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Cambridge, April 11, 1983

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge;
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

The undersigned respectfully pray

that the tree on the sidewalk adjoining the premises at 25 Banks Street, Cambridge be removed. This tree is causing considerable damage to the side of the house. The droppings from the branches are constantly filling the gutter beyond its capacity. This results in a completely water clogged gutter when it rains and the extraordinarily heavy rains recently have multiplied this problem. The water is unable to escape from the gutter and eventually seeps its way down the side of the house which is when the damage occurs. The main problem right now is peeling of the paint but I'm sure the next problem will be with the clapboards. The problem went unnoticed before because the house was formerly shingled. I have been faced with the possibility of paying a carpenter once a month to come and clean out this gutter. This does not seem like the proper solution. I could also have the gutter completely removed which would detract from the appearance of the house and create problems with the full force of the rain hitting the house and eventually seeping into the cellar after it has made its way down to the ground. There has to be another answer. I called the Forestry Department and they did come once and trim the branches. The problem is still there. I called the Forestry Department again and was told if they did too much trimming on one side the tree would be uneven. That explanation does not solve my problem. The person in charge said he would come down to Banks Street and look at the situation and call me on April 8, 1983. I have not heard from him. Meanwhile the rain is still coming into a gutter that is filling up again. My carpenter and painter are waiting to hear what the solution will be. The painter, naturally, sees no sense in repairing the paint job until the tree situation is straightened out.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter which is of the utmost importance to me.


Catherine E. Cunniff

25 Banks Street

Cambridge, Ma. 02138.

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PETITION

of Catherine E. Cunniff
for removal of a tree
No. 25 Banks Street

April 11, 1983

4/11/83
Referred to the
City Manager -
For
Report

In City Council, April 11, 1983

Referred to the Committee on

Chambers

Attest:

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City Clerk.