



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 7, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL

WHEREAS: Tenants at 154, 156, 158 Magazine Street are concerned about unsafe and unsanitary conditions in their dwelling units as set forth in the attached letter; now therefore be it

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to direct the Commissioner of Inspectional Services to take the appropriate steps to effect the correction of unsafe and unsanitary conditions at this property.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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Whereas: Tenants at 154, 156, 158 Magazine Street are concerned about unsafe and unsanitary conditions in their dwelling units as set forth in the attached letter; now therefore be it

Ordered: That the CM be and hereby is requested to direct Inspectional Services to take all appropriate steps to ^{effect the} correction of unsafe and unsanitary conditions at this property.

154-6-8 Tenants Association
Cambridge MA 02139

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that need to be
fixed if we have already.

March 4, 1997

Syed Nuruzzaman
12 Wheeler Rd.
Lexington MA 02173

Dear Mr. Nuruzzaman,

As you may know, the Magazine Street Tenants Association met on January 26 and February 9 of this year to discuss the condition of the buildings and how we might influence improvement of these conditions. Especially in the context of current building rent levels and the requested increases, the level of rent seem excessive. In addition, we have been advised that the buildings contain unsafe and unsanitary conditions, most of which may represent Code Violations. We agreed at this meeting to survey our fellow tenants regarding the buildings' conditions and to present a synthesis of these conditions to you, thus to encourage improvements.

The following is a list of problems gleaned from our survey. Below the list, you will find signatures of your tenants in the three buildings 154-6-8 who agree that these need to be remedied and object strenuously to the high rent that you are charging or requesting for accommodations in this state. (We are encouraged by some of your recent attention to building problems, but note that the larger items seem unaddressed.)

1. Electrical system old and malfunctioning.
2. Plumbing system old and malfunctioning, occasionally failing entirely.
3. Major deficiencies in building maintenance. Repairs not performed by licensed workers, as required by law; repair personnel fail to provide require 24 hour notice before appearing for work in an apartment. No superintendent or emergency number (code violation).
4. Windows in poor repair.
5. Heat regularly fails to meet code.
6. Fire alarm system seriously malfunctioning, frightening tenants; fire extinguishers are missing.
7. Gas fireplaces still connected, a dangerous situation.
8. Poor lighting in the courtyard and the building hallways, making nighttime passage unsafe.
9. Defects in the outer steps: crumbling cement, etc., especially difficult for older tenants and small children.

10. Trash barrels need to be replaced; trash needs to be kept off Magazine Street sidewalk until collection day.
11. At least one apartment with child under six yrs. old requires deleading (after formal complaint).
12. At least one tenant reports mice, plaster falling from ceilings and walls.

We would appreciate your earliest attention to these matters.

The undersigned
from 154 Magazine St.

Mark Levine # 2
Arthur Ballou # 22
William P. Powers # 1

Julie Washington #31

from 156 Magazine St.

[Signature] # 33
Alexis K Hayes # 5
John Atchison # 24
Frank W. Hunt # 35

Nancy Byrne # 25
Lindy Hunt # 33
Sadriz Zaman.

from 158 Magazine St

C. B. Wolf
Andrew Carter

(To be posted in all building hallways without signatures)

cc: Cambridge City Council
Cambridge Inspectional Services
Campaign to Save 2,000 Homes
154-156-158 Magazine St. tenants



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Consent Order #42

Born, Pavis, Duchay, Galluccio, Reeves
Russell, CM-192

Councillor Triantafillou re: Tenants
at 154, 156, 158 magazine Streets
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ORDER ADOPTED