

Cambridge, July 24, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council of the
City of Cambridge:

The undersigned respectfully pray

that the text of the Zoning Ordinance be amended as follows:

that Article II DEFINITIONS, Item 9. Dwelling, semi-detached (which reads) "One of a series of buildings not exceeding six in number with a party wall or walls, common to adjoining buildings, each of which is arranged, intended or designed as the home or residence of one or two families including row houses." be changed to read "One of a series of buildings with a party wall or walls each with a two (2) hour minimum fire rating, common to adjoining buildings, each of which is arranged intended or designed as the home or residence of one or two families including row houses."

Reason:

When the zoning was revised in 1960 the definition was founded on the 1943 Building Code of the City of Cambridge definition of a party wall which reads "Party Wall. A Masonry wall that separates two or more buildings and is used or adapted for the use of more than one building." The new State Building Code identifies a party wall only as a fire wall separating adjoining buildings. A Fire Wall is defined as a wall having adequate fire resistance, etc. The problem with that definition is that in a wood frame building we are left with only a three-quarter hour requirement which is no separation at all for reasons of fire protection.

Charles F. Sprague

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PETITION

of Charles F. Sprague
for proposed amendment to the zoning
Ordinance
No. Re: to Semi-Detached Dwellings.

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7/28/75
Referred to the
Planning Board
For Report.

In City Council, July 28, 1975
Referred to the Committee on

Attest: *Copies sent 7/29/75*
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City Clerk.

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