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GORE ST. PUBLIC 50'

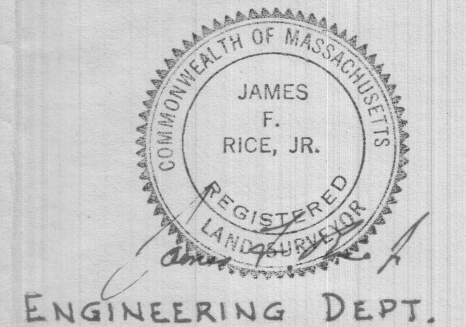


CAMBRIDGE ST. PUBLIC 66'

# PLAN OF LAND IN CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

24 to 36 GORE ST., 1 to 23 SECOND ST., 173 to 175 CAMBRIDGE ST.

SCALE: 1" = 30'  
0 5 10 20 30 40 50  
FEB. 9, 1976



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**CITY OF CAMBRIDGE**  
**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**

FEB 11 1976

**To** James L. Sullivan, City Manager

**Date** February 9, 1976

**From** William J. Cremins, Chief  
Fire Department

**Reference**

**Subject** East Cambridge Fire Station Site

I recommend and request that you take the necessary steps to acquire the site shown on the accompanying map for development of a fire station. This station would house Engine 3, now located on Gore Street, and Ladder 2, now located on Portland Street.

As you know, the facilities housing these companies are among the oldest and most obsolete in the Department, and the need to replace them has been long recognized.

The analysis conducted by the Community Development Department in 1972, on East Cambridge fire protection needs, concluded that Engine 3 and Ladder 2 should be housed together in a facility located in the immediate vicinity of Second, Third, and Cambridge Streets. I endorsed that conclusion then, and see no circumstances arising since to alter that conclusion or my endorsement.

In the vicinity recommended, these two companies will be within 3/4 miles of all fire risks in East Cambridge. This is the distance accepted in the fire protection field as the maximum for an engine to travel within its service area. Furthermore, this general location is immediately accessible to all major roads running through the neighborhood, minimizing the running time.

To the City's good fortune, a site exists within the desired vicinity that is of adequate size for the two companies and can be made available by the removal of only two uses, a wholesale barber and beauty supply business, and a parking lot. As you know, it is most unusual in a built-up City like Cambridge to be able to locate a facility of such stringent site requirements with so little disruption of existing land uses.

Therefore, I consider it to be in the best interests of the City as a whole, as well as the East Cambridge neighborhood, to acquire and develop this site while it is still in a relatively undeveloped state and while the existing Ladder 2 and Engine 3 facilities are still at least barely functional.

Very truly yours,

William J. Cremins  
Chief of Fire Department



## CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

February 9, 1976

To the Honorable, the City Council:

As you will recall from our previous discussions, the analysis made of fire protection needs in East Cambridge included the following principal findings on replacement of the three existing fire stations in that area:

1. The most practical alternative, from the points of view of both fire service and costs of construction and operation, is to develop two new stations: One station housing a ladder company and an engine company, and one station housing an engine company.
2. The two-company station should be located in the northern part of the neighborhood, in the immediate vicinity of Cambridge, Second, and Third Streets.


Accordingly, we have selected a site, had a real estate appraisal made of it, and secured Block Grant funds to acquire the site and design the facility.

These funds must be expended during the current fiscal year, or they will be withdrawn. Therefore, the City must act promptly to take title to the property.

The City is fortunate in its site selection. Located within the specified area for optimum fire service is a parcel of land of sufficient size and largely cleared of structures. The site is shown on the accompanying map. All but the northeast corner of this site is occupied by a parking lot. At this corner is a small three-story building occupied by a barber and beauty supply business.

This site has been reviewed with and endorsed by the Fire Department, Traffic Department, and the East Cambridge Planning Team.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

JLS/mbf  
Enc.

Agenda #5 *F-38*

Re: to the site for the East Cambridge  
Fire Station.

In City Council,  
Feb. 9, 1976

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*See Order Approved  
on July 7, 1976*