

June 8, 1989

Dear Councilor Sullivan

Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter of May 31, that I presented to Mr. Clark, of Inspectional Services. It is my intention to testify in the upcoming trial of June 13 - defendant Wah-lee Wing. I would thank you for whatever you have done in the past for us.

I am afraid that Mr. Wing will make a cursory cleanup for the court date and then when things settle down, back to business as usual - a public nuisance and menace. Today, I witnessed some of the homeless clearing out, but I think this is a temporary situation. Mr. Wing or someone has put lime on the open latrine, the last time I looked.

Wah-lee Wing must be stopped. Wing has thumbed his nose at everyone: you, me, his tenants, the abutters; Harvard; Inspectional Services, Cambridge Police & Fire Dept in short everyone. We are just sick of it. Your aid and council is much appreciated!

Sincerely
James D. Koyer

702 Green St. #2
Cambridge, Mass. 02139

May 31, 1989

Dear Mr. Clark:

During the last 3 years, the actions (and inactions) of Mr. Wah-Lee Wing, owner of 697-699 Green St. have been at times a nuisance and at times a danger to the surrounding neighborhood.

The problems related to you, are in rough chronological order to their occurrence. During the winter of 1986-1987, we were without garbage disposal for 6 weeks. Why? Mr Wing's blue Ford van was partially blocking our street. Mr. Wing made no attempt to move the vehicle. To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Wing has not been paying for garbage disposal at 699-697. Else, why would Wing be seen putting his garbage in a Harvard dumpster or in our dumpster (when we had one) or the one at Putnam Terrace, which I recently observed. The above problem is one that has plagued the owner of our building Mr. J. V. Touloupolis, who has tried to deal with the situation.

Beginning about 3 years ago, Mr. Wing began to park many vehicles around 697-699 denying his tenants 4-5 parking space much needed on the street. There are 2 pickup trucks parked on the west side of the property which do not appear to have moved in over 2 years. These trucks were placed there for a minor construction project to the basement of 699. The project was started in the spring of 1987, I believe, and is still unfinished.

This same project also brought many teenagers to 697-699. The teenagers ostensibly hired by Mr. Wing to aid in the construction project; brought more and more of their friends until the place became a hang-out for idle delinquents. This made the summer of 1987 the most unpleasant period of time that I have experienced in my entire life. There were many ugly confrontations between resident and the teenagers including at least 2 incidents of rock-throwing and many threats. The Cambridge Police responded to 697-699 many times for this and others problems and eventually the problem subsided.

Starting in the summer of 1988 the numbers of homeless began to increase. There has been a homeless presence for a long time in the person of Mr. Peter O'Neill. Peter suffers from mental illness and has, during bouts of raving, been removed by the police. Peter has been joined by an increasing number of people. These people have been doing a lot of drinking in the back yard of 697-699. Occasionally there has been a large fire for a barbecue, not a soothing thought with the proximity of old wood frame buildings and lack of concern of these people. Here are some specific examples of incidents.

On the 21 of May, I became aware of an open latrine on the east side of 697 Green St. With all of the drinking going on, there had to be something! I don't believe that outhouses have been legal in Cambridge for many decades let alone an open latrine!

On the 11 of May, as I was preparing to drive to work, I discovered a young woman asleep on the back seat of my car!

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Apparantly, I had neglected to lock one of the doors to my car, something that I am usually very careful. I had another car about two years ago that was slightly damaged by someone gaining entrance by a faulty lock.

I have witnessed several things repeatedly: fist-fights; men openly urinating; much heavy drinking; people passed out sprawled on the ground, in the several trucks in the yard; people vomiting and staggering around the area, in a dazed manner, asking for money and cigarettes. Attendant to all of this is the sounds: doors slamming, bottles being broken, people retching, and swearing, and arguing loudly.

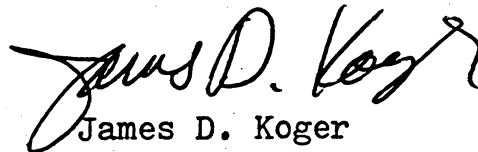
Until last year, when there was a fence constructed behind our building, the homeless and others would use our back yard to short cut to Louie's Superette to buy beer. Several times we were harrassed by people wanting to share our dinners.

If the past is any indication of the future, the problem will only become bigger until some sort of confrontation, including police action, will be necessary. We need some action now! The fact that I must write this letter is of serious concern; the laws of the City and of the Commonwealth are not being enforced.

It is my belief that Mr. Wing is trying to harrass his tenants at 697-699 Green st. and in the process has been harrassing and punishing the entire neighborhood. We have had quite enough from Mr. Wing, in the least he has caused a nuisance, and in a place such as Cambridge, he is an utter disgrace.

If it is necessary to attest to this in a court of law I am willing to be called.

Sincerely,



James D. Koger

cc. R. Philip Dowds; J.V.T. Realty Co.; Harvard University;
Walter J. Sullivan



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

June 12, 1989

COUNCILLOR WALTER SULLIVAN

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to confer with the Commissioner of Inspectional Services with a view in mind of inspecting and ensuring compliance with all applicable State Sanitary Codes and City Ordinances with regard to the premises numbered 697-699 Green Street.

In City Council June 12, 1989.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members

ATTEST:- Joseph E. Connarton, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph E. Connarton".

Joseph E. Connarton
City Clerk

Order # 20

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Councillor Walter Sullivan re: compliance
of State Sanitary Code and City Ordinances
with regard to the premises numbered
697-699 Green Street.

In City Council,

June 12, 1989

*Order adopted by
9 members*