

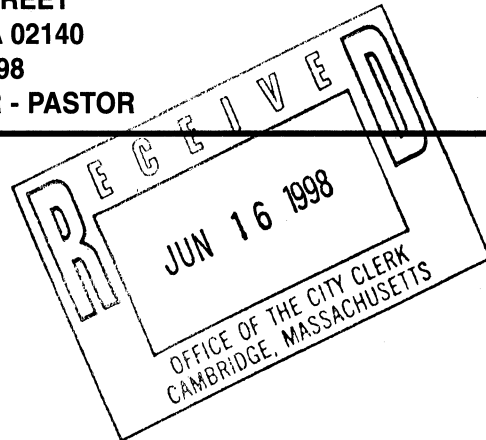


WEST SOMERVILLE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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REV. MARK FOWLER - PASTOR

June 11, 1998

Mayor Sheila T. Russell
Cambridge City Council
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139



Dear Madam:

I am the pastor of the West Somerville Church of the Nazarene and we are in the process of selling property owned by the Church, (48 Russell Street with 14 garages consisting of 9195 square feet, in the City of Cambridge) to a builder who plans to put in new construction.

It has come to our attention that the present moratorium on building new construction that has been in effect since January may be extended past the present deadline of June 30. This presents a significant problem to the progress of our sale. We have signed a purchase and sale agreement with the builder with the provision that he could apply for building permits after June 30, 1998. The reason for that date in our contract is that we were originally told that the moratorium concluded June 30.

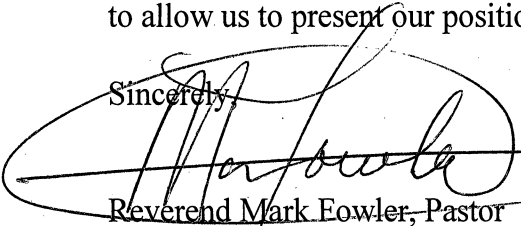
If this date is extended it will put our contract in jeopardy and could negate the sale of the property.

We have met at the site with Mr. Sullivan of the Historical Society and at his suggestion the builder plans to rehab the present building on the property as well as demolish the unsightly garages and replace them with new residences that will vastly improve the location. This new construction will create a much higher tax base.

Therefore, we are requesting an exemption from any extension of the moratorium.

If you are planning a meeting of the city council in the near future would you be so kind to allow us to present our position to the members in person.

Sincerely,


Reverend Mark Fowler, Pastor
West Somerville Church of the Nazarene

Consent Communication #2

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A communication was received from Reverend Mark Fowler, Paster, West Somerville Church of the Nazarene, transmitting notification that he is in the process of selling property owned by the Chruch to a builder who plans to put in new consturction.

In City Council June 22, 1998

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