

1617-1621 Forest Avenue 337-C-8





PS Form 3811, Nov. 1973

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10/17-10/21 Stuart MA

copy of order  
Be. [unclear] [unclear]  
1617 Forest Ave. Portland, ME 04103  
1978 2747

New Owner  
MR MARCEL LAFLAMME  
1617 FOREST AVE  
CITY 04103

October 17, 1975

Mr. & Mrs. Loren E. Smith  
Westbrook Gardens #32  
Westbrook, Maine 04092

Re: 1617-1621 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine 337-C-8

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

We recently received a complaint and an inspection was made by Housing Inspector Gendreau of the property owned by you at 1617-1621 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine. As a result of the inspection, you are hereby ordered to correct the following substandard housing conditions:

1. Remove all debris from the yard and dispose of it properly. 4-a

The above mentioned condition is in violation of Chapter 307 of the Municipal Code of the City of Portland, Maine, and must be corrected on or before October 31, 1975.

Sincerely yours,  
David C. Bittenbender  
Health Director

*Lyle D. Noyes*  
Lyle D. Noyes  
Chief of Housing Inspections

Inspector *[Signature]*  
D. Gendreau

LDN:rl

Release from Posting  
OK  
DATE 4/27/78 (C)

August 19, 1975

Loren E. & Joan E. Smith  
1619 Forest Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Re: 1617-1621 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine  
337-C-8

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

As owner or agent of the property located at 1617-1621 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine, you are hereby notified that as the result of a recent fire the vacant structure is hereby declared unfit for human occupancy.

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

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

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

You are also hereby ordered to make the above mentioned property safe and secure so that no danger to life or property or fire hazard shall exist thereon. This can be accomplished by boarding up doors and windows and other openings at all levels of the structure.

Sincerely yours,  
David C. Bittenbender  
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Inspector *D. Gendreau*

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COMPREHENSIVE STRUCTURE DATA FOR DEMOLITION

LOCATION: 1617-1621 FOREST AVENUE

CHART-BLOCK-LOT# 337-C-8

OWNER: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
GEORGE D. BALLARD

Tax Val. Land \$6,360.00 Bldg. \$17,060.00

Tax Status: Year Due \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Due \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Deed: Yes ( ) No (X) Matured: Yes ( ) No ( )

Stories: 2 1/2 Com'l U. \_\_\_\_\_ Dwl. U. 1

Brick ( ) Frame (X) Masonry ( )

Attached ( ) Semi-Detached ( ) Detached (X)

1. THE STRUCTURE CONSTITUTES A HAZARD TO THE HEALTH OR SAFETY OF THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY AND DEMOLITION IS RECOMMENDED BECAUSE IT IS:

- a. Structurally unsound Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- b. Unstable Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- c. Insanitary Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- d. A Fire Hazard Yes ~~XXX~~ No \_\_\_
- e. Inadequately Maintained Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- f. Dilapidated Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- g. Obsolete Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- h. Otherwise dangerous to life or property Yes ~~XXXX~~ No \_\_\_  
(explain below)

Each department must report hazardous conditions of both the interior and exterior of this structure.

2. Inspector's Comments (required for each "Yes" answer given above):

The Fire Prevention Bureau inspected this property 24 May 1976 and the following conditions were revealed: Property is a 2 1/2 story wood frame unoccupied fire damaged structure with a 2 story wood frame unoccupied barn attached. Front of building: 6 open windows front porch 1st floor, 1 open window and 1 open door 1st floor. 2 windows open 2nd floor and 1 open window 3rd floor. Right of building: opening in wall 1st floor level. 2 openings in 2 cellar windows. 1 open door 1st floor and 4 open windows 2nd floor. Left of building: openings in 2 cellar windows, 3 open windows 1st floor and 3 open windows 2nd floor. Rear of building: 1 open window 3rd floor. ATTACHED BARN: front of barn: 3 openings 2nd floor level and 1 open window 3rd floor. Right side of barn: 2 openings in wall ground level. Rear of barn: 1 large opening ground level, 3 openings in wall 1st floor and 1 large opening 2nd floor level. Left of barn: 1 opening ground level, 2 open windows 1st floor level.

PROXIMITIES: Left of structures: approx. 150 feet from a 2 story wood frame occupied structure. Right side of structures: approx. 60 feet from a 1 1/2 story wood frame occupied structure. Attached barn is approx. 40 feet from the same 1 1/2 story wood frame occupied structure.

In it's present open condition it is a fire hazard and dangerous to life and property.

Fire Chief Clement O. Dodd Department Fire  
Inspector \_\_\_\_\_

Diagram Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Photographs Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Date 24 May 1976



Indicate by - X -  
 EXISTING CONDITIONS -  
 Hazardous To Health Or  
 Safety of Surrounding  
 Community

ADDRESS:  
 1617-1621 FOREST AVE.

	STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND	UNSTABLE	INSANITARY	A FIRE HAZARD	INADEQUATELY MAINTAINED	DILAPIDATED	OBSOLETE	OTHERWISE DANGEROUS TO LIFE OR PROPERTY
<b>EXTERIOR - Structure</b>								
Foundation								
Walls								
Roof								
Porch								
Stairs								
Steps								
Floors								
Windows				X				
Eaves				X				X
Trim								X
Chimney								
Gutters								
Roof Drains								
Bulkhead								
Drainage								
Infestation								
Rats								
Other								
Fire Escape								
Dual Egress								
<b>INTERIOR - Structure</b>								
Lighting								
Elec. Wiring								
Floors								
Walls								
Ceilings								
Windows								
Airshafts								
Roof Rafters								
Sanitary Facilities								
Stairways								
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Stacks								
Flues								
Vents								
Chimney								
Heating Equip.								
Bsmt: Sanitation								
Dampness								
Lighting								
Elec. Panel								
Stairs								
Foundation								
Floor Joists								
Carrying Timbers								
Sills								

Comments:

Inspector

Department

Date

## REQUEST FOR SERVICE

PORTLAND HEALTH DEPARTMENT

DATE RECEIVED	3-16-76	BY	MacIsaac	DISTRICT	M. Leary
REQUEST BY	NAME	Dr. Chalmers 797-6840			
	ADDRESS				
OWNER	NAME	1619 Don will check it			
	ADDRESS				
CONDITIONS	ADDRESS	<del>1619</del> (?) Forest Ave.			
Broken step, trash lying around.					
COMMENTS	Probably commercial, but take a look. NEW OWNER: GEORGE BOWARD - FALMOUTH 781-4313 REPAIRS IN PROGRESS - I WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH THIS STRUCTURE!				
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	TRASH REMOVED FROM YARD. Non-Hazardous 4/5/76				
DIVISION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SANITATION	<input type="checkbox"/> HOUSING	<input type="checkbox"/> NURSING		
PRIORITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTINE	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL	BY		
	<input type="checkbox"/> URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/> REPORT TO	DATE		

COMPREHENSIVE STRUCTURE DATA FOR DEMOLITION

LOCATION: 1617-1621 FOREST AVENUE

CHART-BLOCK-LOT# 337-C-8

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GEORGE D. BALLARD

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Tax Deed: Yes ( ) No (X) Matured: Yes ( ) No ( )

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b. Unstable

c. Insanitary

d. A Fire Hazard

e. Inadequately Maintained

f. Dilapidated

g. Obsolete

h. Otherwise dangerous to life or property (explain below)

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Each department must report hazardous conditions of both the interior and exterior of this structure.

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2. Inspector's Comments (required for each "Yes" answer given above):

Rehab. in Progress  
4/6/74

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_  
Diagram Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Photographs Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Use reverse side if necessary)

Inc. by - X -  
 EXISTING CONDITIONS -  
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ADDRESS:  
 1617-1621 FOREST AVENUE

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CHART-BLOCK-LOT# 337-C-8

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GEORGE D. BALLARD

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- c. Insanitary Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ the interior and exterior of
- d. A Fire Hazard Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ this structure.
- e. Inadequately Maintained Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- f. Dilapidated Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- g. Obsolete Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- h. Otherwise dangerous to life or property Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_  
(explain below)

2. Inspector's Comments (required for each "Yes" answer given above):

Inspector: \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Diagram Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Photographs Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

(file reverse side)

Ind. ~~by~~ - X -  
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| c. Insanitary                              | Yes ___ No ___ | the interior and exterior of |
| d. A Fire Hazard                           | Yes ___ No ___ | this structure.              |
| e. Inadequately Maintained                 | Yes ___ No ___ |                              |
| f. Dilapidated                             | Yes ___ No ___ |                              |
| g. Obsolete                                | Yes ___ No ___ |                              |
| h. Otherwise dangerous to life or property | Yes ___ No ___ |                              |
| (explain below)                            |                |                              |

2. Inspector's Comments (required for each "Yes" answer given above):

SEE BUILDING PERMIT #0111, February 24, 1976 (1613 Forest Ave.)

Inspector [Signature] Department [Signature] Date 4/14/76  
Diagram Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Photographs Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Indic by - X -  
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1617-1621 FOREST AVE

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Inspector

Department

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# APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

**PERMIT ISSUED**  
FEB 24 1916  
0111  
CITY of PORTLAND

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

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

ZONING LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_ PORTLAND, MAINE, 2-33-75.....

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

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

LOCATION ... 1613 FOREST AVE. .... Fire District #1 , #2

1. Owner's name and address George Ballard ... 292 Falmouth Rd. Falmouth Telephone .. 781-4313

2. Lessee's name and address .....

3. Contractor's name and address OWNER .....

4. Architect .....

Proposed use of building dwelling .....

Last use .....

Material .....

Other buildings on same lot .....

Estimated contractual cost \$ ... 6,500 .....

FIELD INSPECTOR—Mr. .... GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This application is for: @ 775-5451 **To repair after fire to original condition**

Dwelling ..... Ext. 234

Garage .....

Masonry Bldg. ....

Metal Bldg. ....

Alterations .....

Demolitions .....

Change of Use .....

Other .....

Stamp of Special Conditions

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

PERMIT IS TO BE ISSUED TO 1  2  3  4

### DETAILS OF NEW WORK

Is any plumbing involved in this work? ..... Is any electrical work involved in this work? .....

Is connection to be made to public sewer? ..... If not, what is proposed for sewage? .....

Has septic tank notice been sent? ..... Form notice sent? .....

Height average grade to top of plate ..... Height average grade to highest point of roof .....

Size, front ..... depth ..... No. stories ..... solid or filled land? ..... earth or rock? .....

Material of foundation ..... Thickness, top ..... bottom ..... cellar .....

Kind of roof ..... Rise per foot ..... Roof covering .....

No. of chimneys ..... Material of chimneys ..... of lining ..... Kind of heat ..... fuel .....

Framing Lumber—K'nd ..... Dressed or full size? ..... Corner posts ..... Sills .....

Size Girder ..... Columns under girders ..... Size ..... Max. on centers .....

Studs (outside walls and carrying partitions) 2x4-16" O. C. Bridging in every floor and flat roof span over 8 feet.

Joists and rafters: 1st floor ....., 2nd ....., 3rd ....., roof .....

On centers: 1st floor ....., 2nd ....., 3rd ....., roof .....

Maximum span: 1st floor ....., 2nd ....., 3rd ....., roof .....

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

### IF A GARAGE

No. cars now accommodated on same lot ....., to be accommodated ..... number commercial cars to be accommodated ...

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

APPROVALS BY: DATE MISCELLANEOUS

BUILDING INSPECTION—PLAN EXAMINER ..... Will work require disturbing of any tree on a public street? ..

ZONING: .....

BUILDING CODE: ..... 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 ..

Fire Dept.: .....

Health Dept.: .....

Others: .....

Signature of Applicant George Ballard ..... Phone # .....

Type Name of above George Ballard ..... 1  2  3  4

OFFICE FILE COPY

and Address .....



# CITY OF PORTLAND - MAINE

Portland Fire Department

24 March 1976

Loren & Joan Smith  
Westbrook Gardens #32  
Westbrook, Maine 04092

Re: **Conditions at 1619 Forest Avenue**

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Section 1.3, Fire Prevention Code of the City of Portland, a fire inspector from the Portland Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, recently inspected the above named property and found the following conditions in violation of the statutes governing the fire laws of this City and must be corrected:

This building is open and accessible to vandals and in this condition, is a fire hazard. All openings, at every level, must be secured in such a manner as to keep all unauthorized persons from entering.

Please advise this office immediately of the action which you propose to take.

---

Clement O. Dodd  
Chief of Fire Department

Certified Mail R.R.N. #398770

cc/Corporation Counsel  
Housing, Attn: L. Noyes  
File



COMPREHENSIVE STRUCTURE DATA

LOCATION: 1617-1621 Grant Avenue 1

Tax Val. Land 6360.00 Val. Bldg. 17060.00

CHART-BLOCK-LOT# 337-C-8

Tax Status: Year Due 1975 Amt. Due 728.36

OWNER: Loren E + Joan E. Smith

Tax Deed: Yes ( ) No ( ) Matured: Yes ( ) No ( )

Stories: 2 Com'l U.: Dwl. U.: 1

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1. Is structure or any portion thereof:

- a. Unsafe Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- b. Unstable Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- c. Insanitary Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- d. Constitutes Fire Hazard Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- e. Unsuitable for Occupancy Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

2. Structure constitutes a hazard to health or safety because of:

- a. Lack of Maintenance Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- b. Dilapidation Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- c. Obsolescence Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- d. Abandonment Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
- e. Otherwise constituting a danger to life or property. Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

3. Inspector's Comments:

Inspector \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

4. Diagram Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Photographs Attached: Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

(Use Reverse Side if Necessary)

337-C-8

ST

STUART

1621

1617

FORE ST

AVENUE



August 19, 1975

Loren E. & Joan E. Smith  
1619 Forest Avenue  
Portland, Maine

Re: 1617-1621 Forest Avenue, Portland, Maine  
337-C-8

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Smith:

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*D. Gendreau*  
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SIGNATURE: *Jean Smith*

4. DATE OF DELIVERY: *8/23-75* POSTMARK:

5. ADDRESS (Complete only if requested)

6. UNABLE TO DELIVER BECAUSE: CLERK'S INITIALS

1617-1621 Special Mail

City of Portland, Maine  
Fire Department

August 6, 1975

Lauren Smith

1617 Forest Avenue

Portland, Maine

Re: Fire @ 1617 Forest Avenue

Dear Ms. Smith:

On August 2, 1975 a fire occurred in building listed above, of which you are reported to be the owner ( ).

If permanent repair work is required for this building, you must obtain a permit from the Building & Inspection Dept. in City Hall before starting such work.

Very truly yours,

*Clement O. Dodd*

Clement O. Dodd

Chief

Portland Fire Department

cc: Building & Inspection Div.  
Corporation Counsel  
Health Dept. (Housing Div.)  
COD/gd

NOTE: structure involved was a 2 1/2 story wood frame structure w/barn attached.  
the first floor was totally involved.

8/14/75. 1st FLR Badly Burned and obvious damage to 2nd & 3rd  
SUGGEST THIS STRUCTURE BE POSTED.

*DON GENDREAU, Insp. Insp.*