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

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

**Date** August 22, 1977

**From** Mr. Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner

**Reference**

**Subject**

Abandon Buildings

Met with Walter Little & Frank McKay - final set-up for contract papers.

Advertised in Cambridge Chronicle for contractors to submit their names if interested in boarding-up buildings, for two (2) weeks; in the Herald-American for five consecutive days.

Telephoned twelve (12) contractors for bids on boarding three (3) buildings - limited to three (3) structures because total cost will run over \$2000. maximum if we have bids on more. Remaining buildings will be sent to Purchasing for advertised bids.

I suggested this method so that we would have something showing almost right away in the boarding.

We are also requesting at least three (3) bids (telephone) on razing the porches at 184-188 Harvard Street.

Requested Board of Survey - look at ten (10) building:

Contacted RCCC relative to boarding some of these buildings (at the suggestion of Councillor Clem) and they are not interested. They recommended a half dozen people who upon being contacted said they were too busy.

We are preparing to request Purchasing to seek bids to raze eleven (11) buildings. Gordon Gotch of "Just-A-Start" would like to double-check the list before we go too far in razing. Meeting with him next week. Cost of razing may be in the \$60/80,000. range.

Received "Return Receipt" for letter sent to "Arthur Treacher's" - Job stopped. Received letter from Boston Law Firm representing same who reiterated what was originally presented to us at the time they applied for their construction permit.

Concord Avenue gasoline station requested Certificate of Occupancy for service station - we typed in "Not to be

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a Self-Service Station " and checked with the Law Department before we issued the certificate.

Papa Gino's has not filed with the Board of Zoning Appeal for interpretation as yet. We have not issued anything to them in the way of permits or certificates so there is nothing actually refused by this department. The victualer license application has been held up by the License Board.

Arthur Treacher's has filed two (2) applications with the board, one an interpretation request, the other against my decision. Their basic purpose was to have filed within the legal time allowed rather than for a hearing so we are placing them after other applicants until further notice.



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE  
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To Mr. Walter Little  
Community Development

Date July 22, 1977

From Mr. Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner

Reference

Subject

Abandoned Structures

151 Auburn Street  
108-110 Banks Street  
14 Callender Street  
73 Columbia Street  
26 Flagg Street  
188 Harvard Street  
17½-19½ Marney Street  
48 Norfolk Street  
32 Pleasant Street  
Putnam Avenue & River Street  
13 Pine Street  
87 Pine Street  
221 & 221½ Prospect Street  
226 River Street  
11 Suffolk Street  
20 Union Street  
Franklin Street & Sidney Street  
53 Pearl Street  
374 Mass. Ave.  
88 Green Street  
115-119 Green Street  
Brookline Street - Franklin Street  
Franklin Street & Bay Street  
562 Franklin Street  
9 Magazine Street  
198 Raymond Street  
48 Richdale Avenue  
8 Cogswell Avenue  
10-12 Cogswell Avenue

37 Cogswell Avenue  
8 Lancaster Street  
1670 Massachusetts Avenue  
753 Concord Avenue  
733 Concord Avenue  
763B Concord Avenue  
Concord Avenue & Industrial Park  
Fresh Pond Parkway - A & P  
Fresh Pond Shopping Center -  
Garage rear of Cinema  
34 Bellis Circle  
125 Sherman Street  
Concord Avenue & Walden Street  
10-16 Fairmont Avenue  
2-5 Marvin Place } CONNECTED BLDG.  
109-11 Pine Street }  
13 Warren Street Rear  
14 Marion Street  
950 Cambridge Street  
1075 Cambridge Street  
31-33 Sixth Street  
200-204 Charles Street  
214-220 Charles Street  
121 Spring Street  
Sidney & Pacific Street  
139 Erie Street  
61 Brookline Street  
63 Brookline Street  
216 Franklin Street



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To James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

Date August 2, 1977

From Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner

Reference

Subject

Abandoned Buildings

Sent list of buildings to CEOC, Just A Start, RCCC and Homeowners Rehab.

10-12- Cogswell Avenue - A private contractor and Homeowners Rehab. are reviewing for rehab. Owner has watchman with attack dog on premises to prevent further vandalism.

Prospect and Hampshire - job progressing on rehab.

188 Harvard Street - being acquired by CRA who plans to rehab.

186 Harvard Street - requesting bids to remove dangerous porches.

1065 Cambridge Street - to be razed and replaced with a new building by Backing Company next door (Board of Zoning Appeal)

108-110 Banks Street - permit to raze issued to owner and buildings have been taken down.

Spoke with Walter Little and Frank McKay of Community Development with regards to HUD's approval of our contractual agreement with contractors who will secure buildings. They have given us the okay.

We are contacting the contractors who bid on the buildings we had last year, and will also advertise in the local paper for those contractors who wish to be listed with the City as willing to bid if requested.

Request Purchasing Department to advertise for demolition of 14 - 16 Marion Street, 8 Lancaster Street.



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

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**To** James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

**Date** July 22, 1977

**From** Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner

**Reference**

**Subject**

Abandoned buildings

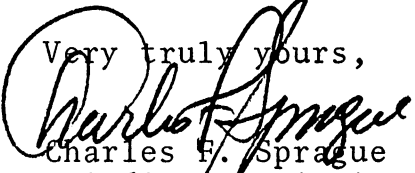
We have surveyed the city and have compiled a list of buildings that need attention.

I have talked with Russell Higley relative to procedures.

I have talked with Walter Little of Community Development who has been in contact with H.U.D. for ways to speedily engage contractors without jeopardizing or violating "block grant" procedures.

We have obtained a figure of \$4,150.00 to completely board-up 9 Magazine Street and a price of \$2,140.00 just for the cellar and first floor ( approx. \$36.00 per opening)

These figures are above the allowed for non-advertised bids and advertising for bids is a long procedure hence Walter Little's seeking acceptable faster ways via H.U.D.'s experience as I noted above.

Very truly yours,  
  
Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner

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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

CITY HALL, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 • (617) 876-6800

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

CHARLES F. SPRAGUE  
SUPT. OF BUILDINGS AND  
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

August 26, 1977

Enclosed please find the list of building permits issued from August 22 thru August 26, 1977.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner

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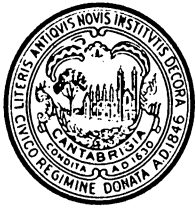
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| PERMIT # | LOCATION             | OWNER              | CONTR.                               | WORK                         | EST. COST |
|----------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| #75096   | 104 Vassar Street    | MIT                | Jesse G. Willis-Inc                  | Erect tent                   | 1,600.    |
| #75097   | 1 Broadway           | Badger Raythem Co. | J.H. Driscoll Co.                    | Alter-office                 | 11,394.   |
| #75098   | 341 Broadway         | Mr. McCarthy       | T.P. Denkewicz                       | Re-roof-office               | 1,500.    |
| #75099   | 279 Walden St.       | Gisele Albanna     | Ryan Thurant                         | Convert-Apt.                 | 700.      |
| #75100   | 1699 Mass. Ave.      | Howard Johnson Co. | University Brink                     | Sign-parking lot             | 1,500.    |
| #75101   | 2255-2265 Mass. Ave. | David Pill         | David Putting                        | Alter-Store                  | 1,500.    |
| #75102   | 20-28 Appian Way     | Harvard University | Minton Const. Co.                    | Alter-classroom              | 6,000.    |
| #75103   | 9 Norton Place       | Richard Rosenbloom | Alfred B. Cohn                       | Alter-Dwlg (2)               | 2,500.    |
| #75104   | 152-154 Raymond St.  | Mrs. Hartwell      | Francis X. Finigan                   | Porch-Dwlg (2)               | 1,700.    |
| #75105   | 263-273 Pearl St.    | Joseph Ianelli     | Richard Weiner                       | Porches Repair-<br>apt&store | 1,000.    |
| #75106   | 48-52 Mass. Ave.     | MIT                | Loran Const.                         | Alter-Dorm.                  | 12,000.   |
| #75107   | 59 Hubbard Ave.      | Robert Pierce      | Robert Pierce                        | Repair-Dwlg.                 | 200.      |
| #75108   | 11 Suffolk St.       | Dr. Praban         | Tirck Remodeling Inc                 | Repair-Dwlg.                 | 13,500.   |
| #75109   | 20 Maple Ave.        | David Aldrich      | V.R. Grosian Co.                     | Re-roof-Dwlg.                | 1,200.    |
| #75110   | 148 Richdale Ave.    | Dan Lemine         | John Cohn                            | Remodel-Dwlg.                | 15,000.   |
| #75111   | 63 Gorham St. REAR   | Mrs. L. Wood       | Harry E. Whitten<br>Iron Works, Inc. | Fire-escape-Dwlg.            | 295.      |
| #75112   | 131 Mt. Auburn St.   | Harcom Associates  | Don Detweller                        | Alter                        | 5,000.    |
| #75113   | 512 Mass. Ave.       | Don Holland        | Signs By Design                      | Sign-Rest.                   | 1,300.    |
| #75114   | 47 Rice St.          | Mr. Robillard      | Atlantic Aluminum                    | Re-side-Dwlg.                | 9,750.    |
| #75115   | 17 Woodbridge St.    | Elizabeth Dantoro  | Kenneth Egan                         | Remodel-Dwlg.                | 200.      |
| #75116   | 55 Garfield St.      | James P. Nassim    | James P. Cassim                      | Repair-Vacant                | 4,200.    |

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|----------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| 75118    | 14 Blanche St.          | EPI Scene Inc.     | Buona Const.       | Remodel-Vacant               | 1,000.00        |
| 75119    | 200 Alewife Brook Pkway | Kennedy's Inc.     | Barnett Const. Co. | Remove & Replace Retail Str. | 2,500.00        |
| 75120    | 748 Main St.            | Leonard G. Coipel  | Leonard G. Coipel  | Change Sign Face             | 20.00           |
| 75121    | 29 Hutchinson St.       | James Nichory      | Robert Kotowski    | Repair-Dwlg.                 | 1,400.00        |
| 75122    | 19 Hutchinson           | Frank McCann       | Robert Kotowski    | Repair-Dwlg.                 | 1,200.00        |
| 75123    | 1 Bow St.               | Barry Bornstein    | Thomas Billcliff   | Alter-Lounge                 | 200.00          |
| 75124    | 93 Fayerweather St.     | Charles Knight     | Charles Knight     | Build Chimney-Dwlg.          | 1000.00 St. F   |
| 02145    | 45½ Mt Auburn St.       | Dr Gary Heller     | Ideal Elevator Co. | Install-Dumbwaiter           | 2,000.00 St. FL |
| 75125    | 479 Mass Ave.           | Masstex Ave.       | Kaplan Corp.       | Renovate-Rest.               | 3,000.00        |
| 75126    | 360-362 Harvard St.     | Arthur Marton St.  | U.S. Window Corp.  | Re-Side-Dwlg.                | 6,000.00        |
| 75127    | 639 Mass Ave.           | Tad                | Henry Trivgurt     | Alter-Office                 | 4,000.00        |
| 75128    | 2067 Mass Ave.          | Mr Salvi           | Janedy Sign        | Install Sign .               | 300.00 St. FL   |
| 75129    | 313 River St.           | Denanzio           | Sydne W. Cox       | Repair-Restaurant            | 275.00          |
| 75130    | 19 Vassal Lane          | Mr & Mrs Calligian | Edward P. Kenney   | Re-Roof-Dwelling             | 900.00          |
| 75131    | 1670-1672 Mass Ave.     | Irving Shwaktz     | C.B. Const. Co.    | Repair-Vacant                | 10,000.00       |
| 75132    | Rear 136 Magazine St.   | W.L.H. Daycare     | Harry E. Whitten   | Replace Fire Escape          | 450.00          |
| 75133    | 1001 Mass Ave.          | George Garfinkle   | Cary Wendall       | Renovate-Commercial          | 500.00          |
| 75134    | 390 Rindge Ave.         | Joyce Chen         | Giuseppe Albanese  | Construct an Addition        | 15,000.00       |

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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

CHARLES F. SPRAGUE

SUPT. OF BUILDINGS AND  
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

August 12, 1977

Enclosed please find list of building permits  
issued from August 8 thru August 12, 1977.

Very truly yours,

Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner

| PERMIT # | LOCATION            | OWNER                                | CONTR.                  | WORK                             | EST. COST                      |
|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 75042    | 12 Prentiss Street  | Metta Markey                         | Charles D. Mann         | Deck- alter                      | \$11,000                       |
| 75043    | 1456-1460 Camb. St. | Panjian, Jacob                       | Mannix Company Inc.     | Alter-office                     | \$ 8,000.                      |
| 75044    | 370 Prospect St.    | Arão DaDilva Pereira                 | Isaias A. Martins       | Alter-Dwlg                       | \$ 200.                        |
| 75045    | 727 Memorial Dr.    | Stop & Shop                          | Arnold Barrow           | Alter-store                      | \$40,000.                      |
| 75046    | 191 Msgr. O'Brien   | Sam Ramacci                          | Gerlad LaVoie           | Reside                           | \$ 1,800.                      |
| 75047    | 54 Murray Hill Rd.  | Kavalgian                            | Carroll Sons Roofers    | Re-roof                          | \$1,800.                       |
| 75048    | 440 Camb. St.       | Cosmo C. Borgioli                    | Domenic Davetta         | Repair dwlg.                     | \$ 400.                        |
| 75049    | 1418 Camb. St.      | United Presbyterian                  | Doucet Const.           | Re-roof Church                   | \$ 1,800                       |
| 75050    | 759 Mass. Ave.      | Consumers Credit Union               | John Vardaro            | Sign-Business                    | \$ 400.                        |
| 75051    | 65 Mt. Auburn St.   | Abraham Moskow                       | A. Moskow               | Alter-Store                      | \$5,000.                       |
| 75052    | 29 Cedar Street     | Mazzeo                               | R.C. Hurley             | Repair-dwlg.                     | \$ 250.                        |
| 75053    | 51 Dudley Street    | Mazzeo                               | R.C. Hurley             | Repair-dwlg.                     | \$ 350.                        |
| 75054    | 28 Osborn Street    | Polaroid Corp.                       | John Mutch Co, Inc.     | Repair Elev-Bus.                 | \$ 150.                        |
| 75055    | 50 Buckingham St.   | E. Farrar                            | Richard Carr            | Remodel Dwlg.                    | \$ 8,000.                      |
| 75056    | 36 Jefferson St.    | Manuel Viera                         | Raul Martins            | Remodel-dwlg.                    | \$ 1,500.                      |
| 75057    | 251-255 Camb. St.   | Mr. Saropoulos                       | Williams. Sign Erection | Sign Restaurant                  | \$ 475.                        |
| 75058    | 309 Camb. St.       | Vincent Mousa                        | Williams Sign Erection  | Erect sign-Bus.                  | \$ 475.                        |
| 75059    | 75 Boylston St.     | Pres & Fellows<br>Harvard University | Gilbane Bldg. Co.       | School-structural steel erection | Fee included in general permit |
| 75060    | 39 Irving Street    | Roger Hobeka                         | Keystone Contr.         | Alter-dwlg.                      | \$ 4,500.                      |
| 75061    | 85 Austin Street    | Bowl Haven                           | Barr & Barr, Inc.       | Repair fire damage               | \$ 4,000.                      |
| 75062    | 2014 Mass. Ave.     | Jang-Taekim                          | Avey Art Display        | Sign-store                       | \$ 180.                        |
| 75063    | 345 Vassar Street   | Clinical Assays                      | Albert Bourgios         | Alter- lab                       | \$ 8,000.                      |

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|----------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 5064     | 147 Hampshire St. | City of Cambridge  | City of Cambridge                      | Raze bldg. in<br>City Yard | \$-----    |
| 5065     | 90-100 Walker Ct. | Harvard University | John B. Cruz Const. Co                 | Foundation                 | \$100,000. |
| 5066     | 196 Broadway      | CHarles Bank Trust | Eliot Convisor<br>Chestnut Dev. Assoc. | Alter-offices              | \$ 11,500. |



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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

CHARLES F. SPRAGUE

SUPT. OF BUILDINGS AND  
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

August 5, 1977

Enclosed please find list of building permits  
for week of August 1 to August 5, 1977.

*Charles F. Sprague*  
Charles F. Sprague  
Building Commissioner



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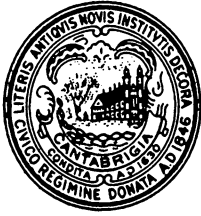
## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

CHARLES F. SPRAGUE  
SUPT. OF BUILDINGS AND  
INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

August 1, 1977

Enclosed please find list of building permits  
issued from July 25, thru July 29, 1977.

| PERMIT # | LOCATION           | OWNER                | CONTR.             | WORK             | EST. COST |
|----------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 75001    | 71/2 Brewer St.    | Zabel Sahagian       | James E. Tolman    | Roof             | \$ 1,400. |
| 75002    | 57 Magoun St.      | H. Brown             | Harold Helmuth     | Repair porches   | \$2,100.  |
| 75003    | 87 Gore Street     | Philip Vitale        | Thor Roofing       | Re-roof          | \$1,400.  |
| 75004    | 89-91 Thorndike    | Mary Capadulopo      | John Ciccarella    | Re-roof          | \$2,000.  |
| 75005    | 173 Harvey St.     | A. Belanger Inc.     | A. Belanger Inc.   | Repair warehouse | \$40,000. |
| 75006    | 19 Chauncy St.     | 19 Condominium Trst. | David Koocher      | Chimney-Const.   | \$1,500.  |
| 75007    | 6 Hunting Street   | Fernando Castanheir  | Joaquin Gonsalves  | Repair porch     | \$400.00  |
| 75008    | 61-63 Hubbard Ave. | Mrs. Cash            | Alspar Homes Inc.  | Reside           | \$5,100.  |
| 75009    | 1770 Mass. Ave.    | Frank Serra          | Eddy Sign Co.      | Sign             | \$1,200.  |
| 75010    | 5 Fayette Street   | Mr. Lang             | Camb. Roofing      | Repair & Re-roof | \$1,200.  |
| 75011    | 121 Thorndike St.  | Salvatore Giachetto  | Fran R. Buonomo    | Gutter & stairs  | \$1,500.  |
| 75012    | 427 Putman Ave.    | Barbara Nickerman    | T.R. Smyth         | Door frame       | \$90.00   |
| 75013    | 528 Franklin St.   | Michael T. Hugermin  | Michael Hugermin   | Renovate 4 fam.  | \$200.    |
| 75014    | 274-280 Brookline  | Anna Chiccarelli     | Joseph Chiccarelli | Re-roof          | \$620.    |
| 75015    | 24 Tremont Street  | Louis Beggelman      | Jay Beggelman      | Raze barn        | \$250.    |
| 75016    | 67-69 Webster      | Geo. & Susan Botelho | George Botelho     | Alter            | \$5,000.  |
| 75017    | 30 Cross Street    | Colony Hse. Furn.    | Edward Alman       | Enclose conveyor | \$3,200.  |
| 75018    | 551 Mass. Ave.     | Radio Shack          | General Sign Inc.  | Sign             | \$1,700.  |
| 75019    | 32 Brattle St.     | Theodore Gomatoes    | Randall Koch       | Alter            | \$7,000.  |
| 75020    | 2440 Mass. Ave.    | T.J. Hartnett        | Janedy Sign        | Sign             | \$1,000.  |
| 75021    | 101-103 Brookline  | Ronald Papierski     | Ronald Papierski   | Repair shop      | \$2,000.  |



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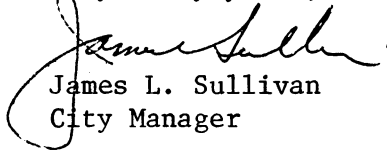
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JAMES L. SULLIVAN  
City Manager

September 19, 1977

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed as per your request are copies of reports from the Building Department relative to the status of abandoned buildings.

Very truly yours,

  
James L. Sullivan  
City Manager

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Reports from the Building Department concerning the status of abandoned buildings.

In City Council,

Sept. 19, 1977

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