



# City of Cambridge

96.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
September 8, 1997

COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU  
VICE MAYOR BORN  
COUNCILLOR DAVIS  
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY  
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO  
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY

ORDERED: That the City Manager be and hereby is requested to instruct the Inspectional Services Commissioner to investigate the premises behind the building located at 113-117 Harvard Street and to insure that the area is in compliance with the Health and Sanitary Code.

In City Council September 8, 1997.  
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

Councillor Triantafellow

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August 26, 1997

Cambridge Dept. of Inspectional Services  
City Hall, Massachusetts Ave  
Cambridge, MA

To Whom It May Concern:

These photos were taken Monday morning August 25. This is the area behind building 113-117 Harvard Street in Cambridge. As of today, Tuesday morning, things have not improved.

The landlord, Alfred Martins, of Highland Ave. Somerville, does not hire anyone to clean up behind the apartments, he does not do it regularly himself, and checks on the conditions back there only on an irregular basis.

He does hire a hauling company to empty the dumpsters, but not often enough during the week, so that they often overflow and spill out as shown in the photos. The hauling company will not clean up what is on the ground, only what remains in the dumpsters. They drive away leaving the dumpsters sitting in the middle of mounds of garbage.

These photos do not clearly show the abandoned mattress and boxspring half-blocking the driveway and a bit of Davis Street. The photos also do not adequately show a large pile of fragrant rotting bananas that are attracting lots of insects and rodents.

I tried to call Mr. Martins to report this current mess. His answering machine (497-4247) announcement says that they are on vacation until September 7th, and gives the phone number of an out-of-town lawyer.

Why do the Cambridge departments responsible for health, sanitation, and inspection allow this chronic condition to continue? In the past, after many phonecall complaints, they will call Martins *once*, who will perhaps clean up *once*, and then things return to "normal" which should only be acceptable to rats and flies, not to anyone in a responsible position in the City of Cambridge.

I would be glad to arrange a meeting between representatives of our tenants association and any city authorities willing to take responsibility for enforcing the city's health and safety laws.

sincerely,

Gary L. Dryfoos 

- cc: Office of Mayor Russell
- ✓ Office of City Councillor Triantafillou
- Office of City Councillor Reeves
- Cambridge Eviction Free Zone

*Has this order been entered? Just, K.T.*

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Consent Order #96 CM-520

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**ORDER ADOPTED**