

April 2, 1974

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HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL: HONORABLE PAUL E. HEALEY,
City Clerk

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Donald Mac Dougal 1. Soden Place Camb.
Jane Edm 14 Soden St. Camb.
Dorson M. Marge 14 Soden St. Camb
Kathleen M. Dombroski 14 Soden St. Camb.
Gladys M. Holden 20 Soden St Camb.
Lawrence M. Auth 20 Soden St. Cambridge Mass
Helma Johnson 18 Soden St
Cynthia Hooper 30 Soden St Camb, Ma.
Alexa T. McCray 30 Soden St Camb, Ma
Marie Stacpole 32 Soden St Camb Ma.
CLAUDE J. SOONES 3 SODEN ST. CAMBRIDGE, MASS.
William Allsopp 11 Soden St Camb.
George Montague 380 Green St Camb.
James V. Malone 127 Western Ave Camb

Bonnie Belmont 127 Western Ave, Cambridge
Clifford Hayward 13 Soden St. Cambridge
Nathaniel Sweeney 5 Soden St. Cambridge
Chas P D. Chittenden 37 1/2 Franklin St
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Ronald Kapchus 428 Franklin St Camb 02139

Mabel Kapchus 428 Franklin Street Camb.

Alexander Kapchus 428 Franklin Street Camb.

Carol Anne Birch 434 Franklin St. Camb. 02139

Nicki Edwards 434 Franklin St. Camb. 02139

Nicola Festa 434 Franklin St. Camb. 02139 #3

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Michael Sorrentino 315 Franklin St Camb.
Donald J. Brown
318 Franklin St Camb (garage)
John T. Byrne (garage)
E. Beaton 101 Western av
John M. Atte 800 71/2 St, Ave (garage)
Maeven L. Wile 19 Pleasant St (garage)
C. Bruden Young 24 Elmwood Ave Camb.
Alley Haddock 324 Franklin St Camb. Mass
Joseph C. Beauvais 392 Franklin St Camb. Mass
Frances Grucus 392 Franklin St. Camb. Mass
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Louise Beauvais 392 Franklin St. Camb. Mass.
Clyde Kirk 324 Franklin St Camb. Mass.

John J. Perry

324 Franklin Street.

Richard M. E. Bason 324 Franklin St. Camb.

Alice Labo 324 Franklin St. Camb.

John P. Phillips 340 Franklin St. Camb.

Pauline D. Phillips 340 Franklin St. Camb.

Paul C. Woodland 325 Franklin St. Camb.

Judy G. Woodland 325 Franklin St. Camb.

Elizabeth D. Ratchford 325 Franklin St. Camb.

Edward B. Ratchford 325 Franklin St. Camb.

Miss Anna H. Ratchford 324 Franklin St. Camb.

Dorothy L. Ratchford 324 Franklin St. Camb.

Brenda Fay 321 Franklin St. Camb.

Eva Sorrentino 321 Franklin St. Camb.

Theresa Sorrentino 321 Franklin St. Camb.

Lawrence R. Fay 321 Franklin St. Camb.

Carmela Savignano 440 Franklin St. Cambridge.

Erminio Savignano 440 Franklin St. Camb.

Jean Savignano 440 Franklin St. Camb.

Mary Paponis 456 Franklin St. Camb.

Roger A. Albert 444 Franklin St. Camb.

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Salvatore V. Di Natale 15 Pleasant St. Cambridge M.
Mildred M. Di Natale 15 Pleasant St. Camb.
Philip Di Natale 15 Pleasant St. Camb.
Ralph Sette - 17 Pleasant St. Camb.
Janice Sette 17 Pleasant St. Camb.
Louise A. Sette 17 Pleasant St. Camb.
Mary M. Sarrentino 17 Pleasant St. Camb.
Al Rito Lentini 15 Pleasant St. Camb.
Laila Lentini, 15 Pleasant St. Camb.
Gail Mc Govern 13 Pleasant St. Camb.
Antonella Scalfani 12 Pleasant St. Camb.
Mr. & Mrs. Richard LeBaron 324 Franklin St. Camb.

Ana Ciello 986 Franklin St Camb.

Michael Margosian 508 Green St Camb.

Arthur Zohar 505 Green St Camb.

Daniel Jones 348 Franklin St.

Techman #451 Franklin St.

Mowly 457 Franklin St.

K. Koo 348 Franklin St.

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146 MOUNT AUBURN STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASS. 02138

April 23, 1974

Honorable Walter J. Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Cambridge and Honorable Members of the City Council: Honorable Paul E. Healey, City Clerk.

The City of Cambridge has zoned the Franklin Street neighborhood as a residence C-2 district. The sole use for which a residence C-2 district may be used is residential. I own property on Franklin and Soden Streets, and I am aggrieved by the heavy business owned and/or operated by Modern Continental at 345 Franklin Street, Cambridge.

I have received innumerable phone calls to my office and to my home at all hours by my tenants, who are very annoyed and dissatisfied by the inconveniences they have to put up with by Modern Continental, who are using the premises at 345 Franklin Street for the storage of heavy equipment or parts used in the repair of said equipment (said equipment being between 10 and 40 tons). In loading and in unloading, traffic in the area is blocked anywhere from a short period of time to one-half hour to one hour because the tractor trailer beds used in connection with the operation of the business block the roadway; causing the residents a great inconvenience which they should not be subjected to in the first place. My tenants complain of offensive, nauseating and gaseous odors released by the gas compressors, and also, complain the big gas compressors are left on the sidewalk, blocking their use of the public way.

The week of April 15th, the main sewer caved in on Soden Street, due to heavy equipment going to 345 Franklin Street, Modern Continental. The workers repairing the sewer damage said it was possible the cave in was caused by heavy equipment going over it.

Many times Modern Continental have put signs blocking off the street while loading and unloading heavy equipment. Many times we have called the street and highway department about this matter, and when their representative arrived the signs were gone; but no sooner had they left when the signs were replaced. On Saturday evening April 20th between 8 to 10:30 P. M. we attempted to notify the police about a tractor trailer truck on the sidewalk. After making several calls, they listened and hung up. Monday, April 22nd at 1:30 P. M. I talked to the Chief of Police and told him about the calls that were made, and showed him a photo taken of the big tractor trailer truck, the left side of which was parked on the sidewalk.

I came to City Hall regarding this matter, and was sent from department to department, and I have finally come to you gentlemen to request the City Council to take action for the abuses suffered by residents of Franklin Streets for the removal of the business operated by Modern Continental from a C-2 residence district.

In behalf of myself and the other owners and residents of properties in the area, who have affixed their signatures to the petition attached to this letter respectfully request your prompt and cooperative action.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Margossian
Michael Margossian

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Petition rec. from reidents of the Soden,
Green and Franklin St..area recording their
opposition to the storage of heavy equipment
at 345 Franklin Street in violation to the
zoning of the area. -

In City Council,

April 29, 1974

*Copies made for the
Chamber 4/26/74 dl*

Order

Adopted

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- reference to Mayor

*Report by next
Monday*