

Fallon Place Condominium

Association

9A Fallon Place

Cambridge, MA 02138

December 10, 1986

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Mr. Richard Rossi
Assistant City Manager
City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Rossi:

This is a formal request by the owners of Fallon Place Condominiums to the City of Cambridge to correct a rapidly deteriorating water and sewage problem on our property caused by a storm sewer system owned by the City.

The City of Cambridge has a storm sewer easement through out property. The sewers from Surrey and Putnam Streets which connect to sewers on Banks Street run under our driveway and parking lot close to our basement walls. During rainstorms, such as the one on December 1, the following events occur:

- 1) Storm run-off and sewage can be seen flowing in through our basement wall on the sides of the property near the City sewer.
- 2) Our basement rapidly fills with water to a depth of 4 to 6 inches, exceeding the capacity of our sump system.
- 3) Sewage can be seen at two distinct points in our driveway erupting through the driveway.
- 4) It takes about three days for the water to be pumped out of the basement; a residue of sewage effluent and other solid wastes is left in our basement.

We believe that this City sewer is either severely blocked or broken near our basement walls, causing raw sewage to be dumped into our building when the Cambridge system is unable to handle the extra flow during storms. We have gone to great expense to replace our drainage system in and from the building to ensure that there is no leakage on our part. But even with these corrections the problem persists and is getting worse with every storm.

We consider these conditions to be damaging and extreme health and safety hazards. We use our basement continuously for laundry and storage facilities. Storms have irreparably damaged personal property stored there. We are concerned about further damages to our driveway which is collapsing due to soil erosion. This driveway is used not only by us but by the tenants of a large neighboring apartment building. We are concerned about the structural integrity of our building's foundation that is subjected to this extreme periodic flooding.

Two of us (Dirk Brinkman, 9A Fallon Place, and John Boyajian, 9C Fallon Place) have contacted the Sewer Department on several occasions in the last year to have the problem corrected. An examination of the condition with the requisite tests has been promised. To date nothing has been done. We demand that this problem be corrected before the onset of winter's bad weather.

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Comm. from the Fallon Place Condominium
Assoc., requesting that the rapidly deter-
iorating water & sewer problem at 9 Fallon
Place be corrected.

In City Council,

December 22, 1986

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