



# City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

April 28, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU  
VICE MAYOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
MAYOR RUSSELL

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to refer the attached letter complaining about lack of snow removal from sidewalks at 8 Inman Street by St. Mary's Orthodox Church to the Commissioner of Public Works with the view in mind that the church be informed of its obligations and of the city's intent to review the condition of this sidewalk during the next snow season.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury  
City Clerk

April 2, 1997

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To the Rector and Trustees of St. Mary's Church  
8 Inman Street, Cambridge, MA 02139

I am writing to you after many years of frustration and anger as a neighbor of the church. Several years ago I took the time to try to talk to members of the church about this issue, but nothing has ever been done. Now I am writing to remind you of your neighbors' grievances, and I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Mayor, and members of the Cambridge City Council. It is about time that the church begins to act like a responsible member of our community.

I have lived within two blocks of the church for nearly 13 years. Not one time in all these years has the church had the courtesy to clear the snow from its sidewalk after a snowstorm. Whenever it snows, every person who walks down the last block of Inman Street is forced to either walk out into the street, or to climb icy and dangerous mounds of snow. Over the years I have watched elderly persons fall on the unshoveled snow in front of the church, mothers struggle with strollers and toddlers, and all manner of people forced to be extra cautious because of the church's irresponsibility. The problem is exacerbated during the morning and evening rush hours when literally hundreds of people are forced out into the street in order to get up or down Inman Street.

It is not as though the church is unaware of its responsibility as a property owner; I have brought this issue to your attention time and again. I would be very surprised if others have not done the same. To add insult to injury, when I walked past the church tonight (in the street, which was the only way to get by), it was obvious that the driveway and parking lot of the church had been professionally plowed. Apparently it is not appropriate for people coming to the church to have to be bothered with the snow. It's just the rest of us who are to suffer.

In the past when I have had to contact the leadership of the church, I have had to call out of town to do so as the leaders of the church do not necessarily reside in Cambridge. That does not mean that you can ignore your responsibilities. If the church has enough money to have Lyn Hovey restore its stained glass, it has the funds to hire someone to shovel the sidewalk. The community is already inconvenienced by the church when its parishioners park illegally all up and down Inman Street on the days of services. If something is not done immediately about the snow removal problem, my neighbors and I will urge the City Council to retract the tacit permission that has been given for this illegal parking. If the church is not neighborly, why should the City be?

I look forward to hearing from you very soon with an outline of your plans for rectifying this dangerous and unlawful situation.

Sincerely,

  
Karen Larsen

7 Austin Park  
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copies to Cambridge City Councilors  
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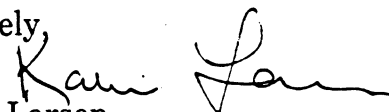
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Saturday  
February  
1995

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Margaret/Dan

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Please draft  
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CITY CLERK  
97 APR 14 AM 10  
J. M. DUNN, CLERK

Friday  
February  
1995

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Born, Davis, Gallicchio, Russell,  
Consent Order #2

CM-223

Councillor Triantafillou re: Complaints  
about lack of snow removal from  
sidewalks at 8 Inman Street by  
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**ORDER ADOPTED**