



# City of Cambridge

25.

IN CITY COUNCIL

March 1, 1993

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- WHEREAS: These residents further state that unless this is approved, the Stop & Shop owners may well abandon the project; and
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Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:- *D. Margaret Drury*

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City Clerk

February 12, 1993

Mr. Ilyas Bhatti, Commissioner  
Metropolitan District Commission  
20 Somerset Street  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mr. Bhatti:

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As you may know, the Stop & Shop recently closed its facility at Fresh Pond and we understand from the S&S that they would seriously consider closing this market if the necessary approvals for this plan are not granted expeditiously.

Since there are at least 15,000 residents in Cambridgeport and Riverside who potentially would use the new Super Stop & Shop and at least 10% of these residents are over 65 (both figures based on the 1990 Federal Census), and since many elderly persons do not drive cars and do their marketing on foot (30% current S&S trips are on foot), there is a clear mandate to build this supermarket on this site. There is no other market within walking distance in the neighborhood. The nearest one is a small Purity Supreme in Central Square and we understand that may be closed soon.

Therefore, on behalf of the elderly and the large number of abutters and near neighbors of the present Stop & Shop, we all urge you to expedite MDC approval for the truck access on Memorial Drive from the S&S site to River Street.

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cc: Cambridge City Council, Robert Healy, Camb. Development Office,  
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Anstis G. Benfield  
Six Gordon Place  
Cambridge, MA 02139  
354 8416

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Representative Alvin Thompson  
5221 Green Street  
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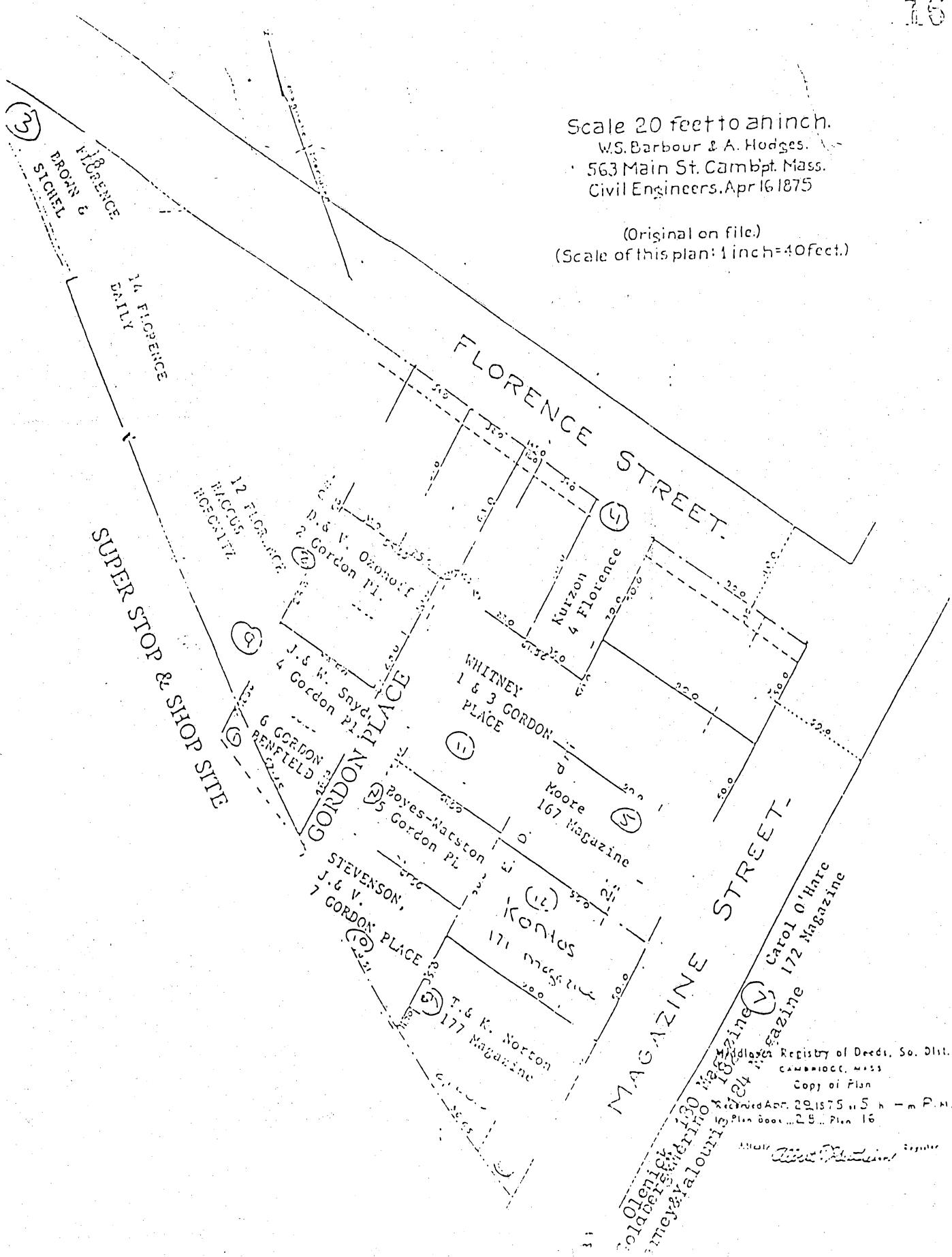
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563 Main St. Cambt. Mass.

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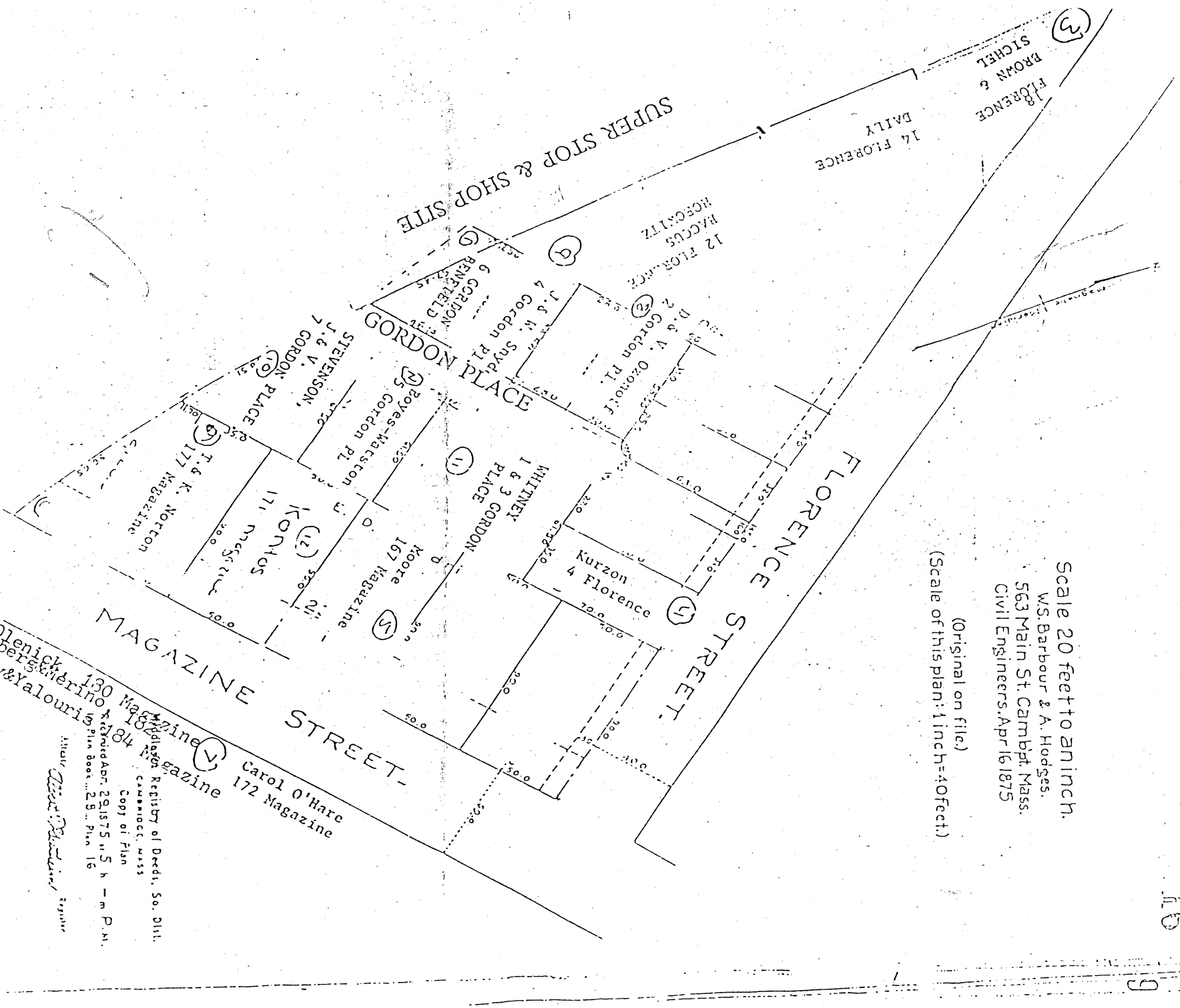
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Consent Order # 25 *CMSB*

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*Order Adopted*