



12

CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To John H. Corcoran
City Manager

Date January 29, 1973

From Charles F. Sprague
Building Commissioner

Reference

Subject

"AAA" plastics, Valentine and Pearl Street

Since the fire at the site the district building inspector, Mr. Vincent Kelley, has been visiting the area at least twice daily. He has reported that material stored in the garage building on Valentine Street and in the stores on Pearl Street is in the process of being moved to a site in Jamaica Plain.

The fire ravaged building on Valentine Street has been demolished and the cellar area cleaned out.

We have notified the owner to have a barricade erected around the cellar area to protect the public from falling in and also to have the stored material, in the buildings on Pearl Street and Valentine Street moved by this Thursday, February 1, 1973.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139
Tel. 876-6800

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JOHN H. CORCORAN
City Manager

January 29, 1973

To the Honorable, the City Council:

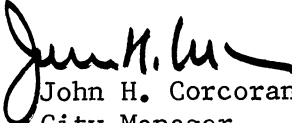
I want your Honorable Body to know that I have been very concerned with the disastrous fire that we had recently on Valentine Street. Through the splendid cooperation of our Fire Department we were able to hold the damage to the immediate area of the plastic company. It was one of the most difficult fires our department has had to fight in recent years.

The building has been leveled and the site has been cleared. I do realize that Mr. Lane, the owner of the company, also owns a couple of stores along Pearl Street. I also know that he had plastic materials stores in these same stores in violation of the law.

I do know that Charles Sprague, the Superintendent of Buildings, has ordered this same material removed from the buildings. This morning I asked Mr. Sprague to consider a time of Thursday of this week as the deadline for the removal of all materials that might be in violation of our zoning and building laws. Mr. Sprague has indicated to me that he would abide by this same request.

In the way of additional information I have asked Mr. Sprague for a report on the matter and I append herewith his report. I intend to follow up on this total problem to the end that the violations have either ceased or that other procedures are initiated.

Very truly yours,


John H. Corcoran
City Manager

JHC/b

Agenda #12.

26

Comm. from John H. Corcoran, relative to
the fire on Valentine Street

In City Council

January 29, 1973

Placed on File -