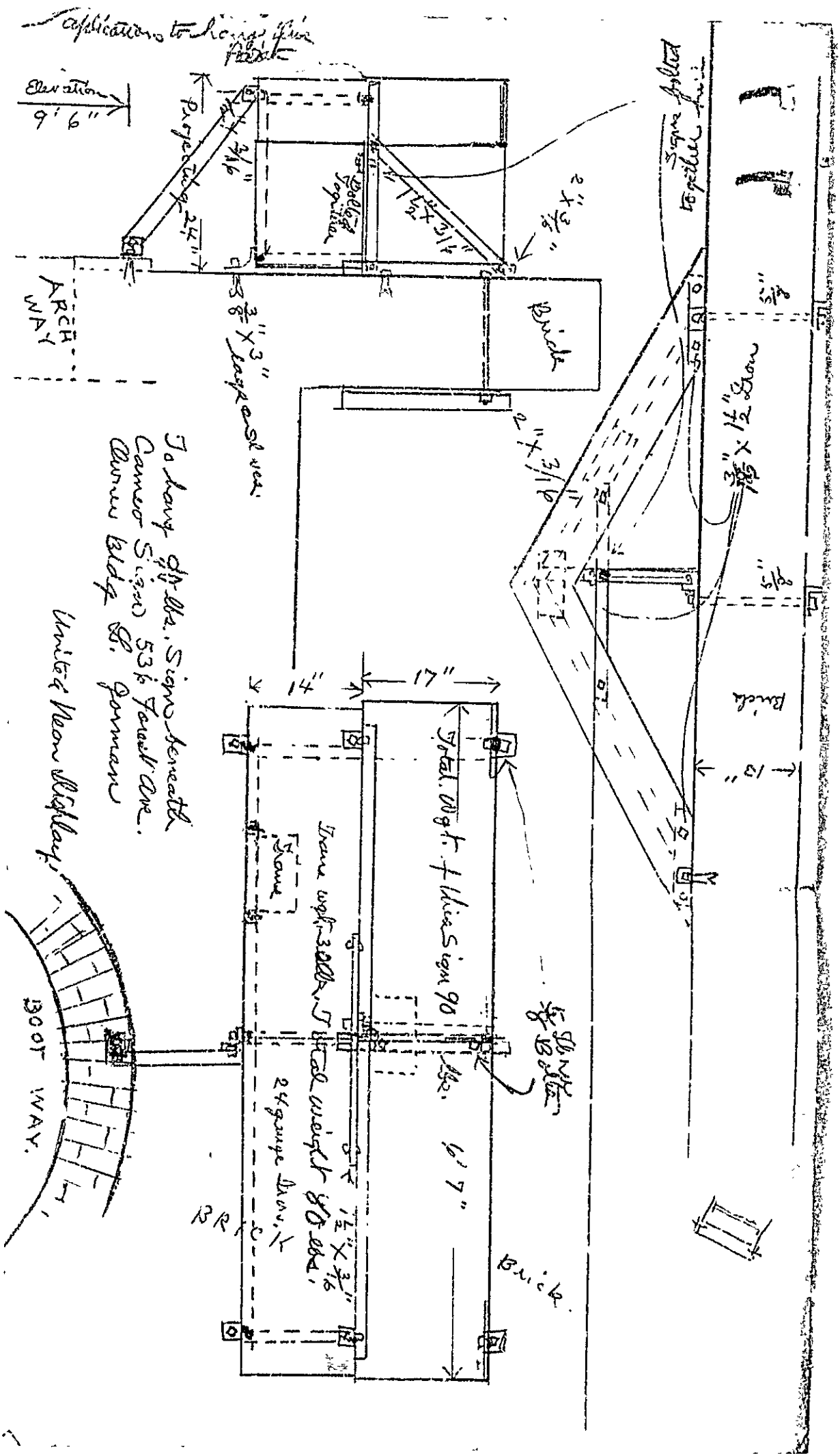
Sign Contractor *INSPEC. ...*

Final Inspn. *...*

Sticker

NOTES

*8/23/40 Ready for shop*  
*inspection of final drawing*  
*in accordance P.H.*  
*8/24/40 - Diff. inspection*  
*Call ...*





(7) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE **PERMIT ISSUED**  
Permit No. 1367

# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, October 30, 1936

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 525 Forest Avenue Width 8 Within Fire Limits? no List. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Leon Gorvan  
Name and address of owner of sign Cameo Theatre, 520 Forest Avenue  
Contractor's name and address United Neon Display, 27 Monument Sq. Telephone 2-0595  
When does contractor's bond expire? October 1937

### Information Concerning Building

No. stories 1 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick  
Addition to an existing V-sign \_\_\_\_\_

### Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 14" total 31" Horizontal 3'  
Weight 65 lbs., Will there be any hollow spaces? yes Any rigid frame? yes  
Material of frame angle iron No. advertising faces 2 material sheet metal  
No. rigid connections 4 Are they fastened directly to frame of sign? yes  
No. through bolts 1 Size 5/8" Location, top or bottom top  
No. guys 0 material angle iron Size 1 1/2 x 1/8  
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 8'6"  
Maximum projection into street 24"

Signature of contractor [Signature] United Neon Display  
Fee \$ 1.00

INSPECTION COPY OF FIRE DEPT.

Ward 8 Permit No. 36/1867

Address 536 Frost Ave.

Owner Cairns Theatre

Permit 10/29/36

Sign Contractor

Final Inspn. 1/5/37

Stickers NOTES

Elec Insp.

Shop Insp.

Sign file plan move

Distance above sidewalk

Ornament Under side

10/29/36

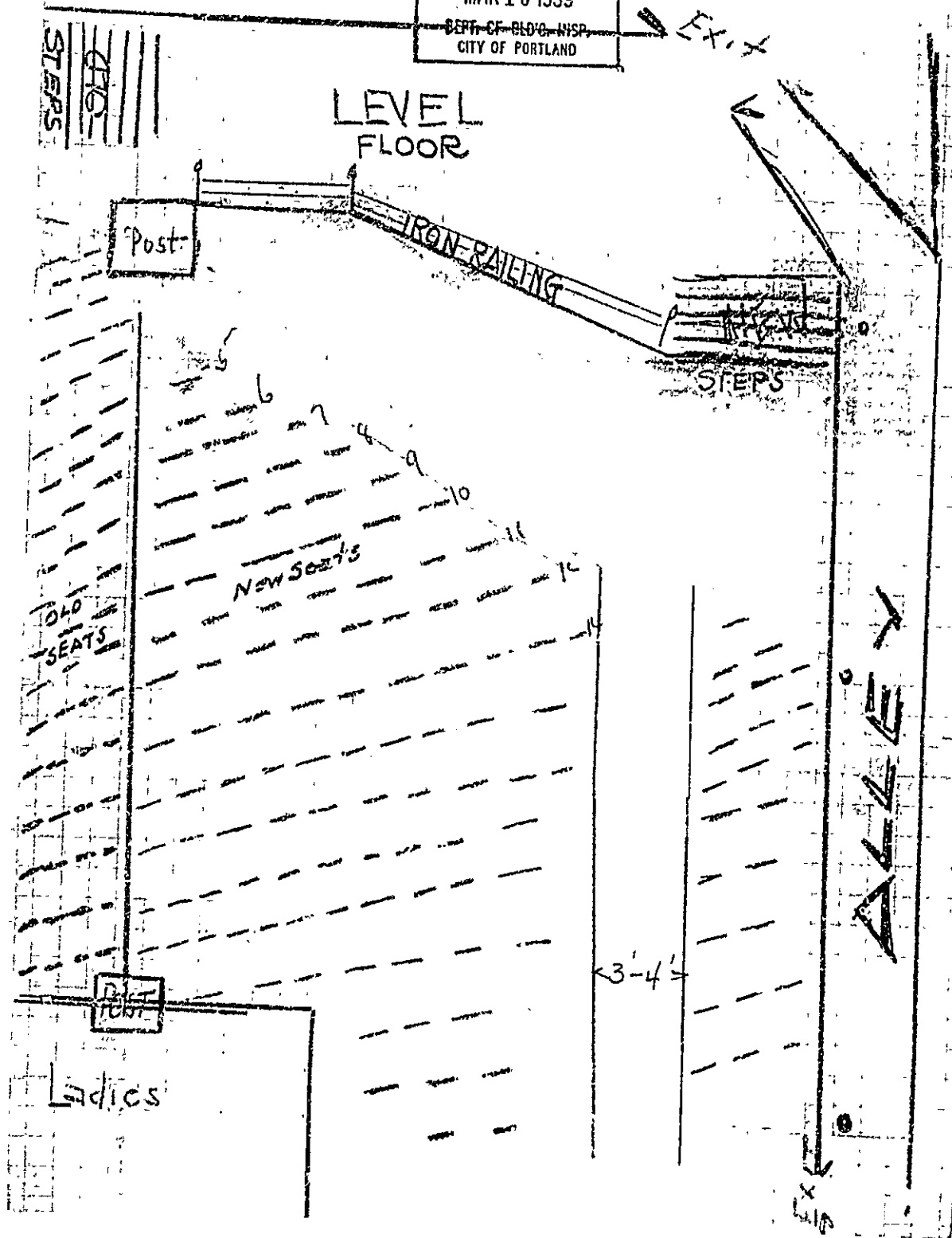
10/24/36

This sign attached to lower side of origin at 536 Frost Ave. 34/833.

# CAMEO THEATRE

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



File # 89/115-1

February 14, 1933

Mr. Leon P. Gorman,  
536 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

In reply to my letter to Haggular & Jones Company of February 10th, relating to alterations at the Gaiety Theatre, 536 Forest Avenue, they have sent me detailed plans of the steel changes back in 1933 and additional details on the new steel work which seems to satisfy our needs as far as their responsibility is concerned.

The following note appears on the new detailed plan which they have furnished: "We understand the matter of piers was taken up by the contractor and accepted by building department. Haggular & Jones Co. not responsible for piers."

We have not approved any arrangement of piers to date, and must refer to you, as the owner, to straighten the matter out.

On Haggular & Jones original plan appears: "If piers are found too small could use 8" H-columns at each end." Of course this office cannot take the responsibility of designing or investigating the design of these piers. In checking the matter over, however, as far as time would allow, it looks to me as though the pier nearer the screen is probably ample in size, but the pier toward Forest Avenue is probably deficient in bearing. I can discover no provision for new bearing plates under the new 30" I-beam at either pier.

Will you be kind enough to have some competent person look into the strength of both of these piers to see whether or not the additional loads to come upon them will be taken care of according to Building Code standards, and if they appear deficient in any way, furnish the detail of reinforcement or providing supplementary supports?

Very truly yours,

RMd/H

Inspector of buildings

File: P.33/115-1

February 13, 1933

Hogquier & Jones Co.  
51 Pearl Street  
Portland, Maine

Attention Mr. E. Uott

Gentlemen:

In looking over the structural steel plan for the changes at the Grand Theatre at 536 Forest Avenue, I find the following:

The top flange of the new wide flange beam apparently would not be braced laterally on a span of 44 feet, which seems to exceed the allowable ratio of width of flange to length of span of 40. I presume you can make good that discrepancy, if I am right about it, by putting on a cover plate or otherwise stiffening the compression flange.

I find a note on the plan: "If piers are found too small could use 8"-H column at each end." It seems doubtful if the pier at least toward Forest Avenue is large enough to take this extra load, and there is also the question of crippling the 15" I-beam which, as I understand it, is between the new steel and the top of the brick pier.

Will you be kind enough to furnish a plan showing what you propose to do about the size of the pier; also a detail of how these 30" beams will be supported down onto the pier; and also in more complete detail of how the present 15" I-beams will be hung on the new 30" beam. We shall also need a detail of how you intend to take care of the compression flange.

I presume you are mindful of the requirement that the new steel requires a shop coat of paint, touching up after erection and then a field coat. It seems to me this is especially important where the steel is to be exposed to the elements.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of buildings

RMCD/h

CC: Porter-Burnham Co.  
151 Preble Street

Leon P. Gorman  
536 Forest Avenue

# Megquier & Jones Company

## STRUCTURAL STEEL

33 PEARL STREET  
PORTLAND, MAINE

Feb. 13, 1939

Mr. Warren McDonald,  
Inspector of Buildings,  
Portland, Maine.

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CITY OF PORTLAND

ALL ORDERS ARE SUBJECT TO DELAY CAUSED BY ACCIDENTS, STRIKES, FIRES, CARRIERS, OR OTHER CAUSES BEYOND OUR CONTROL

Dear Sir:

We are mailing herewith, as per your request, sheets 1, 2 and E-1, showing details of the present steel which we furnished in 1933, for the Gamo Theatre, also blue print showing new steel which we are to furnish for alterations to this Theatre, for your files.

Yours truly,

Megquier & Jones Co.

*A. H. Jones*  
B.

AHJ:LEB



File: Inquiry 536 Forest Avenue

February 4, 1939

Mr. Leon F. Gorman,  
536 Forest Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

Examination of your proposed change at the Grand Theatre reveals the following, it being understood that there are 400 seats in the theatre now on the main auditorium floor, that not more than 100 will be added in the raised section, making a maximum of about 500 seats.

A new stairway is required to have risers not more than 7½ inches and treads not less than 10½ inches; since they are to be used for egress ascending there should be no nosings. Handrails are required on both sides and non-slip surfaces on treads.

You apparently are to be far more liberal than ordinances requirements in width and spacing of seats.

The portion of aisle with seats on both sides, based on scaling the drawing and the aisle extending along the railing with seats on only one side ought to be 3 feet and 3 inches wide instead of as shown.

It will be necessary to provide lights to illuminate adequately the new stairs even while pictures are being shown.

The plan that I have, on the basis of our discussion yesterday is not exactly to scale, or does not show the true situation as you plan to have the seats. This is called to your attention so that there may be no misunderstanding later.

It is understood that you propose to insulate the ceiling of the new seat portion with mineral wool bats supported on wire mesh fastened to the roof beams with no other ceiling.

When you are ready to proceed, please file a corrected plan, detail plan of the steel change, together with a statement of design covering the steel, and an application for the building permit.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings

WMD/H

CC: Porter-Burnham Co.



GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

PERMIT ISSUED  
Permit No. 0015

Class of Building or Type of Structure First Class FEB 9 1939  
Portland, Maine, February 7, 1939

To the INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS, PORTLAND, ME.

The undersigned hereby applies for a permit to erect alter or 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 536 Forest Avenue Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's or lessee's name and address Leon P. Gorman, 536 Forest Avenue Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's name and address Porter-Burnham Co., 131 Presb. Street Telephone 4-3206  
Architect \_\_\_\_\_ Plans filed yes No. of sheets 12  
Proposed use of building Theatre No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ Fee \$ 3.00  
Estimated cost \$ 70.

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material l No. stories 1 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof flat Roofing tar and gravel  
Last use Theatre No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

No. of portions of building lounge General Description of New Work  
to be altered lounge putting in concrete floor. This space to be used for 100  
seats. To remove center brick pier and provide 30" I-beam as per plan submitted.  
All as per plan submitted, Building Inspector's letter of February 4, 1939 and all other  
requirements of the Building Code.  
To install new ceiling over this space with rock wool.  
To provide new stairway from this new portion to existing lounge, leading to exit door.  
Stairway to be constructed as per Inspector of Buildings letter of 2/4/39/

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
REQUIREMENT IS WAIVED

It is understood that it is permitted to include installation of heating apparatus which is to be taken care of separately by and in the name of the heating contractor.

Details of New Work

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

If a Garage

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

Miscellaneous

Will above work require removal or disturbing of any shade tree on a public street? no  
Will there be in charge of the above work a person competent to see that the State and City requirements pertaining thereto are observed? yes  
Leon P. Gorman  
Porter-Burnham Co.

Signature of owner by Carl E. Porter  
REJECTION COPY

Permit No. 39/115

536 Forest St

owner: Leon P. Hermann

Permit 2/8/39

Def. closing-in

Inspn. closing-in

Final Notif.

Final Inspn. 3/21/39

Cert. of Occupancy issued None

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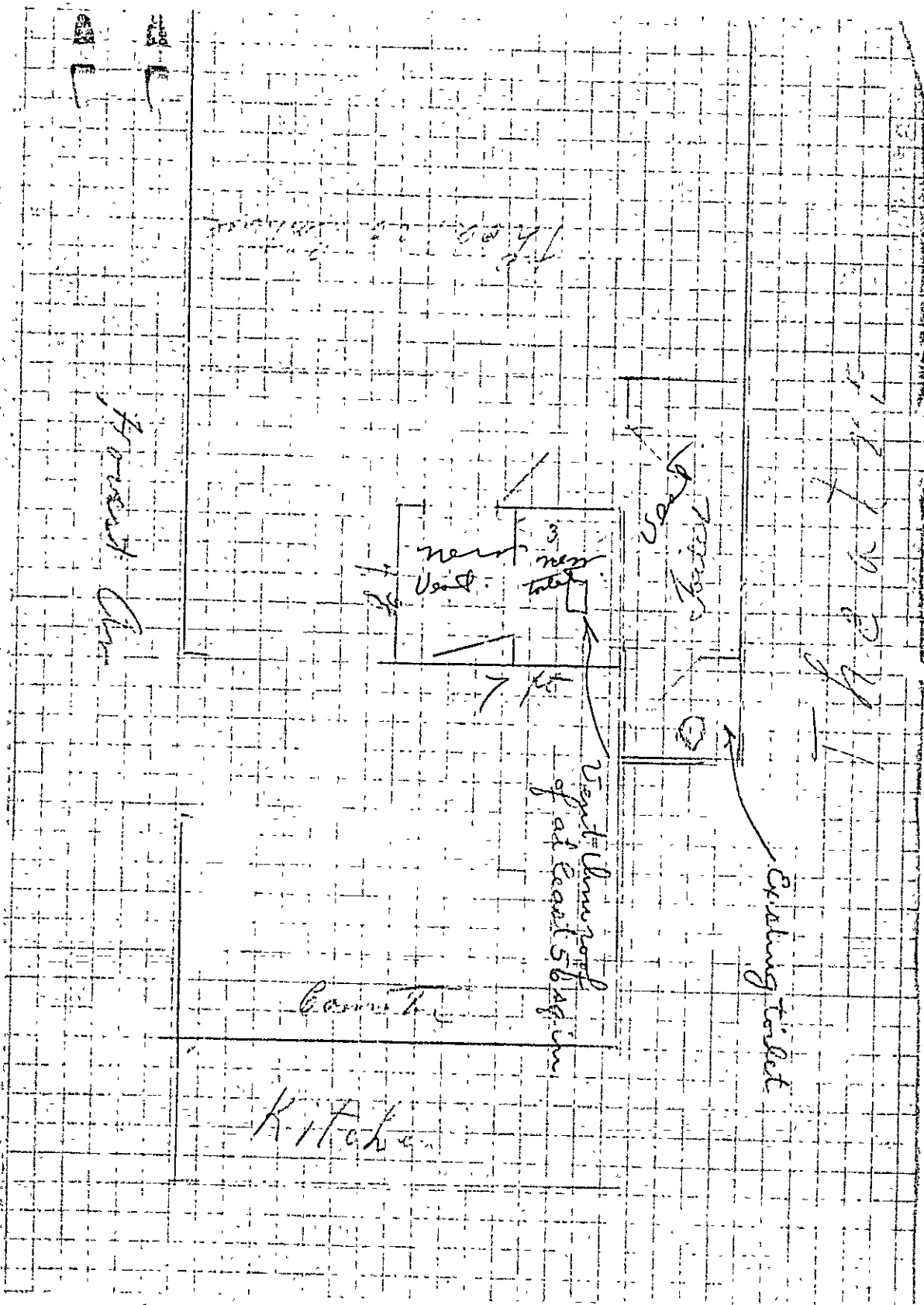
2/14/39 - R letter about  
interior of lake

2/27/39 - Had architect  
write it out for C. J. G.

3/7/39 - steel work placed  
Mr. Porter says  
plates under pier  
beams across the en-  
tire area of top of pier -  
C. J. G.

3/9/39 - checked steel  
also 2 in. dia. steel  
truss inside pier

3/20/39 - checked locations  
ports & middle of aisle  
on pier today - ~~Porter~~





GENERAL BUSINESS ZON  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit No. 10887

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class AUG 21 1936

Portland, Maine, August 21, 1936

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 540 Forest Avenue Ward 8 Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner's or Trustee's name and address Leon P. Goran, 540 Forest Avenue Telephone 2-0500  
Contractor's name and address Charles Brooks, 17 Sherman St. Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Architect's name and address \_\_\_\_\_  
Proposed use of building Restaurant No. families \_\_\_\_\_  
Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_  
Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. of sheets 1  
Estimated cost \$ 100. Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 1 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_  
Last use Restaurant No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

To erect 6'x8' partitions (2x3 studs covered on both sides with plywood) to provide new toilet and vestibule. Doors to both toilet and vestibule to be made self-closing in such a way that there will be little chance of both doors being open at the same time. Toilet to be vented by existing vent thru roof. Doors to vestibule and toilets to be at least 24" wide. (at least 56 square inches in cross-section)

*Mr. Baymont says this location has been approved by Municipal Offices for building because*

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.

Approved by Reit & Joffe Details of New Work

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

If a Garage

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

Miscellaneous

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

Signature of owner \_\_\_\_\_ By: Leon P. Goran

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Ward 8 Permit No. 36/1297  
Location 540 Forest Ave  
Owner Leon P. Norman  
Date Permit 8/22/36  
Notif. closing-in  
Inspn. closing-in  
Final Notif.  
Final Inspn. 9/29/36  
Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES

8/24/36 - This job started  
rather late in the  
evening. The  
owner of carpenter  
and Leon Norman  
vent duct is slightly  
undersize but  
we will not raise  
a point of it -  
8/26/36 - Spun permit  
yet on toilet from  
door - C.C.C.



GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE  
APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

Permit **PERMIT ISSUE**

1784

OCT 18 1935

Class of Building or Type of Structure Second Class

Portland, Maine, October 16, 1935

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 Law 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 528 Forest Avenue Ward 8 Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Owner or Lessee's name and address L. P. Gorman, 58 Deerfield Road Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Contractor's name and address J. A. Driscoll, 65 Alder St. Telephone 4-5216

Architect's name and address \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed use of building Theatre, stores No. families \_\_\_\_\_

Other buildings on same lot \_\_\_\_\_

Plans filed as part of this application? yes No. of sheets 1

Estimated cost \$ 45. Fee \$ .50

Description of Present Building to be Altered

Material brick No. stories 2 Heat \_\_\_\_\_ Style of roof \_\_\_\_\_ Roofing \_\_\_\_\_

Last use Theatre and stores No. families \_\_\_\_\_

General Description of New Work

To put wood stud and glass 9'9" partition across main entrance lobby of theatre as per plan submitted - double acting doors

NOTIFICATION BEFORE LATHING OR CLOSING IN IS WAIVED

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

Details of New Work

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Corner posts \_\_\_\_\_ Sills \_\_\_\_\_ Girt or ledger board? \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Maximum span: 1st floor \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd \_\_\_\_\_ 3rd \_\_\_\_\_ roof \_\_\_\_\_

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

If a Garage

No. cars now accommodated on same lot \_\_\_\_\_ to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_

Total number commercial cars to be accommodated \_\_\_\_\_

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

Miscellaneous

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

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

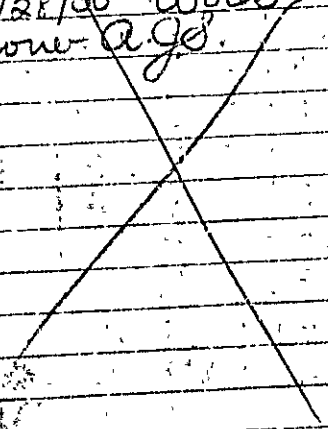
Signature of applicant L. P. Gorman  
Signature of contractor J. A. Driscoll

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CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT.

Ward 8 Permit No. 35/1784  
Location 536 First Ave  
Owner L. P. Gorman  
Date of permit 10/15/35  
No. if closing-in  
Inspn. closing-in  
Final Notif.  
Final Inspn. 10/28/35  
Cert. of Occupancy issued None

NOTES  
10/18/35. In materials;  
which location of  
new door. P.O.  
man or plan  
which is actually  
built - not  
10/28/35 - Work  
done - A.G.





File P. 35/872B-1

File P. 35/1113A-1

September 20, 1935

Mr. P. C. Roberts,  
c/o United Neon Display,  
27 Monument Square,  
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir:-

For a long time an inspector from this office has been calling upon you to stop and correct in the erection of the projecting sign which you erected for Larkin's Grill at 533 Forest Avenue and the projecting sign which you erected for Du Mansel Portland Company at 568 Congress Street.

It seems unnecessary to go into the details of these defects in this letter since the conditions have been explained to you more than once by the inspector, and you have agreed at various times to have the unsatisfactory conditions corrected.

It is necessary for me to require that you have both signs fixed to satisfy the terms of your applications for the permit and the Building Code and so as to be entirely safe and sound on or before October 5, 1935 or I shall find it necessary to start proceeding against you as directed by law for violation of the Building Code, and that without further notice to you.

Very truly yours,

Inspector of Buildings.

McD/H

United Neon Display:

The permit for the sign at 568 Congress Street was issued to you in July of this year. If Mr. Roberts erected this sign as your employee, then it is necessary that we hold you responsible for the conditions that exist. If on the other hand he erected it on his own responsibility independent of your employe, he has erected it without a permit. Please advise just what your relationship to this sign is.

Inspector of Buildings.



(G) GENERAL BUSINESS ZONE PERMIT No. 0672

### APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO ERECT SIGN 1035 OVER PUBLIC SIDEWALK OR STREET

Portland, Maine, May 9, 1956

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 528 Forest Avenue Ward 8 Within Fire Limits? no Dist. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner of building to which sign is to be attached Maine Savings Bank  
Name and address of owner of sign Larkin's Grill, 528 Forest Avenue  
Contractor's name and address Roberts Sign Studio, 582 Congress St. Telephone no  
When does contractor's bond expire? April, 1956

#### Information Concerning Building

No. stories 1 Material of wall to which sign is to be attached brick

#### Details of Sign and Connections

Electric? yes Vertical dimension after erection 15" Horizontal 60"  
Weight 85 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 none, Size \_\_\_\_\_, Location, top or bottom \_\_\_\_\_  
No. guys 5, material galv. cable, Size 5/16"  
Minimum clear height above sidewalk or street 15'  
Maximum projection into street 44"

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY  
BY TREATMENT IS VALID

Signature of contractor Oliver T. Johnson by P. C. Roberts  
Roberts Sign Studio

Fee \$ 1.00

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COPIES OF PERMITS

Ward Permit No. 35/670  
 Location 538 Forest Ave.  
 Owner Handlin's Mill  
 Permit 5/20/35  
 Sign Contractor  
 Final Inspn. 11/19/35. C. 26.

NOTES

5/20/35. Shop OK. Cld. insp.  
 O.K. C. 26.  
 5/20/35. Erection not satisfactory. Ends of wire ropes should be fastened with wire rope clips, not merely wired. Wood plugs have been used instead of expansion bolts, etc.  
 6/5/35. Mr. Roberts will have this fixed by Mon. June 17, 35, etc.  
 6/17/35. Mr. Roberts will fix this today, etc.  
 8/29/35. Mr. Roberts has this fixed by Sept 10<sup>th</sup>, etc.  
 9/11/35. Nothing done, etc.  
 9/26/35. Better. Work done.  
 10/28/35. Mr. Roberts said he would have this fixed by Nov.

Nov 4, 35. O.K.  
 11/5/35. Mr. Roberts said to let Mr. Roberts will attend to this work by Sat. Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 35.  
 11/12/35. Mr. Roberts agreed to have this taken care of by Fri. Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, etc.  
 11/14/35. About the bad weather Mr. Roberts would attend to this. It will be done by Nov 18, 35, etc.  
 11/18/35. Mr. Roberts says this has been done. Expansion bolts are being used & clips are being placed on the flanges.  
 C. 26.

File C-35-38 -I

April 1, 1936

Mr. Leon P. Gorman,  
236-240 Forest Avenue,  
Portland, Maine.

Dear Sir:-

With reference to the ceiling which has been applied in the Casco Theatre at 236-240 Forest Avenue without a building permit having been secured and to our conversation on this subject in the City Manager's office several weeks ago, I find upon investigation that the type of ceiling which you have provided, namely gypsum or some other kind of wall board supported by wooden strapping is not permissible under the Building Code in such a theatre. In such a case the Building Code provides that a ceiling, if provided shall be plaster on incombustible lath with incombustible furring. Under these circumstances it is necessary for me to require that you have the ceiling removed on or before April 15, 1936.

At the time of making examination of this ceiling, I noticed that you had two gas burning stoves or heaters in the front of the auditorium for auxiliary heat, these being without vent of any description. Section 106 of the Building Code provides that no stove shall be used in any theatre or assembly hall. It will also be necessary for you to remove these stoves at once.

Very truly yours,

McD/H  
CC, Forest Ave. Corp.  
Maine Savings Bank

Inspector of Buildings.